



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**
Charleston District

Project Fact Sheet

Georgetown Harbor, SC

Georgetown County, SC

P2#: 111484

Congressional Districts: Tom Rice (SC-7)

Appropriation:

Operation & Maintenance

Phase:

NA

Business Line:

Navigation

Authority: Multiple River and Harbor Acts. Beginning 1886, Latest RHA of 1948 (P.L. 858)

Location Description: The project is located on the coast of South Carolina at the entrance of Winyah Bay.

Project Description: Consists of maintenance of 19 miles of channel and one turning basin and includes three disposal areas for a total of 550 acres. The Port of Georgetown is largely a break-bulk facility - the shipping of goods that won't economically or physically fit in standard 20-foot-long containers, such as coal or cement. Sampit River and Upper Winyah Bay require dredging yearly and the entrance channel every other year. The three upland disposal areas used for this project require ongoing annual maintenance and periodic dike raising. The estimated annual appropriations needed are approximately \$5M - \$6M per year. The inside channel was last dredged in August 2008. The entrance channel was last dredged in February 2006.

Current Status: As of 15 April 2019 - Georgetown County has communicated to the District that it is examining alternative uses for the sales tax revenue it intended to contribute to the project depth recovery effort. The County and District have had preliminary discussions about the County contributing these funds for maintenance dredging of the bypass channel that services the Historic Downtown Georgetown Harborwalk area. Ultimately, the choice of whether to proceed with contributed funds is up to the County and the District will support them if requested.

FY20 Capability: President's Budget Amt: \$0
Total Capability: \$8,118,000

Impacts of not funding: Failure to maintain the channels and disposal areas will eventually close down the port.

Sponsor: South Carolina State Ports Authority

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