

District awards contract to dredge North Cove Federal Navigation Project in Old Saybrook  
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Maintenance dredging of the North Cove Federal Navigation Project in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, will be completed under the terms of a \$4,283,562.50 contract recently awarded by the New England District. Work will be accomplished by DonJon Marine Company, Inc. of Hillside, New Jersey.

Dredging is scheduled to start in the fall of 2017 and take about 3-4 months to complete. The contract was awarded on Sept. 20.

“Approximately 286,000 cubic yards of predominantly silty sediment will be removed by mechanical dredge from the 11-foot deep entrance channel, 11-foot deep anchorage and 6-foot deep anchorage,” said Project Manager Craig Martin, Programs and Project Management Division.

“With the extensive number of shallow draft projects nationwide competing for limited Federal funding, this maintenance event would not have been possible without the financial support of the state of Connecticut and commitment of its Port Authority to make it happen,” Martin said.

The state of Connecticut bonded \$7,500,000 in 2015 for the permitting, design and construction of the maintenance dredging project.

Silty shoal material removed from the cove will be placed in dump scows and hauled approximately 35 miles southwest by water route to the Central Long Island Sound Disposal Site and placed at predesignated coordinates. All dredging operations in the entrance channel and 11-foot anchorage will occur between Oct. 1, 2017 and Jan. 31, 2018 to minimize impact to natural resources in the area.

All dredging operations in the 6-foot anchorage will occur between Oct. 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018 to minimize impact to natural resources in the area.

The last time the channel was maintained was in 2008 when approximately 175,000 cubic yards of sediment were removed.

The project will be managed by the Corps under supervision of a Quality Assurance Representative to assure compliance with contract requirements.

For details on the North Cove Federal Navigation Project visit the Connecticut River site at: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Navigation/Connecticut/Connecticut-River/>.

A map is available at:

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Portals/74/docs/Navigation/CT/CRB/CRBMap.pdf>.

For contract information visit:

[www.nae.usace.army.mil/BusinessWithUs/Contracting.aspx](http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/BusinessWithUs/Contracting.aspx).