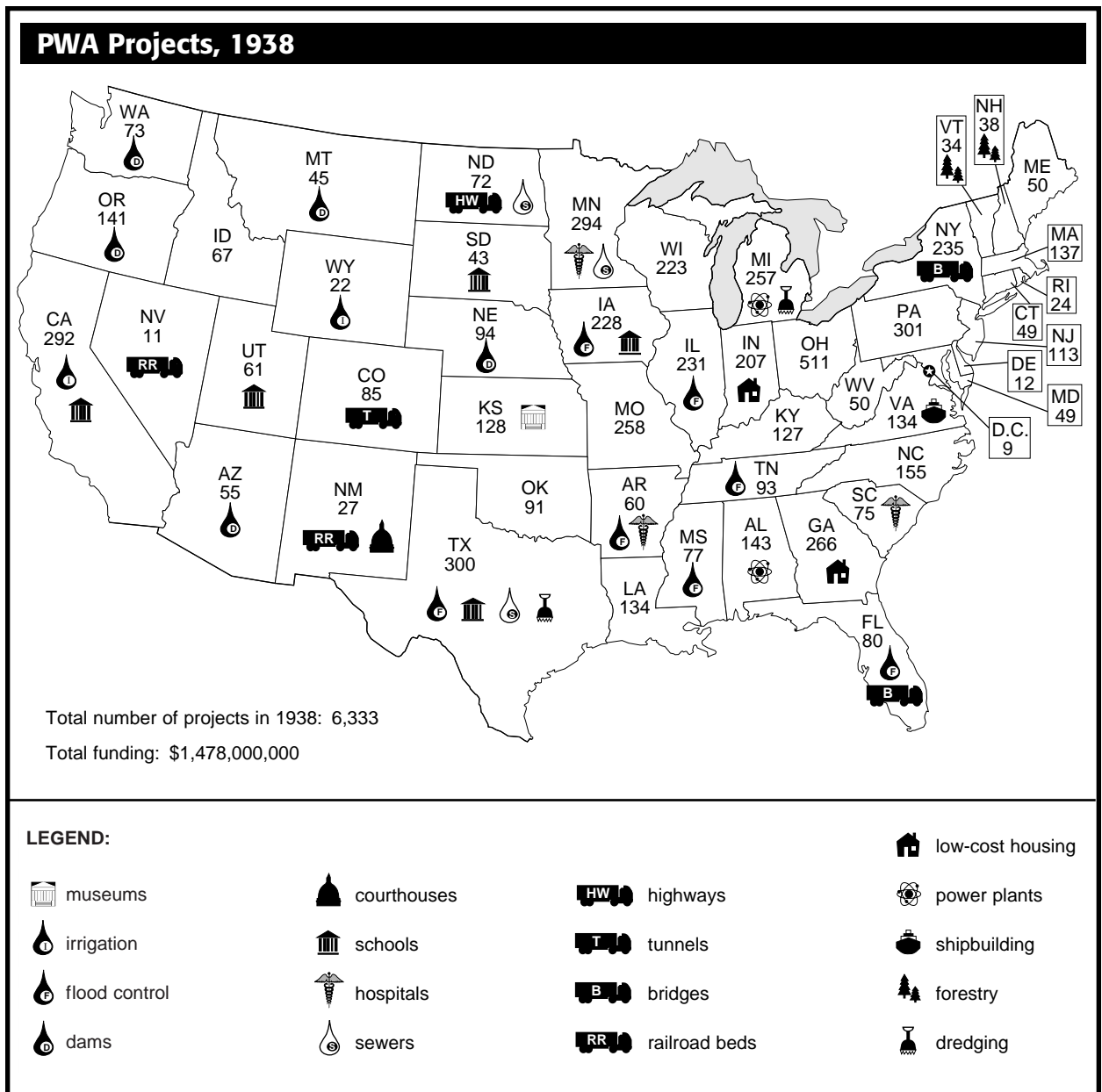


The Public Works Administration

The Public Works Administration (PWA) was a New Deal agency created in 1933 to help fund major construction projects. Its goal, in part, was to reduce unemployment and promote economic recovery. The PWA provided federal funds (often matched by state and

local contributions) for public works such as dams, schools, bridges, and water treatment plants. The map below shows the number and variety of PWA projects underway in 1938. Examine the map, and answer the questions that follow.



1. How many PWA projects were underway nationwide in 1938?

2. How many projects were underway in the District of Columbia in 1938?

3. Which state had the most projects underway in 1938? Which state had the fewest?

4. How did California compare with New York in number of projects? What kind of projects were undertaken in California?

5. What kind of projects are noted for Georgia and Indiana?

6. In what states did the PWA help build schools?

7. **Critical Thinking: Environment and Society** Look at the kinds of PWA projects listed on the map. How might these projects have affected people directly? How might these projects have stimulated a local economy?
