

News from U.S. Rep. Adam Smith (WA-09)

Chairman, House Armed Services Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities; Member, House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; vice-chair of the New Democrat Coalition.

Fiscal Year 2010 Project Requests Water Resources Development Act

These project authorization requests are for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) projects. All USACE projects are required to have a local sponsor, however any funding appropriated for these projects would be given to the USACE to complete the work.

Project Name: Green River Levees

Amount: \$225,000,000

Local Sponsor: City of Kent, King County, Washington

Purpose: Funding for this project will be used to study, design, plan, permit, repair, and construct portions of the Green River levee system to bring the system into compliance. The Green River levee system, located below the Howard Hanson Dam, is crucial to the flood control and protection of the Green River Valley.

Project Name: Ruston Way Seawall

Amount: \$487,500

Local Sponsor: City of Tacoma, Pierce County, Washington

Purpose: Funding for this project will be used to develop a comprehensive seawall improvement and habitat restoration plan for the Ruston Way waterfront.

Project Name: Howard Hanson Dam Additional Water Storage

Amount: \$349,000,000

Local Sponsor: Tacoma Public Utilities, Pierce County, Washington

Purpose: This request will amend the authorized funding level of the Additional Water Storage (AWS) project as identified by the Seattle District of the Army Corps of Engineers. The AWS provides for construction and operational changes to increase non-flood season water storage, provide environmental restoration, and bring into ESA compliance.