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New York District

## Moriches Inlet, NY

### Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance and Stewardship

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**FACT SHEET**

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**DESCRIPTION:** This project is in caretaker status. Maintenance dredging of the inlet was last performed in January 2009 by the Suffolk County Department of Public Works (SCDPW).

**AUTHORIZATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Moriches Inlet Project was authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1960 and the 1985 Supplemental Appropriation Act. The existing Moriches Inlet Federal Navigation Project provides for a channel, 10 ft. deep, 200 ft. wide, extending from that depth in the Atlantic Ocean to Moriches Bay, at a length of approximately 0.8 mile, and a channel, 6 ft. deep, 100 ft. wide, to the Long Island Intracoastal Waterway, length approximately 1.1 miles. In addition, the project includes a deposition area at the entrance of the channel, 14 feet deep plus 2 feet overdepth, 350 feet wide, and 3,000 feet in length.

**STATUS:** During FY 2012, continued monitoring of the conditions of the Federal channel will be performed and controlling depth reports will be published. Coordination with local stakeholders will also continue.

Last maintenance dredging occurred during the winter of 2009. Approximately 460,000 CY of material was removed by Suffolk County and placed at Cupsogue Beach, Smith Point and other areas.

Prior to this last cycle, maintenance dredging of the inlet was last performed by the USACE in February 2004 using Federal/non-Federal cost-share funds. Approximately 250,250 cubic yards of material were removed from the channel and deposition basin and placed along the shoreline west of the jetty.

The most recent condition survey of the Inlet and Controlling Depth Report is located on the webpage below.

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