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New York District

Shrewsbury River, NJ

**Federal Navigation Channel Maintenance of
Infrastructure and Stewardship**

FACT SHEET

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DESCRIPTION: Continued engineering and design work with renewed environmental coordination will be performed for the Shrewsbury River in FY 2009. Updating the Plans and Specifications for possible future periodic maintenance dredging of the Shrewsbury River federal navigation channel will be accomplished.

AUTHORIZATION: The Shrewsbury River Federal Navigation Project is authorized by the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1919. The authorization was modified by the Rivers and Harbors Acts of 1935, 1950 and 1965. The existing project in Shrewsbury River consists of the following channels:

- a. A channel about 2.2 miles long, 12 feet deep mlw and 300 feet wide, following the westerly shore from deep water in sandy hook bay to approximately the Route 36 bridge. This is connected to:
- b. A channel (South Branch) about 6.8 miles long, 9 feet deep MLW and 150 feet wide, widened at bends, ending at Branchport Ave in Branchport.
- c. A tributary channel (North Branch) is connected to the South Branch channel at Normandie, which extends up the Navesink River approximately 6.1 miles to Red Bank. This channel has a depth of 6 feet MLW and width of 150 feet.

COMMERCE: No commerce is reported for the Shrewsbury River.

FUNDING: There is \$139K provided in the FY08 Omnibus Bill. No FY07 dredging funds were requested in the President's budget. In FY2006, there was \$360K funding in the President's budget. This funding was used (1) to initiate Plans and Specifications for the possible future maintenance dredging of the Shrewsbury River, (2) to coordinate the search for a placement site provided by local interests, including the NJDEP; and (3) for sampling and testing of the sediments in the shoaled areas to characterize over 200,000 cys of material .

STATUS: Stakeholder participation continues. Placement sites for the material are being coordinated with the NJDEP, NJDOT and local interests. A Public Notice was issued in April 2006. Plans and Specifications for the project will require updating, contingent on available contract funding and an approved placement site. Grain size analyses, performed on approximately 200,000 cubic yards of sediment, show that approximately 160,000 cys of material is 99% sand, suitable for beach nourishment and other beneficial uses. Providing the placement site is a responsibility of local cooperation by the local interests, including the Town of Rumson, Monmouth County, NJ Dept of Environmental Protection. Grain size data are being provided to these entities.

In FY04 and FY05 there was no funding appropriated for this project.

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