



## **Nation's Most Threatening and Wasteful Corps Projects: What's At Stake**

The 29 projects highlighted in Crossroads would cost federal taxpayers \$12 billion and jeopardize more than 640,000 acres of wetlands and shoreline areas, 6,500 miles of rivers and coastlines, eight national parks, seashores and wildlife refuges and the Great lakes. These projects directly jeopardize a host of water dependent wildlife and some of these species at risk are threatened or endangered. These Corps projects are a threat to American taxpayer as well as to the nation's water resources and the wildlife that depend on them.

### **Federal Taxpayer Dollars**

Projects such as Eastern Arkansas Irrigation projects, Upper Mississippi River Navigation Expansion, Dare County Beach Replenishment and Environmental Infrastructure, would easily cost Federal taxpayers more than \$5 billion. Four other projects featured in the report, the Big Sunflower River Dredging and Yazoo Backwater Pump, Industrial Canal Lock Replacement, Delaware River Deepening and Columbia River Deepening would suck an additional \$1.2 billion from the U.S. Treasury. Meanwhile, the massive Great Lakes Navigation System Expansion project could cost American taxpayers at least \$2.5 billion.

### **Wildlife**

Projects in the Lower Mississippi River Basin, namely, Eastern Arkansas Irrigation projects, Big Sunflower River Dredging and Yazoo Backwater Pump, White River Navigation and St. John's Bayou/New Madrid Floodway, threaten wildlife such as mallard ducks, black bear, turkey deer, hundreds of fish species, and a millennium old colony of mussels. Threatened and endangered species, like the interior least tern, piping plover, sea turtle, pallid sturgeon, shortnose sturgeon, and salmon and steelhead are put at further risk by projects such as the Missouri River Navigation, Dare County Beach Replenishment, Delaware River Deepening, Lower Snake River Navigation, Columbia River Deepening and Savannah Harbor Expansion. The Apalachicola River Dredging in Florida threatens some of the best fishing in the Southeast.

### **Wild Places**

Beach building projects impact two National Seashores. The Dare County Beach Replenishment Project in North Carolina threatens Cape Hatteras National Seashore, while New York's Long Island Beach Replenishment Project threatens Fire Island National Seashore. National Wildlife Refuges such as the White River and Cache River, which provide habitat for the largest concentration of wintering mallard ducks in North America, are threatened by Corps' Eastern Arkansas Irrigation Projects and the White River Navigation Project. In addition, the Upper Mississippi Navigation Expansion will impact the Mark Twain and Upper Mississippi National Wildlife Refuges, which are among the important habitat used by 40% of North America's migratory birds. The Industrial Canal Lock Replacement will impact historic neighborhoods in New Orleans, while the Dallas Floodway Extension Project threatens the Dallas' Great Trinity Forest – one of the largest urban forests in the nation.