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New York District

Buttermilk Channel, NY

Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance of Infrastructure and Stewardship

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: Contract award in FY2011 for maintenance dredging with upland placement. Fiscal closeout in FY12.

AUTHORIZATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Federal navigation project was adopted in 1902 and modified in 1913, 1935, and 1962. It provides for: a channel 1,000 ft. wide; 40 feet deep, 500 feet wide along the easterly side and 35 feet deep, 500 ft. wide along the westerly side with suitable widening at the junctions with the East River and Anchorage to a depth of 35 feet, and with Red Hook Channel to a depth of 40 feet. Additional widening to provide a minimum clear channel width of 2,100 ft. to a depth of 35 ft. at the junction with Anchorage and Red Hook Channels.

COMMERCE: The average annual commercial tonnage for Buttermilk Channel is approx. 30,000,000 tons. Primary commodities include manufacturing equipment, food and farm products, forest products, chemicals and fertilizers.

FUNDING: In FY12, approx. \$60K will be received for the project.

STATUS: In FY11, \$8.6 M in the President's budget provided for needed maintenance of approx. 91,065 CYS at a contract cost of \$6.244M, with placement on the upland. Maintenance dredging commenced on July 25, 2011 and was completed on Sep 2, 2011 in Buttermilk Channel to restore project to near authorized dimensions. Donjon Marine Co., Inc. was awarded the contract and utilized the mechanical clam shell Dredge Michigan to perform the dredging with placement on the upland.

Previously, in the FY04/05 cycle, dredged material from Buttermilk Channel was found suitable for HARS (Historic Area Remediation Site) placement in the Atlantic Ocean. On June 19, 2005 the Corps of Engineers hopper dredge *The McFarland* began dredging and placing the material at the HARS, finishing the contract on July 25, 2005. Approximately 58,000 cubic yards of material was dredged and placed at the HARS during this period.

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