



NANTICOKE RIVER, NW FORK, DE & MD

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FACT SHEET as of February 2013

AUTHORIZATION: The Nanticoke River NW Fork project was approved by the River and Harbor Act of June 3, 1896 House Document 323 and modified in 1910 via House documents 674 and 869, and again modified in 1945 by Senate Document.

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

CONTRIBUTION TO CHESAPEAKE BAY: Contributes to Executive Order 13508 goals by innovatively protecting environmental habitat, improving water quality, and expanding public access within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

PROJECT PHASE: Operation and Maintenance

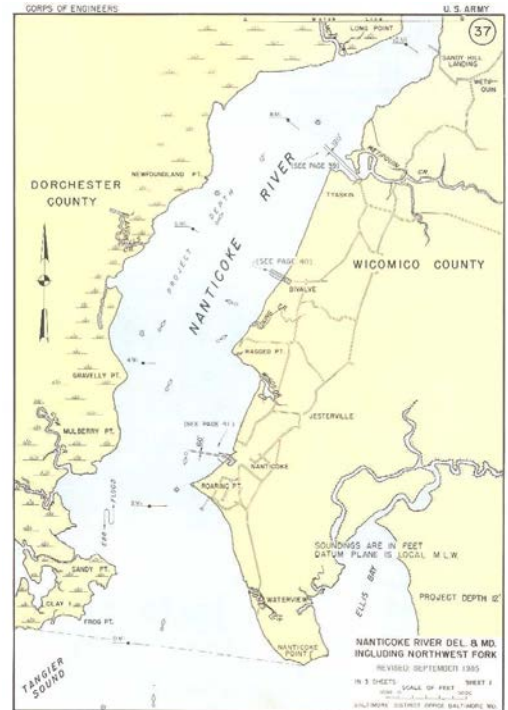
CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Mikulski and Cardin (MD), Carper and Coons (DE), Representatives Harris (MD-1), Carney (DE).

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Sussex County, Delaware, and Dorchester County, Maryland for the NW Fork

BACKGROUND:

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 length of the sections is about 4 miles over 32 miles of river. 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. The length of the section is about 4 miles and its lower end is about 12 miles above the mouth of the river.

The project area near Seaford harbor was last dredged in 1990. The upstream portion of the main channel was surveyed in 2006 and results indicated that the project has shoaled to a controlling depth of about 8 feet. In order to complete the design, an acceptable placement site needed to be identified. In 2011 Sussex county identified and purchased the Woodland golf course as the site to accommodate the dredged material. Engineering and Design was completed and the project was advertised in July 2012 and when bids were opened they were considered too high. Negotiations with the bidders resulted in a contract being awarded to Cottrell Contracting Corporation in October 2012.



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STATUS: The contractor has cleared the dredged material placement site and started to construct the dike to contain the dredged material. It is anticipated that the dike will be finished in January and dredging will be initiated immediately if it can finish before the environmental window of 15 February. If dredging cannot be completed before environmental constraints, dredging will be delayed until after June 2013 when the environmental window opens.

BUDGET:

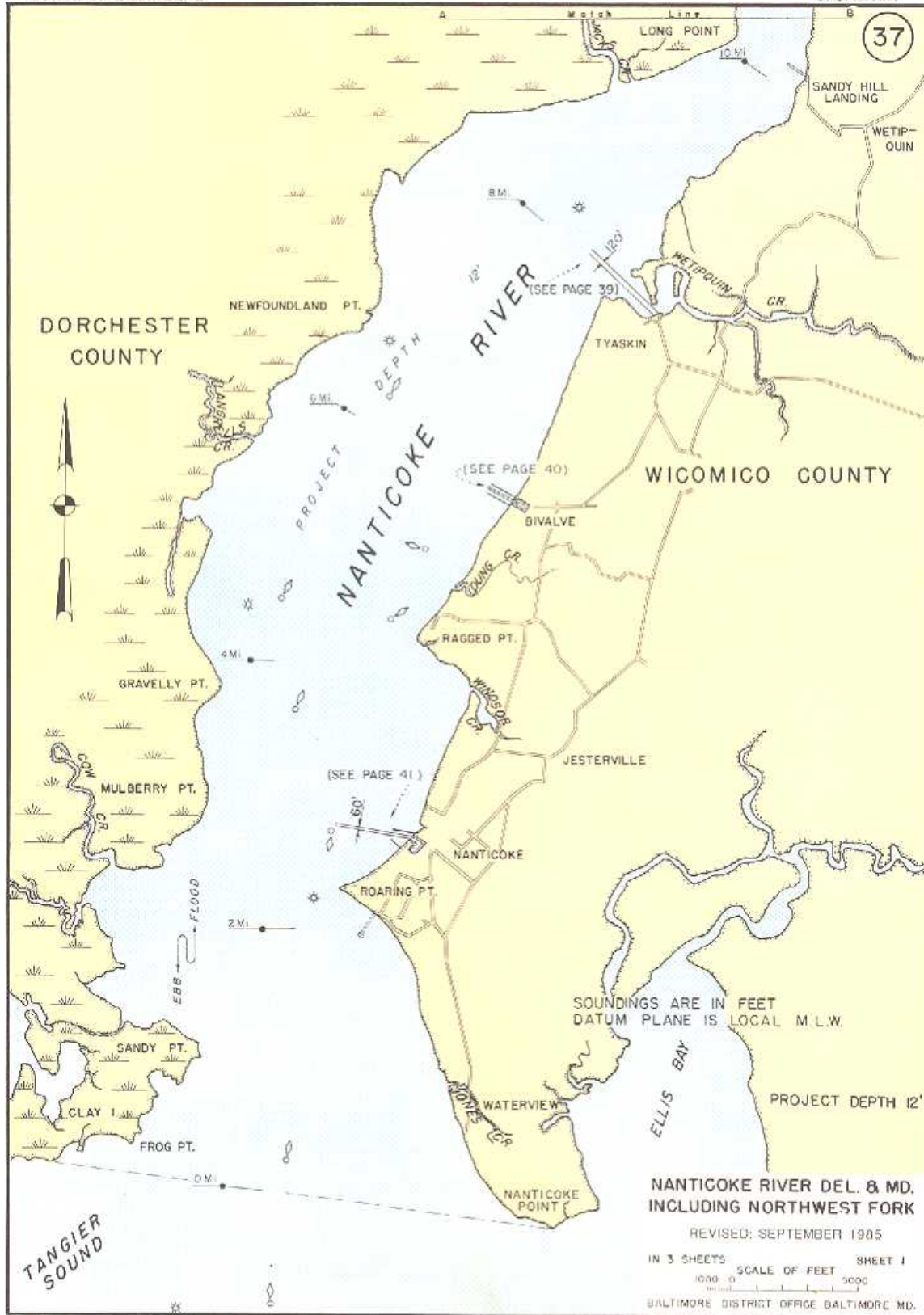
<u>Funds Data</u>	<u>Total</u>
Allocation for FY 2012	1,881,000
President Budget FY 2013	0
Allocation for FY 2013	TBD

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Completed Work: Completed engineering and design and solicited a dredging contract.

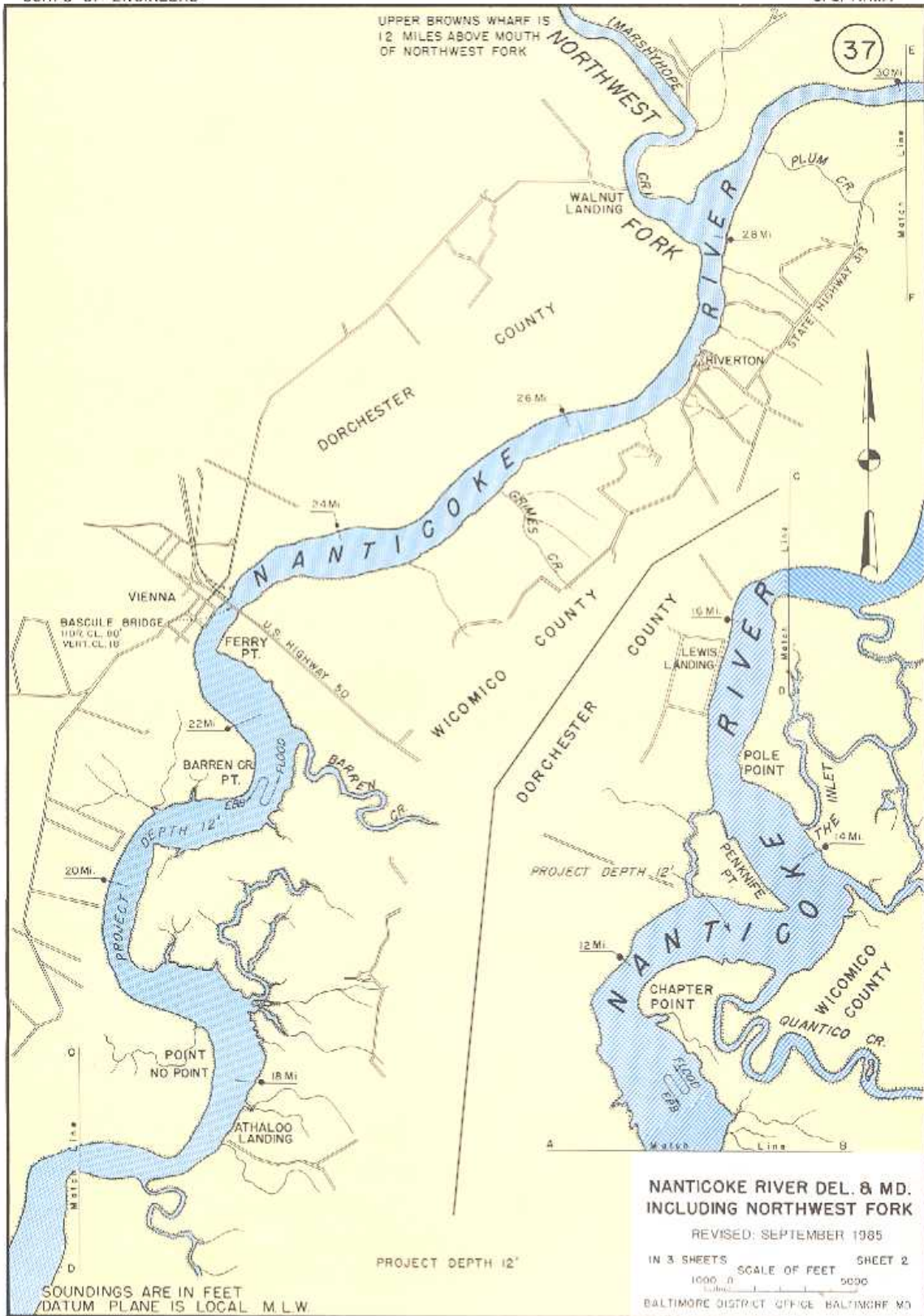
FY 2013 President's Budget: Funds are not included in the President's budget. Contract awarded for the maintenance dredging utilizing FY 2012 funds.

For more information regarding the Nanticoke River, NW Fork, MD contact Robert Blama, CENAB-OP-N, (410) 962-6068, e-mail Robert.n.blama@usace.army.mil. Also see this project's related web page at <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Navigation/index.html>



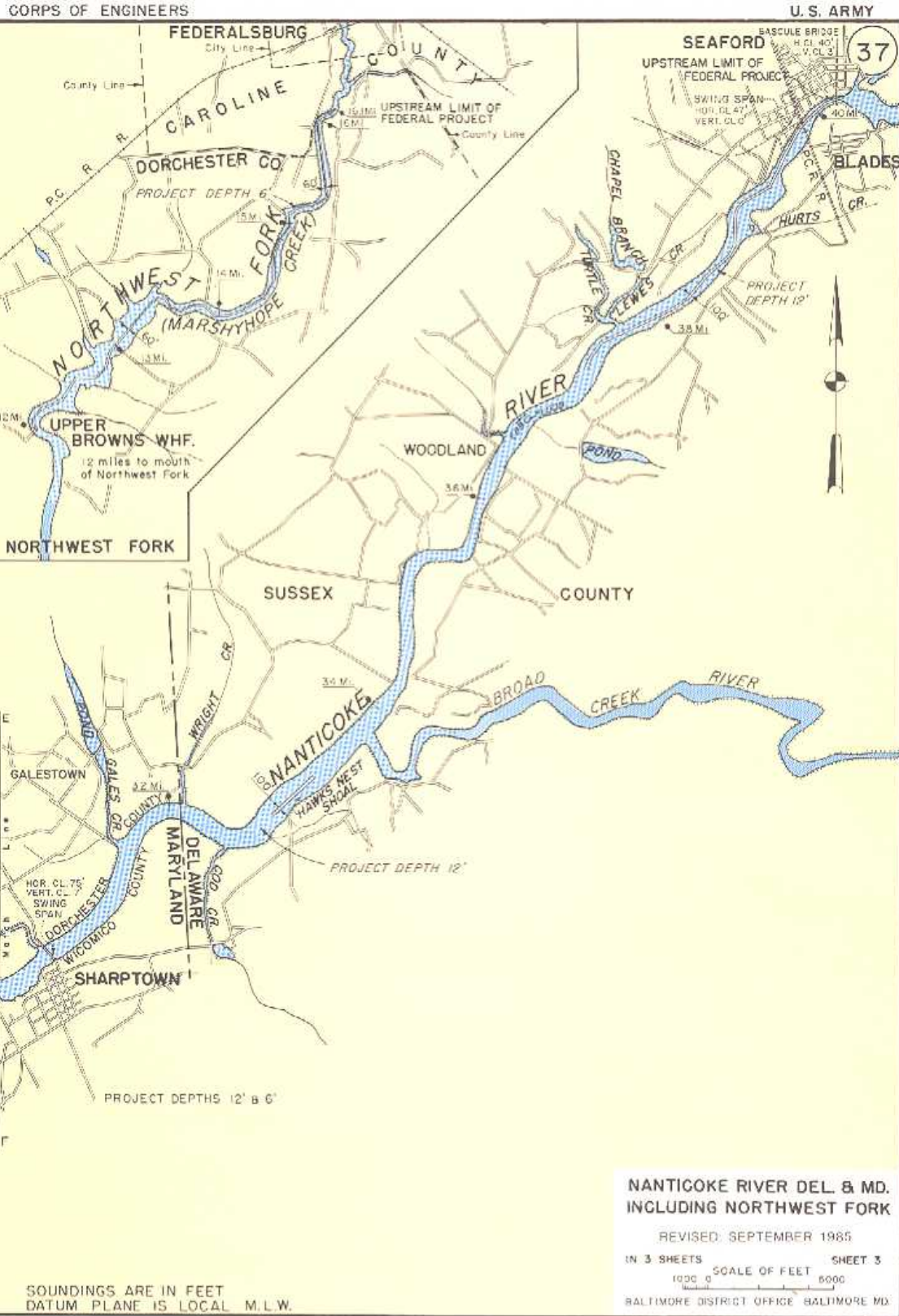
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