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Nanticoke River, NW Fork, Dorchester, Caroline, & Wicomico Counties, MD & Sussex County, DE

Type of Project: Navigation

Project Phase: Operation and Maintenance

Authorization: The project was approved by the River and Harbor Act of June 3, 1896 and modified in 1910, and 1945. The project provides for a channel 12 feet deep and 100 feet wide from the 12 foot depth contour near mile 8 to the highway bridge at Seaford, Delaware, with a turning basin at the upper end and a slight widening of the channel between the bridges in the harbor at Seaford to a depth of 9 feet. The Northwest Fork channel is 6 feet deep and 60 feet wide from Upper Browns Wharf to the southern boundary of the town of Federalsburg, with a turning basin at the upper end.

Congressional Interest:

Senators: Barbara A. Mikulski (MD), Benjamin L. Cardin (MD), Joseph Biden (DE),
Thomas Carper (DE)

Representatives: Wayne T. Gilchrest (MD-1), Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5), Michael Castle (DE)

Non-Federal Sponsor: Wicomico County, Maryland, and Sussex County, Delaware, are the local sponsors and are required to provide lands, easements and rights-of-way for the dredging and placement of the dredged material.

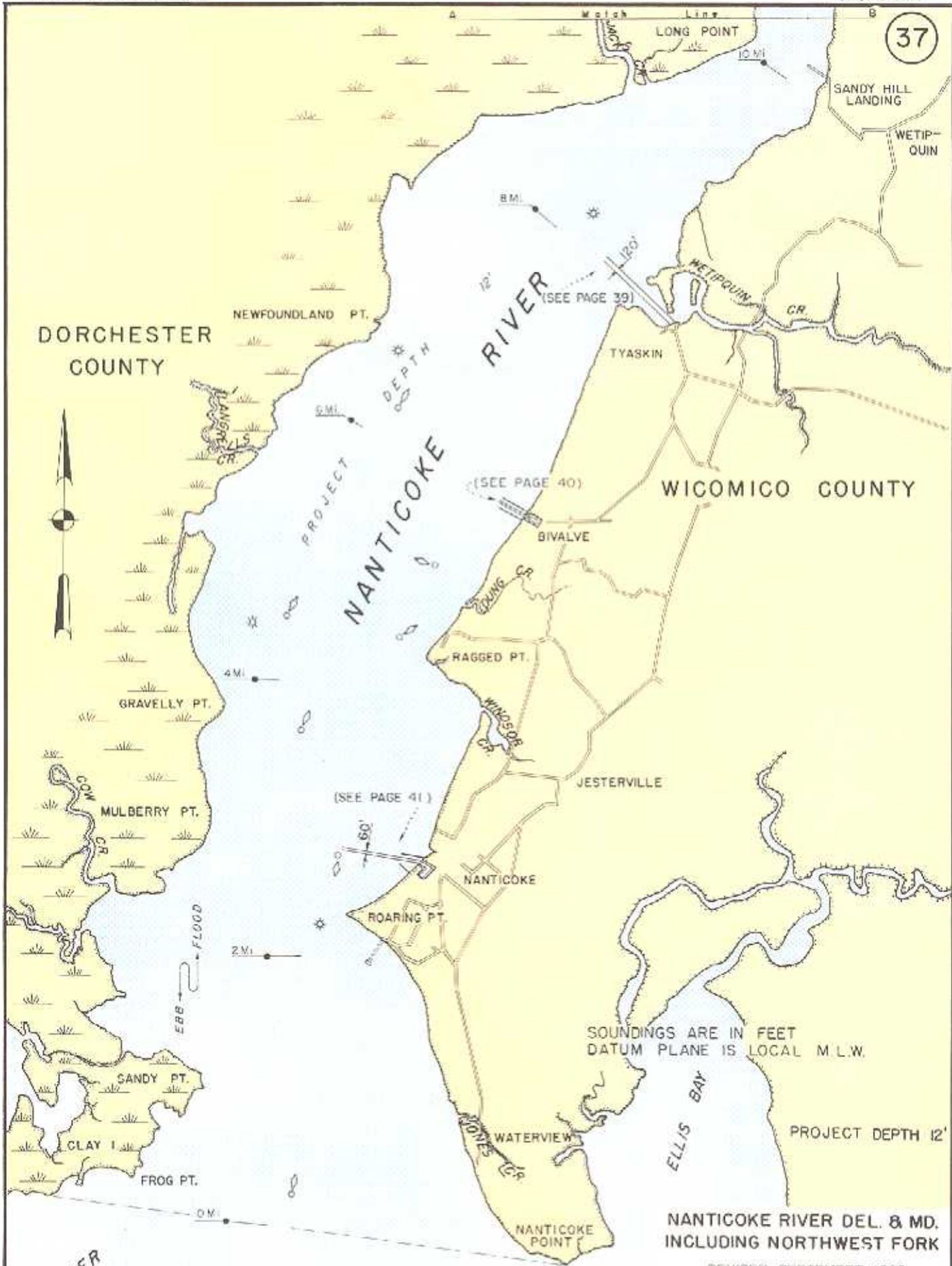
Background: The project was last dredged in 1990. The project serves as the only navigation access to the town of Seaford, DE, and also serves fuel barge traffic to a major power generation plant at Vienna, MD.

Issues: The County is in the process of purchasing the land for use as a long term placement site.

Status: The upstream end of the main channel was surveyed in 2006. Results indicate that the project has shoaled to a controlling depth of about 9.5 feet. A placement site has been identified by Sussex County to accommodate the dredged material. Funds in FY 2006 were used to initiate engineering and design efforts in preparation for future dredging when funds become available.

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

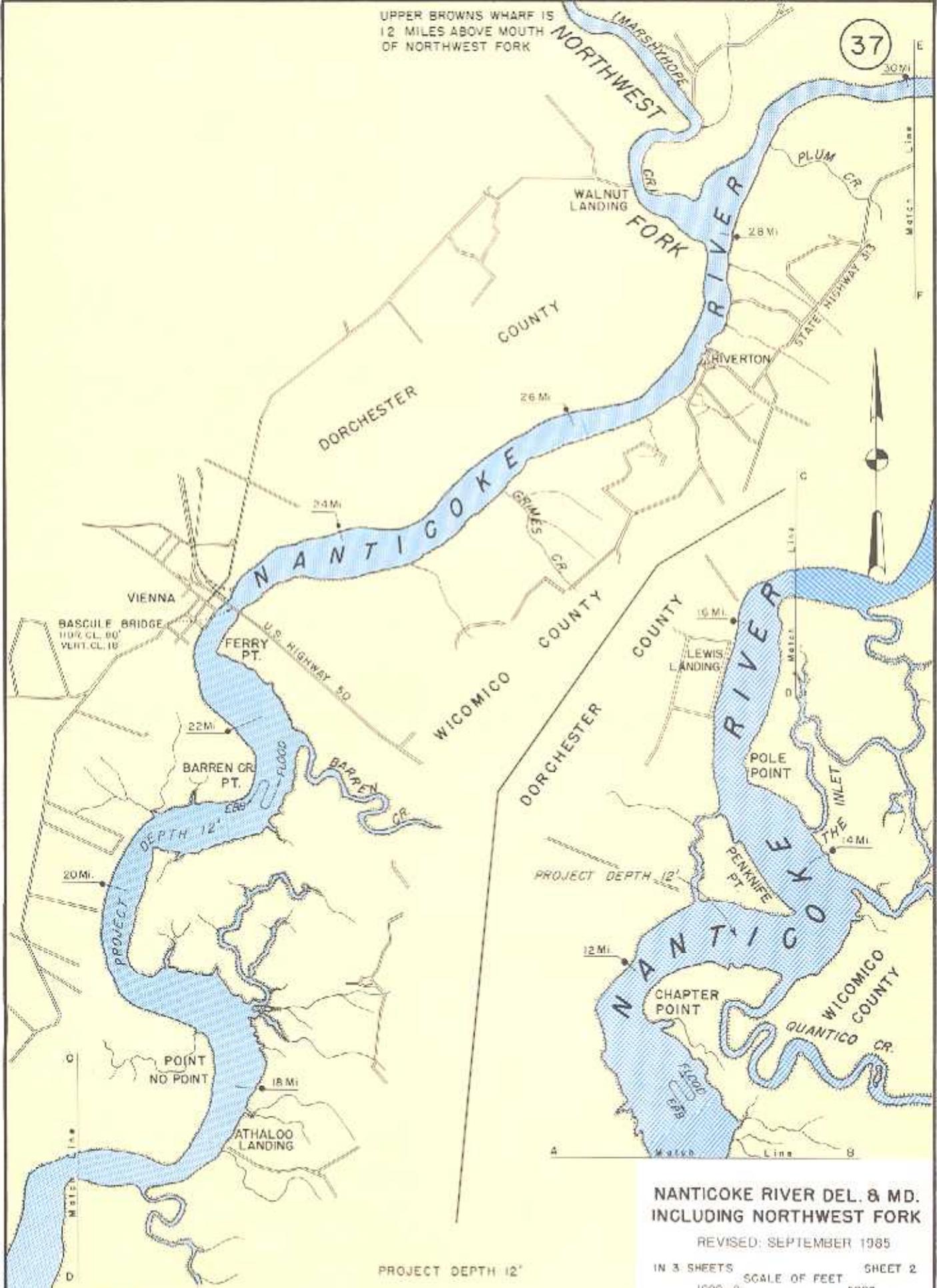
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UPPER BROWNS WHARF IS
12 MILES ABOVE MOUTH
OF NORTHWEST FORK



SOUNDINGS ARE IN FEET
DATUM PLANE IS LOCAL M.L.W.

PROJECT DEPTH 12'

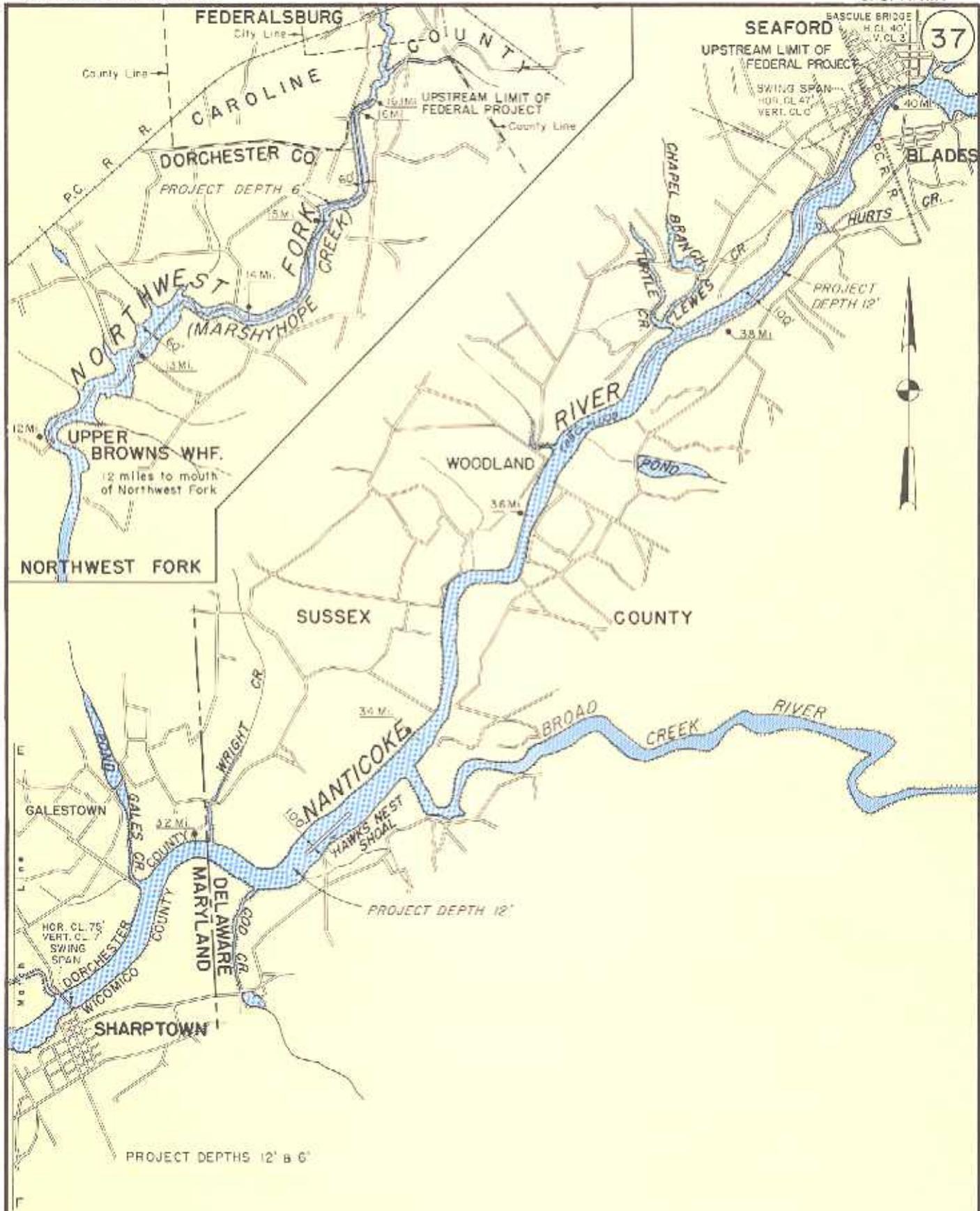
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