



Honga River, Dorchester County, MD

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
FACT SHEET as of February 1, 2015

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AUTHORIZATION: Continuing Authorities Program, Section 107 of the River and Harbor Act of 1960, as amended

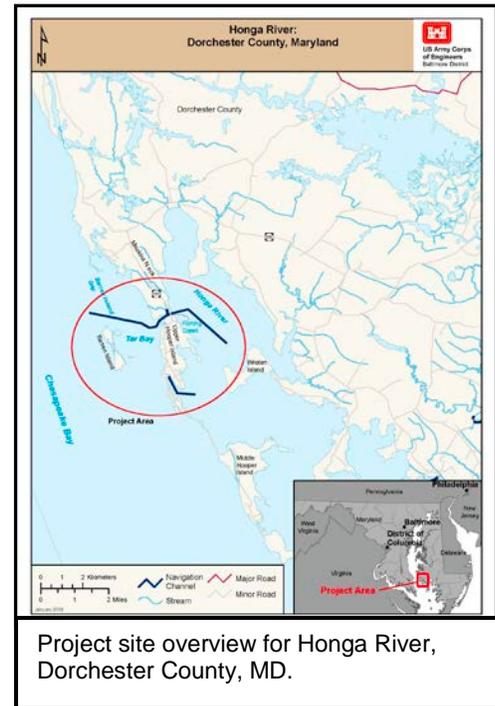
TYPE OF PROJECT: Shallow Draft Navigation

CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY PROGRAM: 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.

PROJECT PHASE: Feasibility

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators **Mikulski** and **Cardin** (MD); Congressman **Harris** (MD-01)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Dorchester County, Maryland



Project site overview for Honga River, Dorchester County, MD.

BACKGROUND: The Honga River is located in Dorchester County, Maryland along the eastern shore of the Chesapeake Bay between Meekins Neck and Upper Hooper Island. The existing Federal navigation project authorizes a channel 60 feet wide and 7 feet deep from the 7-foot depth contour in the Chesapeake Bay through Tar Bay and Fishing Creek to Honga River; and for a channel in Back Creek 7 feet deep and 60 feet wide from the 7-foot-depth contour in Honga River to the head of Back Creek, with a turning basin of the same depth, 150 feet long, and 200 feet wide.

The Honga River channel is the main water access for local watermen on Hooper's Island to access the Chesapeake Bay. Currently at low tide the channel only has one foot of water depth. As a result, in order to access the Bay during low tides, watermen have to travel an additional 10 miles down the Honga River.

The proposed action would be to implement a structural project to restore vessel utilization of the channel and to reduce the need for future maintenance dredging.

STATUS: Approval of the Section 107 Factsheet by HQUSACE was received on January 31, 2014. The Baltimore District will finalize a Project Management Plan (PMP) and work to execute a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) with the non-Federal sponsor to start the detailed feasibility study in fiscal 2015.

BUDGET (\$):

Construction

Feasibility

<u>Total Estimated Cost</u>	\$900,900
Federal Cost Estimate	\$500,450
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	\$400,450

<u>Federal Funds Data</u>	
Allocations thru FY 2013	\$79,315
Allocation for FY 2014	\$20,685
President Budget FY 2015 ¹	\$0
Allocation for FY 2015 ²	\$0
Balance to Complete	\$400,450

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>.

² 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: Received approval of the Section 107 Factsheet by HQUSACE was received on January 31, 2014 and \$20,685 was allocated to scope the PMP.

FY 2015 Scheduled Work: Finalize the PMP and work to execute a FCSA with the non-Federal sponsor to start the detailed feasibility study.

COMPLETION: With optimum funding this feasibility phase can be completed in fiscal 2017.

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