

THE WORKS PROGRAM

-- Works Progress Administration --

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Bulk of WPA project cost for Pennsylvania to be spent for construction and repair work.

Approximately 85 per cent of the money for Works Progress Administration projects in Pennsylvania will be spent for highways, roads and streets, buildings of all types, parks and playgrounds, flood control and other conservation, water supply and sewer systems and transportation, according to an announcement made today by Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator.

A listing by types and cost of projects shows that of the total of \$114,400,252 to be spent as of December 31, 1935 the following classifications will receive the bulk:

Highways, farm-to-market roads and streets, \$64,419,339, or 56.3 per cent; public buildings, both educational and governmental, \$7,255,204, or 6.3 per cent; parks and playgrounds \$8,970,653 or 7.9 per cent; flood control and other conservation, \$5,728,963 or 7.9 per cent; water supply and sewer systems, \$9,580,306 or 8.3 per cent; and, transportation, \$1,577,600 or 1.4 per cent;

The balance of the money will be spent to provide work for women, white-collar, and other professional and technical unemployed workers.

Note: A detailed table is attached.

PENNSYLVANIA  
WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

Works Progress Administration Projects Selected for Operation

(Subject to Revision)

Through December 31, 1935

| Type of Work                                 | Number of Projects |               | Total Cost Estimate |               |
|--|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
|  | Number             | Percent Dist. | Amount              | Percent Dist. |
| Grand Total                                  | 5,306              | 100.0         | \$114,400,252       | 100.0         |
| Highways, Roads, and Streets - Total         | 1,865              | 35.2          | 64,419,339          | 56.3          |
| Highways                                     | 6                  | .1            | 800,609             | 0.8           |
| Farm to market & other secondary roads       | 652                | 12.3          | 12,159,658          | 10.6          |
| Streets and alleys                           | 574                | 10.8          | 9,135,174           | 7.9           |
| Bridges and viaducts                         | 40                 | 0.8           | 348,292             | 0.3           |
| Other*                                       | 593                | 11.2          | 41,975,606          | 36.7          |
| Public Buildings - Total                     | 817                | 15.4          | 7,255,204           | 6.3           |
| Educational buildings                        | 546                | 10.3          | 4,774,817           | 4.2           |
| Federal Government buildings                 | 9                  | 0.2           | 56,589              | <u>A/</u>     |
| Other*                                       | 262                | 4.9           | 2,423,798           | 2.1           |
| Parks and Playgrounds                        | 416                | 7.8           | 8,970,653           | 7.9           |
| Flood Control and Other Conservation - Total | 251                | 4.7           | 5,728,963           | 5.0           |
| Forestation                                  | 26                 | 0.5           | 441,072             | 0.4           |
| Erosion control and land utilization         | 7                  | 0.1           | 117,310             | 0.1           |
| Irrigation and water conservation            | 166                | 3.1           | 4,284,996           | 3.7           |
| Other*                                       | 52                 | 1.0           | 885,585             | 0.8           |
| Water Supply and Sewer Systems - Total       | 553                | 10.4          | 9,580,306           | 8.3           |
| Water purification and supply                | 109                | 2.1           | 1,688,982           | 1.4           |
| Sewer systems                                | 432                | 8.1           | 7,335,053           | 6.4           |
| Other*                                       | 12                 | .2            | 556,271             | 0.5           |
| Transportation - Total                       | 9                  | 0.2           | 1,577,600           | 1.4           |
| Airports and airways                         | 8                  | 0.2           | 1,575,640           | 1.4           |
| Other*                                       | 1                  | <u>A/</u>     | 1,960               | <u>A/</u>     |
| Educational, Professional & Clerical - Total | 900                | 17.0          | 7,636,763           | 6.7           |
| Education                                    | 118                | 2.2           | 1,277,538           | 1.1           |
| Clerical                                     | 252                | 4.7           | 626,988             | 0.6           |
| Professional and technical                   | 391                | 7.4           | 2,402,863           | 2.1           |
| Research and statistical surveys             | 56                 | 1.1           | 1,119,592           | 1.0           |
| Art, literary, and recreational              | 30                 | 0.6           | 663,866             | 0.6           |
| Other*                                       | 53                 | 1.0           | 1,545,916           | 1.3           |
| Goods Projects - Total                       | 91                 | 1.7           | 3,430,648           | 3.0           |
| Sewing                                       | 87                 | 1.6           | 3,344,969           | 2.9           |
| Other  | 4                  | 0.1           | 85,679              | 0.1           |
| Sanitation and Health                        | 70                 | 1.3           | 1,465,253           | 1.3           |
| Miscellaneous                                | 334                | 6.3           | 4,335,523           | 3.8           |

\* Includes projects classifiable under more than one of the headings above.

A/ Less than .05 per cent.