



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: N/A

Business Line: Navigation

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

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

Project 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.

Status As of 2 November 2022 - Georgetown County again submitted a letter of interest in February 2022 for the Corps to conduct a study regarding siltation in portions of the inner harbor as a follow-on study to modeling and work commissioned by the county and conducted by Coastal Carolina University (CCU) and GEL Engineering. The request for a federal study is competing with other budget work packages as a new start. For FY23, \$25k was identified in the President's Budget and will be used to continue to coordinate with the SC Ports Authority and Georgetown County on the future of the project.

Sponsor: South Carolina Ports Authority

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