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Washington Harbor, Washington, DC

Type of Project: Navigation

Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance

Authorization: The project was approved on August 30, 1935 in accordance with the River and Harbors Committee Document No. 22, 74th Congress, First Session. The project provides for a channel in the Potomac River from Giesboro Point to Key Bridge, a second channel from Giesboro Point to the end of Washington Channel, and a third channel from the mouth of the Anacostia River to the foot of 15th Street, S.E., with turning basins opposite the Washington Navy Yard (800 feet wide and 2,400 feet long) and at the head of the Anacostia Channel (400 feet square). Channel dimensions are 24 feet deep and 400 feet wide except upstream from Anacostia Bridge where the width is reduced to 200 feet and from Giesboro Point to a point 3,000 feet downstream of Arlington Memorial Bridge and above Easby Point where channel dimensions are 20 feet deep and 200 feet wide. The project also provides for the operation and maintenance of the inlet and outlet gates to the tidal basin.

Congressional Interest: Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (DC)

Non-Federal Sponsor: None

Background: The channel was last dredged in 1985 with the removal of 25,000 cubic yards of material. Maintenance is performed annually on the tidal gates.

Issues: Repairs to inlet tidal gates (phase II) and lock gate (phase III) are required to maintain full functionality of the project.

Status: Annual maintenance will be performed on the tidal gates during the Spring 2007. Phase I of the repairs to the tidal gates was completed in CY 2006.

Funding: FY 2007 President's Budget \$20,000
FY 2008 \$20,000

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