

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District P.O. Box 1715 Baltimore, MD 21203-1715

Rock Hall Harbor Kent County, MD

Type of Project: Navigation

Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance

Authorization: The Rock Hall Federal Navigation Project was authorized by the River and Harbor Act of 1937 and modified in 1948, 1960, and 1980. The project provides for a channel 10 feet deep and 100 feet wide from 10-foot depth curve in Swan Creek Inlet to a channel of same dimensions, 700 feet long parallel to harbor terminals at Rock Hall; an anchorage basin of the same depth, 100 feet wide, 250 feet long in a northwesterly extension of the channel fronting the harbor terminals; an anchorage basin 8 feet deep, 100 feet wide and 350 feet long on an extension of the center line of the 10-foot basin; an anchorage basin 8 feet deep, 200 feet wide and 600 feet long attached to and extending in a southwesterly direction from the west end of the above-mentioned 8-foot basin; with twin breakwaters at the harbor entrance. On 29 May 1980, the Chief of Engineers under authority provided by Section 107 of the 1960 River and Harbor Act, as amended, authorized construction of the following work: Raising the existing west and east breakwaters from four feet to seven feet above mean low water and extending the west breakwater 400 feet at an elevation of seven feet above mean low water; relocating the existing entrance channel at a depth of 8 feet and width of 100 feet; a new channel 8 feet deep and 100 feet wide, from the new entrance channel near the County wharf to and including an anchorage basin, 250 feet square in the eastern end of the harbor.

Congressional Interest:

Senators: Barbara A. Mikulski (MD), Benjamin L. Cardin (MD)

Representatives: Wayne T. Gilchrest (MD-1)

Non-Federal Sponsor: Kent County, Maryland, is the local sponsor and is required to provide lands, easements and rights-of-way for the dredging and placement of dredged material.

Background: The entrance to the harbor has shoaled to a controlling depth of 4.5 feet, mean lower low water. An estimated 10,000 cubic yards of material will need to be removed to restore the authorized project depth of 8 feet with 2-feet of allowable overdepth.

For more information regarding the Rock Hall Harbor project, contact Mr. Jeff Wiggin, CENAB-OP-NN, (410) 962-3672 or e-mail to Jeff.Wiggin@nab02.usace.army.mil



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Issues: None

Status: Engineering & Design for maintenance dredging is awaiting future funding.

Funding: FY 2007 President's Budget \$0 FY 2008 \$0

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