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Chesapeake & Delaware (C&D) Canal Trail

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CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: Reps. Carney (DE-AL), Harris (MD-1)

APPROPRIATION / PHASE:
N/A

BUSINESS PROGRAM:
N/A

AUTHORITY: Operations

DESCRIPTION: The C&D Canal Trail is the result of a previous Section 22 study that worked with Delaware and Maryland State agencies and other interested partners to investigate the potential future recreational usage of the C&D Canal for the citizens of Delaware, Maryland and the surrounding region. The goal of the project is to create a multi-use trail along the canal for walkers, joggers, equestrians, and bicyclists, which encompasses approximately 16 miles of trail from Delaware City, Del., to City, Md. The planned project will also include the construction of four trailheads providing trail access and amenities. Additional segments of trail would be phased in, depending on future federal funding.

Public workshops were held in April and December 2005 to gather input and opinions on the recreational facilities that were considered in the conceptual design and study inclusion. The Working Group also completed a Trail Concept Design report in 2006. The Water Resources Development Act of 2007 added recreation as a project purpose for the C&D Canal.

Additional Public Workshops were held in January 2008 to transmit/discuss the 30% project designs with the public. A draft Environmental Assessment was released to the public for review and comment in January 2008 and The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process was completed in July 2008.

STATUS: Due to the lack of federal funding, the plans and specifications were completed by the State partners in July 2009. Additional federal funding will be pursued through Operations and Maintenance Division.

COST: The estimated cost to complete the C&D Canal Trail is \$15 M.

ISSUES: Awaiting implementation guidance from USACE Headquarters Office. In addition, recreation is lower priority than navigation and bridge maintenance for the C&D Canal.

SPONSOR: The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is a potential sponsor for this project. They were the non-federal sponsor for the Section 22 recreation study.

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