



Goose Creek, Somerset County, MD

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FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015

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Authorization: Continuing Authorities Program (CAP), Section 107, River and Harbor Act of 1960, as amended. Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) of 2014.

Type of Project: Shallow Draft Navigation

Project Phase: Feasibility

Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) Contributions: Directly contributes to achieving protection and restoration goals established by the 2009 Executive Order 13508 and the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Program Agreement by increasing public access.



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Congressional Interest: Senators **Mikulski** and **Cardin** (MD); Congressman **Harris** (MD-01)

Non-Federal Sponsor: TBD

Background: The Goose Creek navigation channel is located in Somerset County, Maryland and is authorized by the Rivers and Harbor Act of 1967, as amended. The original authorization provided for a channel, 60 feet wide and 6 feet deep, from that depth in the Manokin River to, and including, a basin 100 feet wide and 200 feet long in Goose Creek. The project length is 3,900 feet and was completed in 1972.

The Goose Creek navigation channel was last dredged in 1972. Currently the 1967 authorized channel has shoaled to a controlling depth of 3 feet and restoration of authorized depth is pending future Operation and Maintenance (O&M) funding. There are also piers belonging to a privately owned marina known as Goose Creek Marina that extend into the federal channel, thereby impacting U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) ability to maintain the channel to its authorized dimensions. To accommodate maintenance dredging of the existing Goose Creek federal channel the piers would need to be shortened.

Authorization to realign the federal channel such that the piers no longer encroach on the project was received via the WRRDA of 2014. The realignment of the channel is depicted in Section 6004 a (11) Goose Creek, Somerset County, Maryland (<https://www.congress.gov/113/bills/hr3080/BILLS-113hr3080enr.pdf>).

The study will focus on realignment of the federal navigation channel through investigation of changed physical or economic conditions.

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Status: The Section 216 “Review of Completed Projects” Initial Appraisal Report is underway and scheduled for submission for approval to the North Atlantic Division (NAD) by 2nd Quarter of FY15.

BUDGET (\$):

Construction

Feasibility

<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	TBD
Federal Cost Estimate	TBD
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	\$0

<u>Federal Funds Data</u>	
Allocations thru FY 2013	\$0
Allocation for FY 2014	\$0
President Budget FY 2015 ¹	\$0
Allocation for FY 2015 ²	\$0
Balance to Complete	TBD

NOTES:

¹ The 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>.

²The 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:

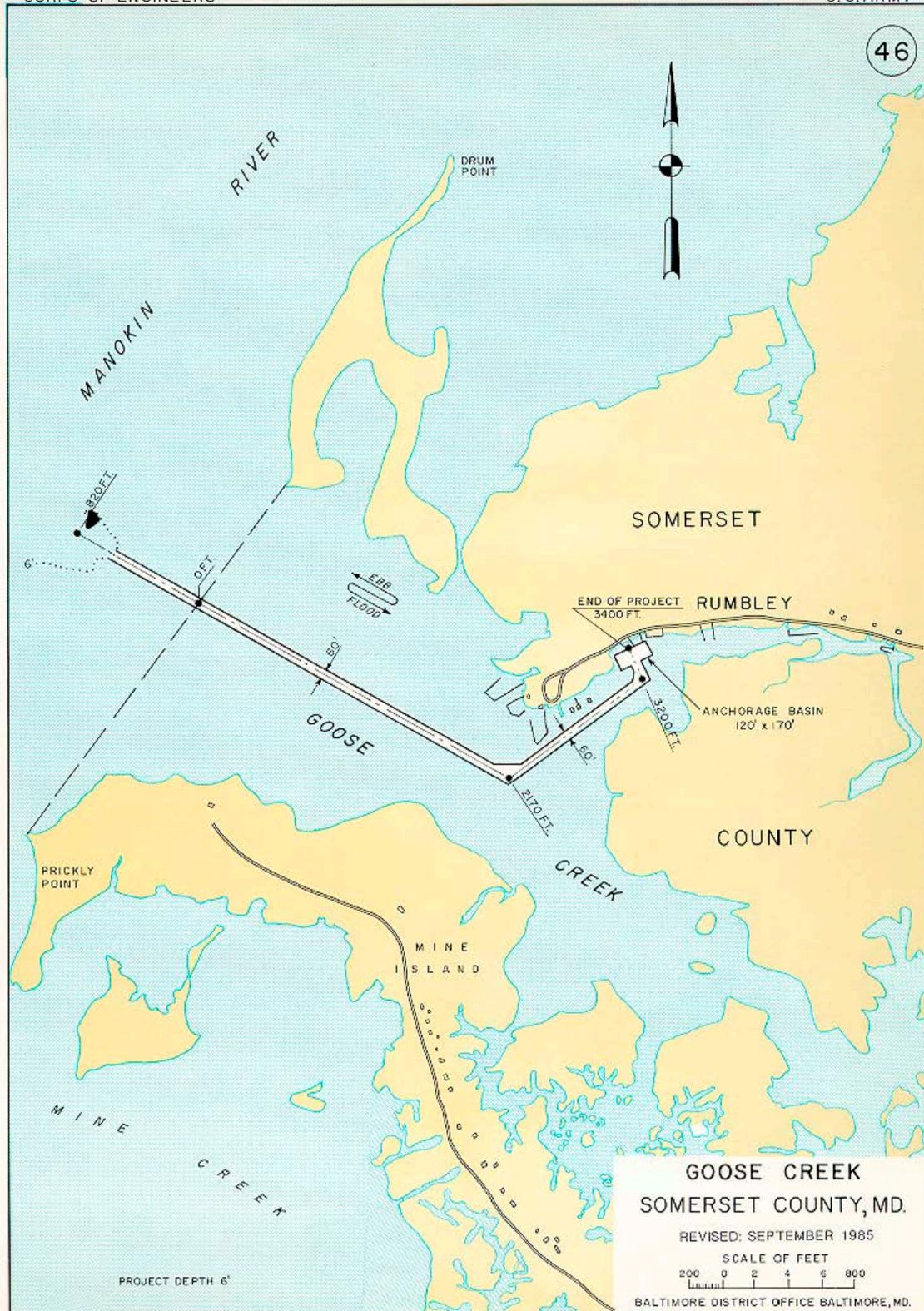
FY 2014 Completed Work: Initiated the Section 216 report.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Complete the Section 216 report and submit to NAD for a decision.

COMPLETION: With optimum funding the feasibility phase can be completed in 2016.

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