



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**
New York District

News Release

Contact: Pete Shugert
Phone: (212) 264-1722
E-mail: Peter.H.Shugert@usace.army.mil
Fax: (212) 264-0614

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 17, 2000

Corps completes emergency dredging of Lake Montauk Harbor

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today that emergency dredging of Lake Montauk Harbor on Long Island was completed on March 16, 2000.

Two months ago, the Corps awarded an \$800,000 contract to Gibson and Cushman Dredging Co., Bayshore, Long Island to undertake the project. The contract was awarded under an accelerated process due to an unusual and compelling urgency created by shoaling in the inlet which created a hazard to safe navigation. In fact, a number of vessel groundings had occurred leading up to the dredging.

The Corps removed approximately 45,000 cubic yards of sand and beneficially reused it as beach nourishment for the Town of East Hampton's beach, west of the inlet. In addition, the U.S Coast Guard station boat mooring basin was dredged.

Federal funding provided dredging of the channel to the authorized Federal project depth of 12 feet below Mean Low Water, plus two feet of allowable overdepth. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation funding provided for additional dredging of the channel to a depth of 15 feet below Mean Low Water, except in areas where rock was encountered.

The Corps will soon survey the dredged area to ascertain final volume computations and to verify dredged-depths.