

FACT SHEET

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Chester River Queen Annes County, MD

Type of Project: Navigation

Project Phase: Operations and Maintenance

Authorization: The project provides for a channel 7 feet deep and 75 feet wide from the Chester River to Prospect Bay through the Kent Island Narrows.

Congressional Interest:

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

Representatives: Wayne T. Gilchrest, (MD-1)

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

Background: At Queen Annes County's request, the Army Corps of Engineers realigned the federal channel in 1996 to take advantage of naturally deeper water to the west of the previous channel.

Issues: Maintenance dredging of the new channel alignment was completed in October 2001. The channel has shoaled to a controlling depth of 2.5 feet. Side scan surveys run in October 2006 indicated that no obstructions were located within the channel or the adjacent side slopes. The U.S. Coast Guard has adjusted aids in the channel to better mark the deepest water available.

Funds are not in FY07 President's Budget for maintenance dredging of the Kent Narrows channel.

Status: The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has shown an interest in funding the maintenance dredging.

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

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