



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

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FACT SHEET as of March 2010

**Authorization:** The project was approved by the River and Harbor Act of June 3, 1896, and modified in 1910 and 1945.

**Type of Project:** Navigation

**Project Phase:** Operation and Maintenance

**Congressional Interest:** Congressmen Frank M. Kratovil, Jr. (MD-1), Steny H. Hoyer (MD-5), Michael Castle (DE), Senators Barbara A. Mikulski (MD), Benjamin L. Cardin (MD), Edward E. Kaufman (DE), Thomas Carper (DE)



**Non-Federal Sponsor:** Sussex County, DE, is the local sponsors and is required to provide lands, easements and rights-of-way for the dredging and placement of the dredged material.

## Background:

- The project provides for a channel 12 feet deep and 100 feet wide from the 12 foot depth contour near mile eight 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 nine feet. The Northwest Fork channel is six 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 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.

**Status:** The upstream end of the main channel was last surveyed in 2006. Results indicated that the project has shoaled 2.5 feet to a controlling depth of about 9.5 feet.

**Issues:** A placement site for dredged material must be identified by Sussex County to accommodate future dredged material. Sussex County has proposed to purchase land for use as a long term placement site.

**Budget:**

<b><u>Funds Data (\$1,000's)</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
FY 10 Allocation	0
FY 11 President's Budget	160
FY 11 Additional Capability	0

*The capability estimate for each study or project is the Army Corps of Engineers estimate for the most that it could obligate efficiently during the fiscal year for that study or project. However, each capability estimate is made without reference to the availability of manpower, equipment, and other resources across the Army Civil Works program, so the sum of the capability estimates exceeds the amount that the Corps actually could obligate in a single fiscal year. The Budget allocates funding among studies and projects on a performance basis in a manner that will enable the Corps to use that funding effectively. Furthermore, the overall funding level proposed in the Budget for the Army Civil Works program reflects the Administration's assessment of national priorities in view of the range of potential private and public uses of funds. Consequently, while the Corps could obligate additional funds for some studies and projects, offsetting reductions within the Army Civil Works program would be required to maintain overall budgetary objectives.*

**Schedule:**

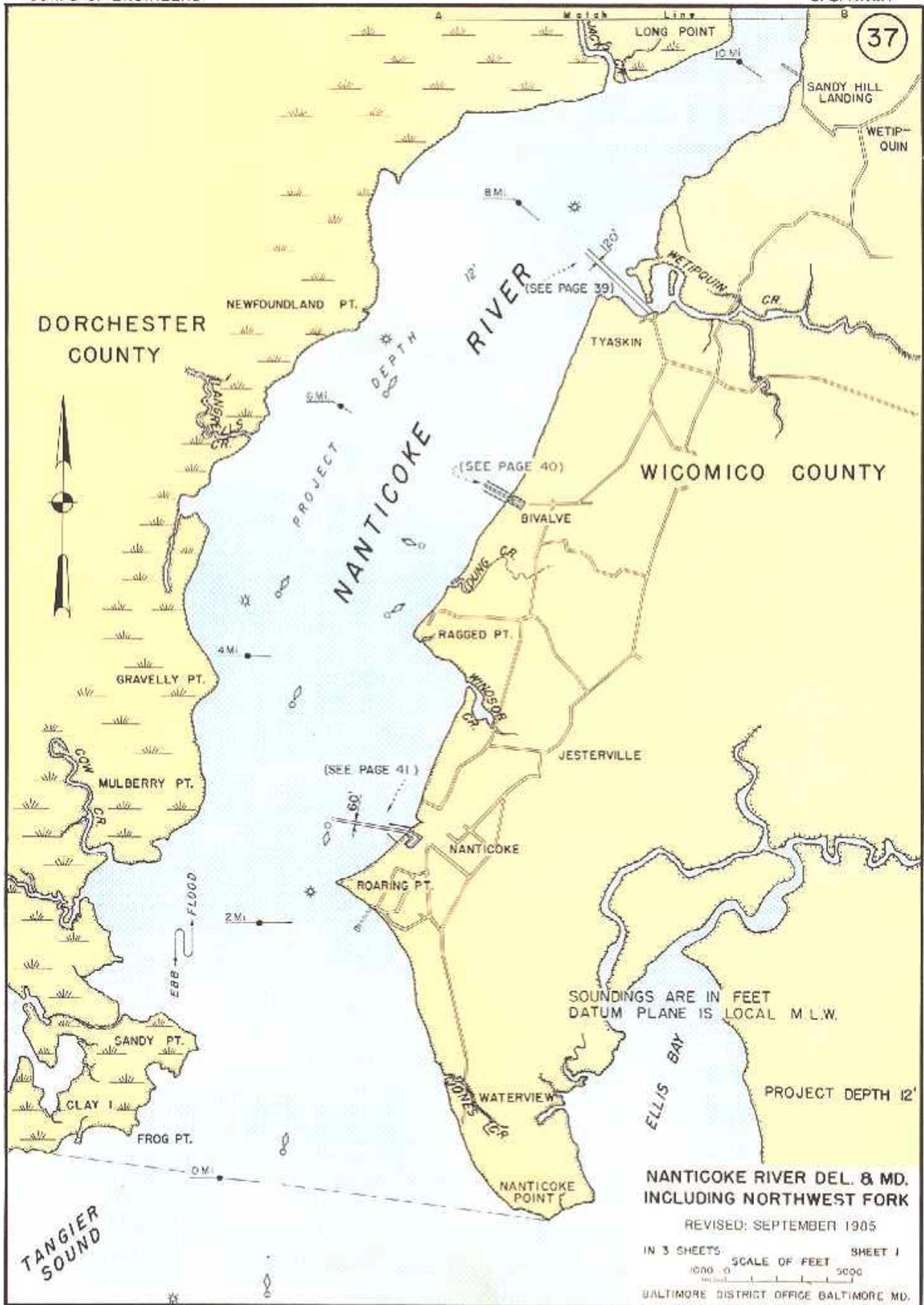
**FY 10 Scheduled Work:**

- None

**FY 11 Potential Work:**

- Engineering and Design for future maintenance dredging project.

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