



## FACT SHEET

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### **Upper Thorofare, Deal Island, Somerset County, Maryland**

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**Type of Project:** Navigation

**Project Phase:** Operation and Maintenance

**Authorization:** The project provides for an entrance channel from Tangier Sound 9 feet deep and 100 feet wide, then of irregular width to and along the south shore of the Thorofare, protected by two stone breakwaters at the entrance; a turning basin at the inner end 9 feet deep on the south side of the channel; an anchorage area 6 feet deep and 150 feet wide extending across the waterway; and an anchorage area 9 feet deep, 650 feet long, and 300 feet wide on the north side of the channel between the breakwater and the 6-foot anchorage. The project length is 3,300 feet.

**Congressional Interest:** Senator Paul Sarbanes (MD), Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD), and Congressman Wayne Gilchrest (MD-1).

**Non-Federal Sponsor:** Somerset County is the local sponsor and is required to provide lands, easements, and rights-of-way.

**Background:** The channel has shoaled to a controlling depth of less than 4 feet at mean lower low water and requires maintenance dredging. A contract was awarded July 19, 2004 in the form of a base contract for dike construction and included an optional item for maintenance dredging.

**Status:** The Government plans to exercise the dredging option under the aforementioned contract in January 2005. An estimated 100,000 cubic yards of material will be removed to restore the project to its authorized dimensions. We anticipate that dredging will be complete by March 2005. This project has an environmental window and dredging can only be performed between 1 October and 31 May.

**Funding:**

FY 2005 Allocation:           \$ 675,000

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