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Kansas City District

## **Nonstructural Alternatives to Rehabilitation**

If your Flood Control Works (FCW) is damaged in a flood and is eligible for rehabilitation assistance, the project could be repaired as previously discussed, or you could request a Nonstructural Alternative Project (NSAP) in lieu of the structural repair. This option essentially allows you to use the federal funding that would have been authorized to rehabilitate your flood control work, and apply it towards the restoration of the flood plains or floodways that were originally in your area. Because of this, you would typically only choose a nonstructural alternative (NSA) once you were absolutely sure that you no longer wanted to rely on your FCW to protect you from floods. Some of the things an NSA might fund include the acquisition of land for the project, the removal of utility connections and other structures, the total or partial removal of levee reaches, and the restoration of natural habitats. If you're thinking of requesting an NSA, remember that the Corps may, in its sole discretion, reject a request for an NSA if it believes that the project would lead to significantly increased flood protection expenses, would negatively impact adjacent or nearby FCWs, or would lead to increased risk to life or property during flood events. Once an NSAP is implemented, the project is no longer eligible for rehabilitation assistance because it will no longer be functioning as a flood control project. Should you require additional information pertaining to NSAP please contact us at the following address:

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