



## FACT SHEET

January 2005

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

## Occoquan River Fairfax & Prince William Counties, VA

**Type of Project:** Navigation

**Project Phase:** Operations and Maintenance

**Authorization:** The project consists of a channel 6 feet deep and 150 feet wide from the Potomac River to Taylor's Point, 100 feet wide to the town of Occoquan, and protection of the channel above Taylor Point by riprap dikes, 1,453 feet long. The project length is 6 miles.

**Congressional Interest:** Congressman Tom R. Davis, (VA-11), Senators George Allen and John Warner

**Non-Federal Sponsor:** Fairfax County and Prince William County, the local jurisdictions in which the project is located, are the non-Federal sponsors and have signed a Project Cooperation Agreement (PCA) with the Corps to cost-share construction of the project.

**Background:** The project was last dredged in 1962. Since that time, commercial and recreational boaters have experienced problems navigating the channel, resulting in numerous vessel groundings and the loss of thousands of dollars in damages. In response to these problems, Congressman Davis added \$1 million to the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act 2001 (EWDAA) to maintain the project. In May 2001, the Corps conducted a condition survey, which indicated that maintenance dredging of the channel was not required. In the Defense Appropriations Act of 2002, Congress directed the Secretary of the Army to deepen the channel to a depth of 9 feet and widen the project between Channel Marker 2 and the bridge at U.S. Route 1 to a width of 200 feet. The Act also authorized additional funds be added for construction of the project modification. In the EWDAA of 2004, funds were added to fully fund construction of the project modification.

**Status:** The final decision document and integrated environmental assessment was approved by CENAD on 19 July 2004. The approved plan calls for the project to be deepened from 6 to 9 feet with no widening of the channel, except where there are turns in the channel. The Project Cooperation Agreement was executed on 15 November 2004. The project was advertised in November 2004 and awarded to Lake Services in Stafford, Virginia, on 3 December 2004, in the amount of \$1,860,940. Construction is scheduled to begin in January 2005 and be completed by 1 March 2005.



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**Funding:** For the construction of general navigation features where the depth of the project is less than 20 feet deep, the cost-share is 90% Federal/10% non-Federal, plus 10% of the project cost in cash over a period not to exceed 30 years. The Federal share for construction will come from O&M funds previously appropriated by Congress for this project. Necessary items of local cooperation have been provided by the non-Federal sponsors, including their share of the construction cost.

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Figure 1. Project Map.

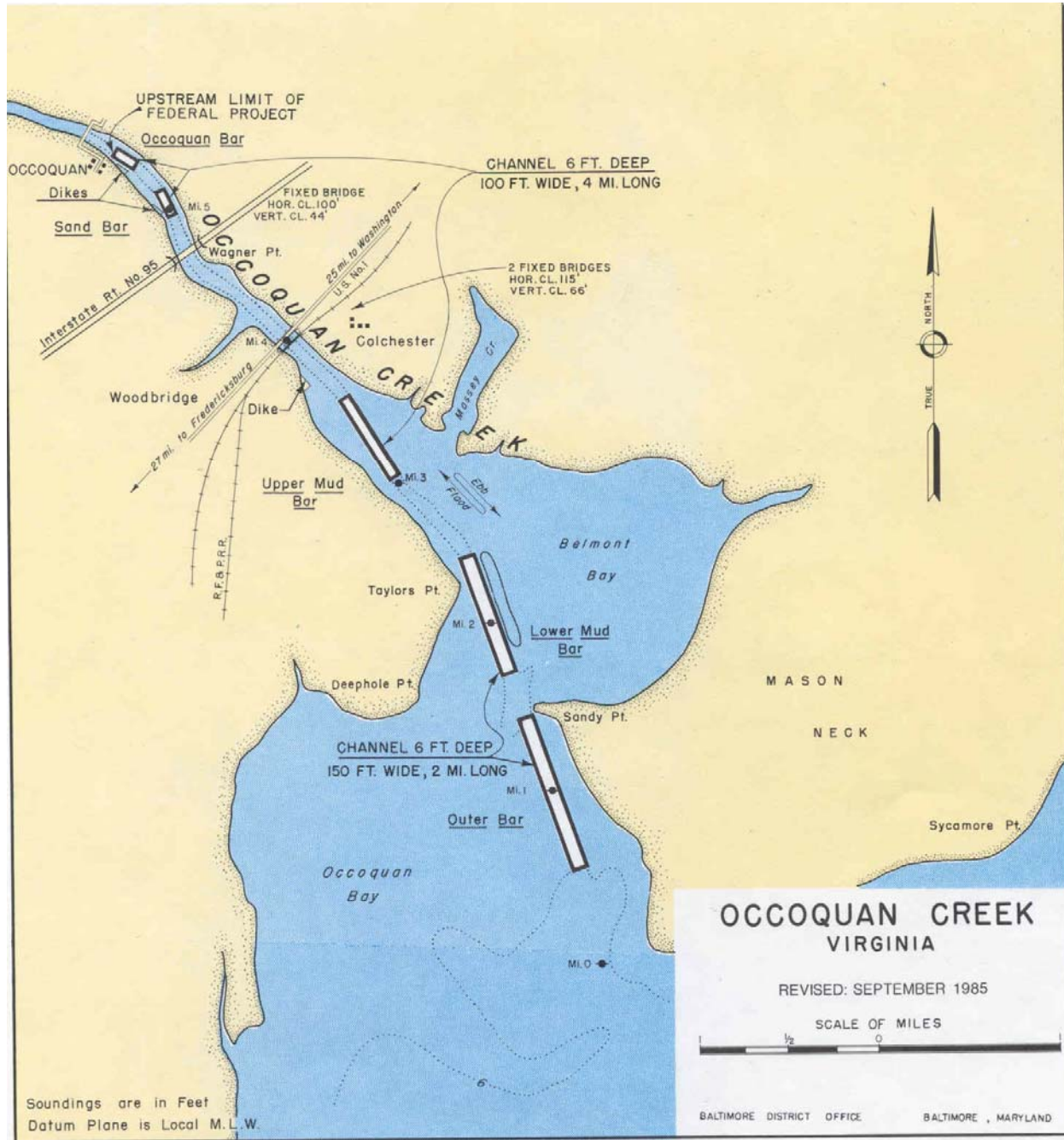


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