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Ohio Chamber Applauds Army Corps Consolidation of Regulatory Program in Ohio

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Chamber of Commerce today applauded the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ decision to consolidate its regulatory program in Ohio under the Huntington District, a change that will provide businesses and other stakeholders with a single point of contact for regulatory matters across the state.

The Corps’ Great Lakes and Ohio River Division announced Aug. 20 that it is realigning regulatory boundaries in Ohio and several other states to improve consistency, coordination and customer service. Implementation of the changes will begin on Oct. 1, 2026. Under the new structure, the Huntington District will serve as the regulatory contact for the division’s entire area of responsibility in Ohio.

“Having one district responsible for statewide regulatory matters will make the permitting process much easier to navigate for businesses across Ohio,” said Steve Stivers, President & CEO of the Ohio Chamber. “We appreciate the Army Corps for recognizing the value of a consistent regulatory framework. This is great news for Ohio businesses, infrastructure projects and economic development as a whole.”

The Ohio Chamber has advocated for consolidation of the Corps’ regulatory program in Ohio since 2024, working alongside a coalition of business and industry organizations that included the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio Business Roundtable, Greater Cleveland Partnership, Ohio Home Builders Association and NAIOP Ohio.

The Corps’ Regulatory Program oversees federal regulatory requirements involving federally regulated aquatic resources, including wetlands and streams. The consolidation will change how the program is administered in Ohio but will not change the Corps’ existing regulatory authorities or environmental protections.

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