



# Baltimore Harbor and Channels, MD & VA Dredged Material Management Plan Update

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FACT SHEET as of July 31, 2015

**AUTHORIZATION:** River & Harbor Act (R&H Act) of 1917, and modified by the River and Harbor Acts of 1927, 1930, 1940, 1945, 1958 and 1970

**TYPE OF PROJECT:** Navigation

**CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY:** Directly contributes to achieving the protection and restoration goals established by the 2009 Executive Order 13508 and 2014 Chesapeake Bay Program Agreement goals to clean water.

**PROJECT PHASE:** Construction

**CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:** Senators **Mikulski** and **Cardin (MD)**, Representatives **Harris (MD-1)**, **Ruppersberger (MD-2)**, **Sarbanes (MD-3)**, **Hoyer (MD-5)**, and **Cummings (MD-7)**

**NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR:** Maryland Department of Transportation (Maryland Port Administration, MPA)

**BACKGROUND:** Engineering Regulation 1105-2-100 mandates that the USACE Districts develop a Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) for all federally maintained navigation harbor projects where there is an indication of insufficient placement capacity to accommodate maintenance dredging for the next 20 years. In 2005 a DMMP was prepared which included recommendations (1) to expand the existing Poplar Island project and (2) to construct the Mid-Chesapeake Bay island ecosystem restoration project as the expanded Poplar Island project reaches its placement capacity. Several key assumptions made in the 2005 DMMP have changed, such as the timing of the need for and the costs of constructing these projects. In January 2012, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) directed the Baltimore District to prepare an update to the DMMP to account for the current schedule, assumptions, and costs. This effort was initiated in September 2012.

**STATUS:** The Baltimore District has recently completed the Agency Technical Review (ATR) of the updated DMMP. An Independent External Peer Review is the next activity.

**BUDGET(\$):** The DMMP update is funded out of the Baltimore Harbor and Channels navigation project (O&M).

**SCHEDULE:**

**FY 2014 Completed Work:** Phase III (Analysis & Comparison of Alternatives) and Phase IV (Development of the Recommended Management Plan) of the study were completed.



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FY 2015 Scheduled Work: An Agency Technical Review (ATR) and Independent External Peer Review (IEPR) of the DMMP.

**COMPLETION**: The current scheduled completion date for the update of the DMMP is February 2016.

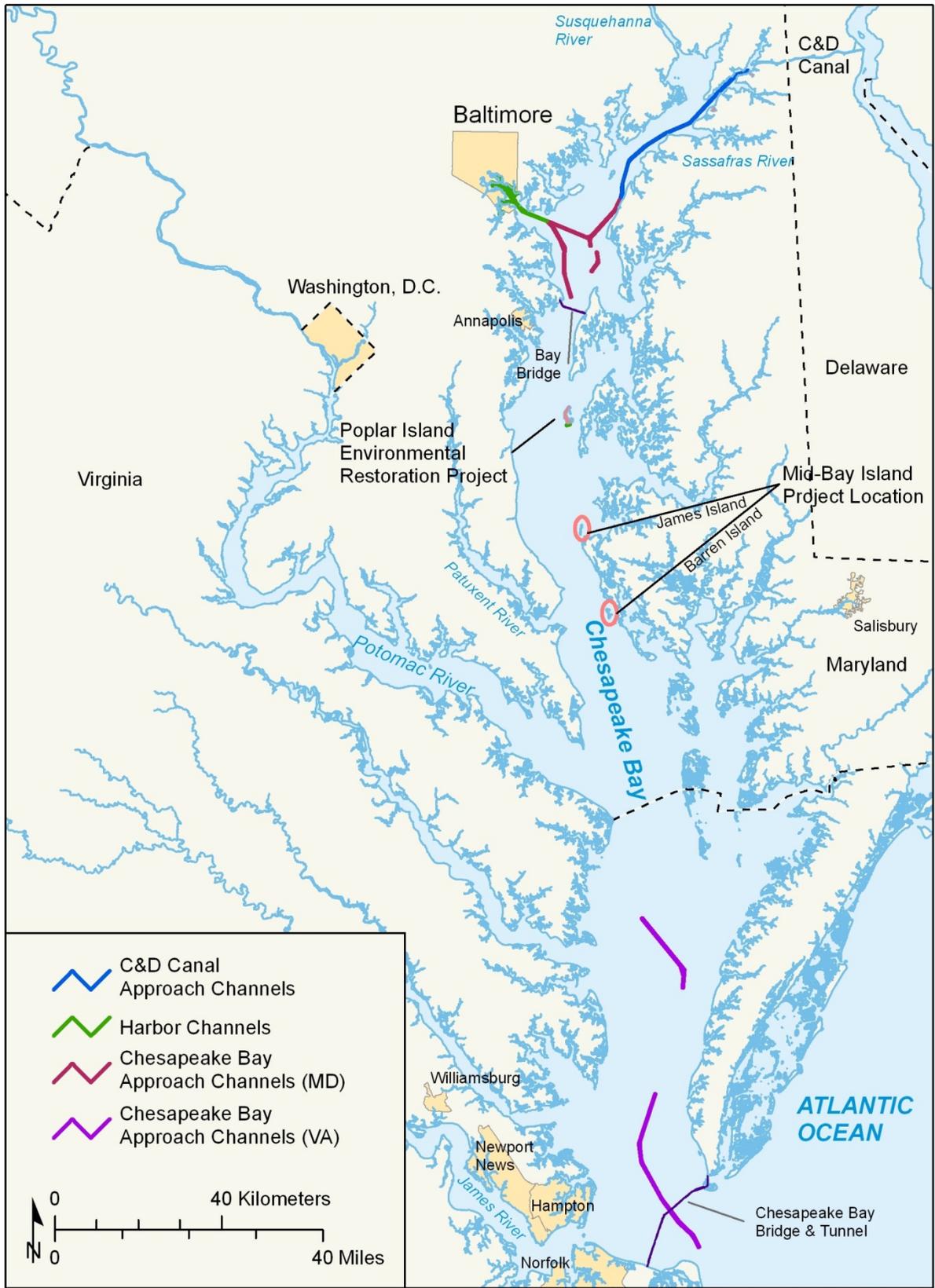
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