

## PROBLEM

- Historical federal policies have contributed to social inequities
- USACE practices may contain sources of bias
- Project benefits that would help maximize social welfare are not widely considered

## SOLUTION

- Bring to light sources of potential bias that may result in unequal consideration of communities for federal investment
- Interrogate assumptions and practices to describe problems and opportunities
- Explicitly target new objectives and benefits in processes

## IMPACT

- Meet demand to improve federal distribution of resources
- Translate state-of-science into practice
- Support a USACE project lifecycle processes that can better serve the Nation
- Increase visibility of NNBF benefits

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## WHAT'S NEXT

Understand the current state of practice through content analysis and conversations

## APPLICATIONS

- USACE District Planning and Operations that need to integrate new considerations into existing practices
- Non-federal sponsors and communities seeking diverse benefits and equitable projects from USACE
- Federal policy makers as they face systemic challenges

## STATUS

- Factsheet, Project Management Plan, and budget delivered
- Project Delivery Team convened

## BENEFITS

- Broaden the spectrum of benefits that can be defined in project evaluation
- Reduce the level of effort required of USACE districts to incorporate new considerations
- Infuse equity principles in EWN practice
- Deepen EWN engagement with practitioners