



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Philadelphia District

PROJECT FACTSHEET

**Murderkill River
Sussex County, DE**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Rep. Castle (DE-AL)

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
Operation & Maintenance, General

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Navigation

LOCATION: The project is located at Bowers Beach, Sussex County, DE

DESCRIPTION: The existing project was authorized in 1892 (HD 21, 52nd Cong, 1st Session) and modified in 1912 (HD 62-1058) and 1930 (SD 71-106). The project provides for a channel 7 feet deep at mean low water, 60 feet wide in Delaware Bay to mouth, and then 60 feet wide to Frederica, 7.5 miles above mouth. Total length of section included in project is about 8.5 miles.

STATUS: The project was last dredged in FY 2002. The controlling depth identified by a July 2007 channel exam survey is 3.1 feet. Several commercial fishing users have complained about poor navigation conditions and recent groundings. Should sufficient FY 09 funding be received a much needed maintenance dredging project would be accomplished.

BUDGET

DATA (\$000) Comments

FY 06	18	
FY 07	42	
FY 08	19	
FY 09	29	

COMMENTS: Negative Declaration completed on 9 June 1975. Maintenance dredging is performed under Government contract by hydraulic dredge with disposal on the beaches north and south of the mouth of the river as well as in open waters of Delaware Bay.

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