

# Strengthen Outdoor Recreation Access & Infrastructure: Reauthorize the Water Resources Development Act of 2022

Congress can fund critical improvements to recreation management and navigation projects and support the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) role in the \$689 billion outdoor recreation economy through reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act of 2022 (WRDA 2022).

Recreational boating, which is the largest contributor to the outdoor recreation economy, is experiencing record growth as more Americans seek out boating as an accessible outdoor activity. Thus, it is imperative WRDA 2022 sufficiently funds the USACE as a leading provider for recreation opportunities on our public lands and waters.

## What Can Congress Do?

- Increase funding for USACE recreation facilities and infrastructure that provide access to recreation sites.
- Improve USACE joint management authority to better maintain and manage recreation sites.
- Address critical navigation needs at harbors and waterways supporting recreation access.
- Prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in the Great Lakes Region by removing state cost-share requirements for the Brandon Road project.
- Maximize natural infrastructure solutions to strengthen the outdoor recreation economy.



**90%** of USACE parks are **within 50 miles** from a metro area



**272 million** Americans visited USACE sites in 2021



**\$12.7 billion** in economic impact from visits to USACE sites