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PROJECT FACTSHEET

**Indian River Inlet & Bay
Sussex County, DE**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Reps. Carney (DE-ATL)

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
Operation & Maintenance, General

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Navigation

LOCATION: Project is located at Indian River Inlet, Delaware.

DESCRIPTION: The project was authorized in 1937 (R&H Doc 41, 75th Cong, 1st Session) and modified in 1945 (HD 330, 76th Cong, 1st Session). The authorization includes stabilizing the inlet by the construction of parallel jetties 500 feet apart; the dredging of a channel generally 200 feet wide and 15 feet deep from the inner ends of the jetties to a point in the Bay substantially 7,000 feet from the ocean shore line, a channel 9 feet deep, 100 feet wide in the Bay and 80 feet wide in the River, from that depth in the existing channel in Indian River Bay to and including a turning basin 9 feet deep, 175 feet wide, and 300 feet long at Old Landing; thence about 8,200 feet to the highway bridge at Millsboro, 60 feet wide and 4 feet deep.

BUDGET

DATA (\$000)	ARRA	Comments
FY 08	\$687	
FY 09	\$235	\$3,965
		Dredge inlet and flood shoal and beneficially use material in scour areas
FY 10	\$0	
FY 11	\$100	
		Monitor; Project Condition Surveys

COMMENTS: This project provides a safe navigation channel for commercial, recreational and U.S. Coast Guard use. Indian River Inlet is the only water access point into the Delaware Inland Bay area that includes Indian River Bay and Rehoboth Bay.

ARRA funds were used to perform maintenance dredging of the channel and flood shoal and beneficially use the material by placing it into severe scour holes along the adjacent shoreline of the USCG Station and State of Delaware properties. An environmental assessment was prepared for the ARRA project. Prior to this ARRA project, USACE maintenance dredging had not been conducted in the inlet since 1984. Monitoring condition and management of the inlet channel and scour holes is critical to protect the surrounding infrastructure and Federal investments in the area.

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