



## Committee Update

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### House Passes Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) Conference Report

Dear Transportation Committee Member:

The House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved the conference report to the [Water Resources Reform and Development Act](#) (WRRDA) this afternoon by a vote of 412 to 4. The conference report to the bill, H.R. 3080, needed to pass by a two-thirds vote, which it easily did. According to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's explanatory document, "through WRRDA, Congress authorizes the key missions of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, including developing, maintaining, and supporting the nation's economically vital waterway infrastructure and supporting effective and targeted flood protection and environmental restoration needs." The final [conference report](#) crafted jointly by House and Senate leaders includes some long-needed policy reforms which will "strengthen oversight, cut red tape, reduce bureaucracy," and enhance innovation.

Among the provisions of the bill is an authorization to spend some \$311 million to dredge Boston Harbor. Approximately \$216.5 million would be comprised of federal funds with a \$94.5 million match. In addition, the WRRDA conferees agreed to ensure that by 2025, all of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund receipts each year will be used for their intended purpose.

With the House action today, the Senate would next consider the bill for final congressional approval. Such consideration could occur by the end of this week.

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