



USACE GENERAL INVESTIGATION STUDIES



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House Bill – Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

Water Resources Development Act of 2026

Authorization:

DUCK RIVER, TENNESSEE.—Project for flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration, water supply, and recreate on, Duck River, Tennessee.

A new start study requires a Non Federal Sponsor and Federal Appropriations



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Study
Authorization

Water Resources
Development Act

Nonfederal sponsor Letter
of Intent

NFS must have condemnation ability
Agrees to cost –share the study 50%/50%

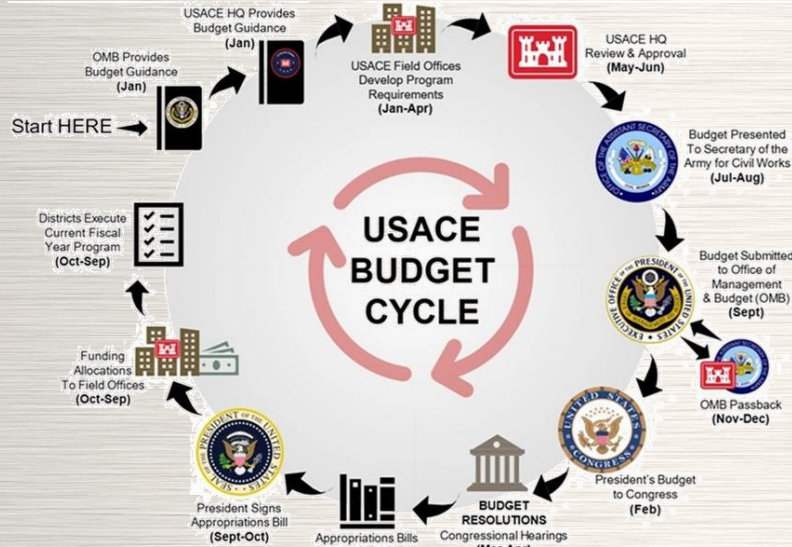
Federal Appropriations for a
New Start Study

Complete
Federal Interest
Determination

Execute the Feasibility
Cost Share Agreement
with NFS

Begin the Study

***A Feasibility Study
starts by defining the
Problems and
Objectives, that align
with NEPA Purpose
and Need***



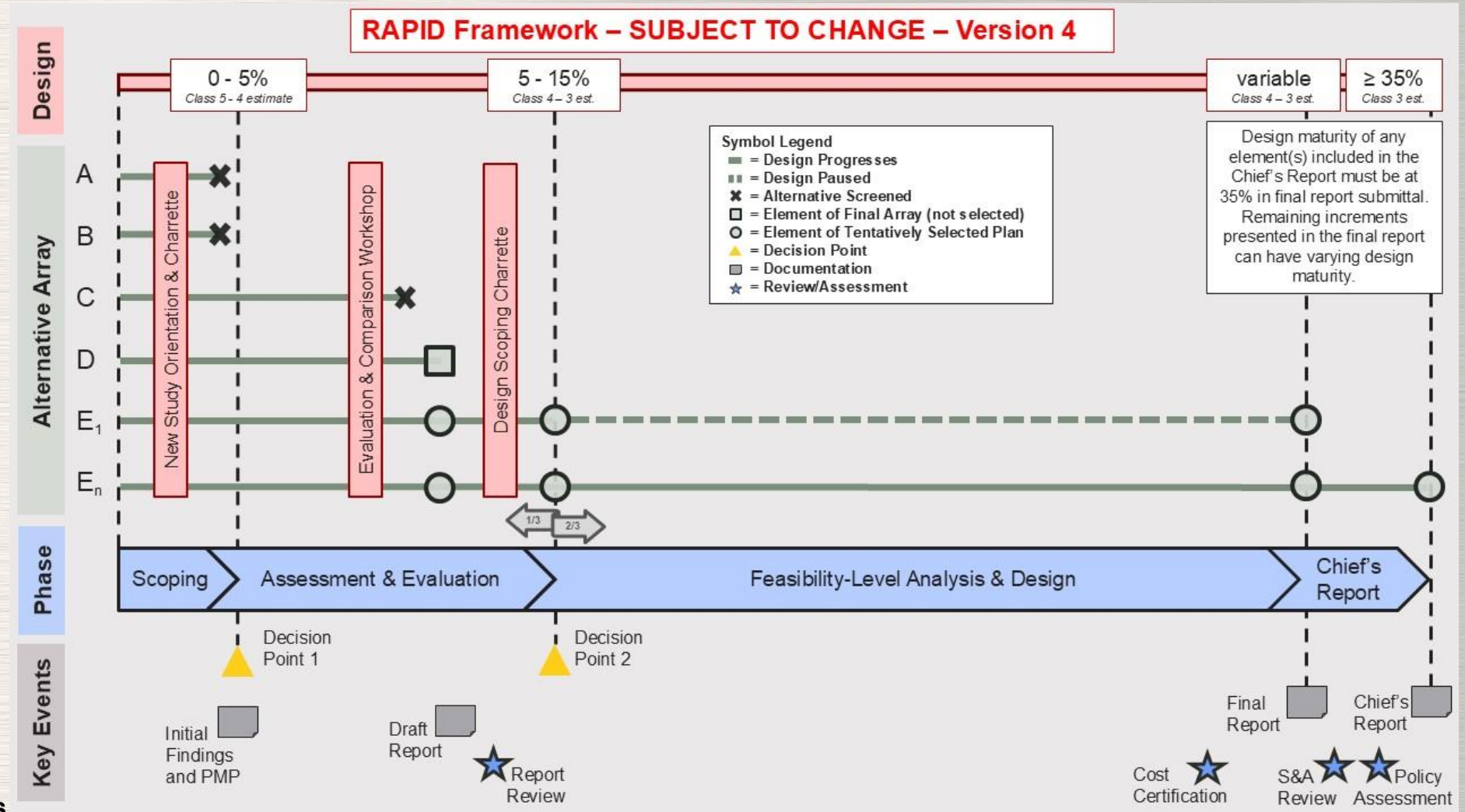
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RAPID Study Timeline



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USACE Feasibility Studies

- Non Federal Sponsor Requirements
 - Provide Study cost-share - \$1.5M of \$3M study
 - Able to provide Real Estate with ability and willingness to condemn
- Must have a problem
- Must consider all reasonable alternatives
- Must be in the Federal Interest
 - Positive benefit cost ratio, life loss, environmental life
- Must Comply with all federal, state, local laws
 - National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act
 - Must obtain all applicable permits



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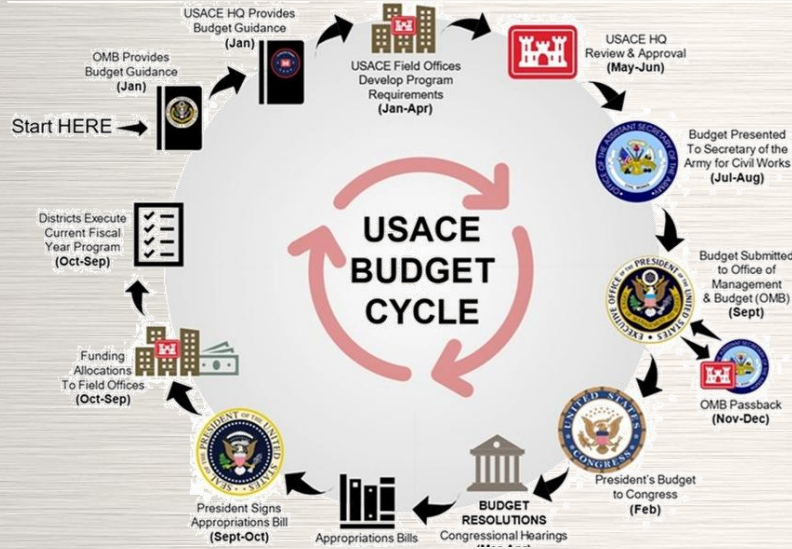
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Complete
Project
Partnership
Agreement

NFS provides cost-share
65% Fed/ 35% NFS

Design and
Implementation



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