US Army Corps of Engineers

STATEMENT OF PARTNERSHIP

BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, PUBLIC WORKS AND WATER MANAGEMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS, DIRECTORATE GENERAL RIJKSWATERSTAAT
AND
THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Purpose: To promote a long-term relationship between the Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management of the Netherlands, Directorate General Rijkswaterstaat (RWS) and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on collaborative efforts of mutual benefit to the United States and the Netherlands.

Goals: We have established the following goals for our partnership:

- Having a common interest in flood control and water resources management.
- Recognizing the benefits of mutual cooperation and information exchange in the fields of flood control, inland navigation and water resources management.
- Promoting and enhancing public safety and community welfare by fostering research, development and improvement of flood control, inland navigation and water resources management.
- Encouraging and advancing a system of safer, more economical, efficient and environmentally sound integrated water management through cooperation in Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation Projects.
- To share best practices, lessons learned, and expertise.
- To encourage a spirit of cooperation between our government organizations on water resources management.

Implementation: We commit to achieve our goals through fostering a spirit of teamwork between our organizations at all levels. We will meet in partnering sessions as needed to ensure that we are achieving our goals. This partnership agreement does not commit either the Corps or RWS to fund particular initiatives, as funding must be addressed pursuant to a more formal document.

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