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New York District

Saugerties Harbor, NY

Maintenance Dredging

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: Maintenance dredging of the Saugerties Harbor, N.Y. Federal Project Channel in Esopus Creek from the entrance at the Hudson River upstream to the U.S. Coast Guard Station (RM 0.0 to 0.4).

AUTHORIZATION: Adopted 1884 and 1902. The project provided for a channel 12 feet deep, 200 feet wide, from deep water in the Hudson River to the Steamboat wharf in the Village of Saugerties. Length – about 0.8 miles. The project is complete.

STATUS: USCG ANT Saugerties Unit has notified the USACE that the Saugerties Harbor Federal Project channel in the Esopus Creek has experienced considerable shoaling that endangers the safe access for their Cutter Wire to its homeport at the Saugerties ANT station. Based on a USACE condition survey performed in FY 2011, the minimum depth of the channel was approximately 7 feet. USCG indicates that failure to dredge the channel may necessitate relocation of their Cutter out of the area, thereby jeopardizing critical ice-breaking and search and rescue missions on the high commercial use Hudson River Federal Navigation channel. The Saugerties Harbor Federal Navigation Channel was last dredged in 1988.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES: Funds are currently not available to perform the required maintenance dredging. Considerable savings could be realized if funds were made available during FY12 in sufficient time to incorporate the Saugerties Harbor dredging work into the proposed FY12 contract to dredge the North Germantown Reach of the Hudson River. In the absence of funding, the required maintenance dredging will be deferred, potentially necessitating the USCG to find an alternate location to homeport their Cutter.

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