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WPA Allocates \$915,135 For Conservation Projects in 22 States.

Allocation of \$915,135 for various conservation and water control projects in 22 States was announced today by Harry L. Hopkins, Works Progress Administrator. The projects have been approved by the President and warrants have been countersigned by the Comptroller General, making funds available if the State Works Progress Administrator selects them for operation.

Largest of the individual projects was the improvement of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal at New Orleans, for which a Federal allotment of \$191,392 was granted. The work would include the construction of levees and revetments, raising and grading of a lock site, making an earth fill and clearing of trees and brush. The sponsor is the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans.

Three county-wide water conservations in Kansas, totaling \$225,483, also were included. Linn county was allotted \$127,564 for the construction of reservoirs and supplementary protection of the storage water supply. Rice county was allowed \$54,836 and Coffey county \$43,803 for similar work. In each case the county government is the sponsor.

A State-wide project in Iowa was allotted \$72,818 to develop game refuges, provide bank erosion control on various lakes and construct water fowl areas, including building game shelters, planting trees, feeding game

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birds, trapping game birds for hatching purposes, fencing refuge areas and improving inland streams, fish ponds, inlets and outlets to lakes.

Three New York projects totaled \$77,399, including \$58,734 for construction of a rip-rap wall and stone masonry in Starch Factory creek at Utica, for flood control. The other projects were at Salamanca, Cattaraugus county, where \$17,021 was granted for construction of a reinforced concrete wall along the Allegany river and soil erosion control, and at Geneva, Ontario county, where \$1,644 will be spent on flood control work along Cemetery creek.

Two county-wide conservation projects in Indiana were approved, carrying a total of \$70,602. Allen county was granted \$40,288 for the construction of low log dams in various small streams, incidental stream improvement, erosion control and the propagation of wild life. Fountain county received \$30,314 for similar work. The State Department of Conservation sponsors both projects.

Allotments for conservation projects in other States were as follows:
Colorado, \$1,740; Connecticut, \$6,250; Idaho (eradication of Mormon crickets
in Idaho, Lewis and Nez Perce counties), \$22,815; Illinois, \$25,069;
Maine, \$12,519; Maryland, \$31,755; Massachusetts, \$4,133; Michigan, \$4,893;
Minnesota, \$11,944; Montana, \$23,463; Nebraska, \$17,620; New Jersey, \$3,186;
Ohio, \$25,287; Oklahoma, \$6,860; Pennsylvania, \$54,994; Texas, \$13,148;
Washington, \$11,495.

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