



Cumberland MD Flood Mitigation (aka "C&O Canal Rewatering")

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FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015

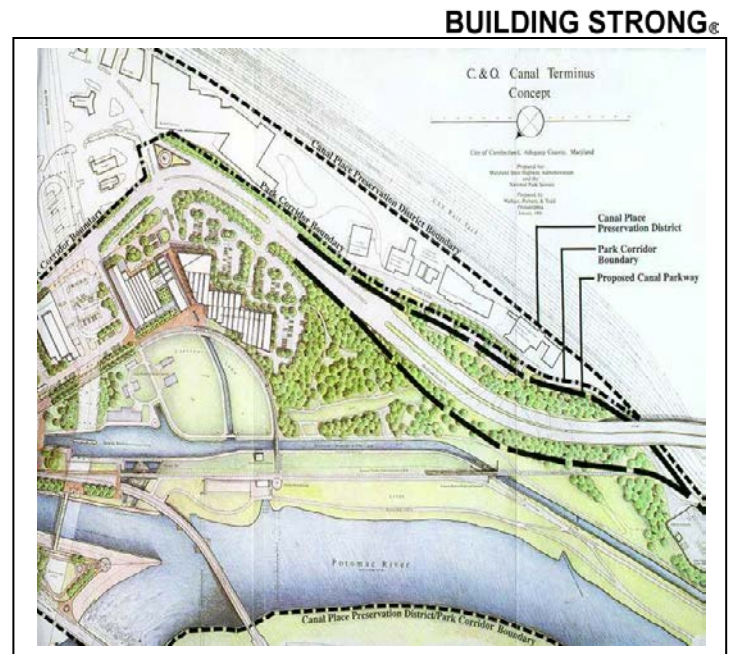
AUTHORIZATION: Section 535, Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1996; Section 580, WRDA 1999; Section 3086, WRDA 2007

TYPE OF PROJECT: Flood Risk Management (Historic Restoration)

PROJECT PHASE: Construction

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Mikulski and Cardin (MD), Representative Delaney (MD-06)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: City of Cumberland, Maryland



BACKGROUND: This project reconstructs and re-waters 1.2 miles of the historic C&O Canal terminus at Cumberland with the vision of transforming the underutilized Potomac riverfront into a showpiece of historical preservation. The Corps' project partners include the City of Cumberland (local sponsor) responsible for relocating and upgrading vicinity sewers; the National Park Service (NPS) responsible for the C&O Canal Historical Park; the Maryland Historical Trust responsible for significant/historical resources; the Maryland State Highway Administration (MD SHA) responsible for the Canal Parkway; the Canal Place Preservation & Development Authority (CPPDA) responsible for overall Canal Place development; the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the Maryland Historical Trust, and Allegany County.

The City used State and Federal grants as funding sources to relocate and upgrade sewer lines in the turning basin project area. In Section 580, WRDA 1999, Congress authorized a \$5 M EPA grant towards the sewer project. In fiscal 2001, language was passed in EPA's appropriation bill that enabled the City to use EPA monies as part of its local cost-share towards the re-watering project.

In July 1995, the Corps completed a reconnaissance study and budget report under the Support-for-Others program using NPS funds. In FY 1998, Congress provided some design funds to the Corps. The Corps completed a Value Engineering study, a 2002 decision document, and a 2003 Environmental Assessment. Archaeological and cultural mitigation was completed in September 2003, with monitoring ongoing during construction. Since 2003, approximately a quarter-mile of the canal has been re-watered.

STATUS: The project cost authorization was modified in WRDA 2007 from \$15 M to \$25.75 M. The Corps must complete a decision document for the balance of the 1.2-mile project in order to execute a construction agreement for re-watering the remaining increments. This task includes updating the NEPA, Real Estate plan, and the 2002 project cost estimate. This task may begin upon sponsor resolution of the project requirement to convey the existing Western Maryland Scenic Railroad (WMSR)

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train tracks over the proposed canal prism in order to maintain its existing connection to the CSX mainline.

BUDGET (\$):

	<u>Construction¹</u>
<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	\$25,750,000
Federal Cost Estimate	16,737,500
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	9,012,500
 <u>Federal Funds Data</u>	
Allocation thru FY 2013	9,701,000
Allocation for FY 2014	48,999
President Budget FY 2015 ²	0
Allocation for FY 2015 ³	0
Balance to Complete	7,036,500

¹Includes Investigation PED costs in the amount of \$620,000.

²The President typically sends the budget to Congress in February each year. Upon release, budget amounts for the USACE Civil Works programs and specified projects are posted online at the HQUSACE website in a program budget press book at <http://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Budget.aspx>.

³ The final FY 2015 allocation amounts will be made available upon final approval pursuant to the Energy and Water Appropriations Act's continuing funding requirements .

SCHEDULE:

FY 2014 Completed Work: Continued coordination with stakeholders on railroad issue.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Continued coordination with stakeholders on railroad issue.

COMPLETION: With a stakeholder decision, optimum funding, and an approved decision document, the remaining design and construction work can be completed in three years.

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