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PROJECT FACTSHEET

**Section 22 Planning Assistance to States, DE & MD
(C&D Canal Recreation Study)**

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Reps. Castle (DE-AL), Gilchrest (MD-1)

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
General Investigations

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
Watershed Planning

AUTHORITY: Section 22, Water Resources Development Act of 1974, as amended.

DESCRIPTION: The Section 22 program provides authority for the Corps of Engineers to assist states, local governments, and other non-Federal entities in preparation of comprehensive plans for development, use and conservation of water and related land resources. The Corps of Engineers can provide technical study (not design or construction) assistance. Studies should be completed within one year; annual funding is generally about \$10 million nationwide. The local sponsor provides half the study cost, and in-kind credit can be applied to 100% of that contribution.

The goal of the C&D Canal Recreation Study is to work with Delaware and Maryland State agencies and other interested partners to investigate potential future recreational usage of the C&D Canal for the citizens of Delaware and Maryland.

Public workshops were held in April and December 2005 to gather input and opinions on the recreational facilities that should be considered for the conceptual design and Study inclusion. The Working Group also completed a Trail Concept Design report in 2006. In addition, a future goal of the Working Group is to develop a Master Plan for the C&D Canal property for recreational development, management, and a schedule for implementation.

STATUS: The immediate goal is to complete Phase 1 of the trail project, which encompasses approximately 16 miles of trail from Delaware City, Del., to Chesapeake City, Md. Phase 1 of the project will also include the construction of four trailheads providing trail access and amenities. The tentative goal is to have 100% plans and specifications completed in March 2009 with construction beginning in September 2009 under another authority. No further funding is required for this study under Section 22. Additional funding will be pursued through Operations Division.

FINANCIAL

DATA (\$000)	Fed	Non-Fed	Total
Total Cost	185	185	370

BUDGET

DATA (\$000)		Comments
Thru FY 07	185	Fully funded.
FY 08	0	
FY 09	0	

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SPONSOR: The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is the sponsor for this project.

COMMENTS: Additional Public Workshops were held in January 2008 to transmit/discuss the 30% project designs and solicit public comments.

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