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Army Corps of Engineers to dredge Jones Inlet in Nassau County

NEW YORK (Jan. 11, 2008) -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will commence dredging Jones Inlet in Nassau County on Saturday, January 12. The dredging operation will continue for approximately 35 days.

The \$7.6 million project is funded by the State of New York under the terms of a contract awarded by the Army Corps' New York District. The dredge *Illinois* is on site, and will perform the work.

The dredging project is integral in preventing navigational hazards, rehabilitating Point Lookout beaches, protecting private property, and reducing the impacts of erosion on the natural resources of the area.

Approximately 650,000 cubic yards of sand has accumulated in the channel and deposition basins at Jones Inlet federal navigation project.

While maintaining navigational channels such as Jones Inlet is traditionally the responsibility of the federal government, New York State took the action of funding the project to ensure the project was expedited.

The dredging of Jones Inlet federal navigation channel includes placement of sand on the beach at Point Lookout, Long Island.

The dredging will be completed in time for the 2008 boating season, and before the spring nesting season of endangered shorebirds, which nest at Point Lookout.