



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Wilmington District

Wilmington Harbor Navigation Improvements, NC (Navigation - Investigations)

- **Sponsor: State of North Carolina**
- **NCSPA completed Feasibility Report under Sec. 203 of WRDA 1986 Authority**
- **Conditional deepening Authorized in Sec. 403 of WRDA 2020**
- **USACE must complete Sec. 403 letter report to address ASA(CW) review assessment comments**
- **FY 2022 Community project grant of \$500k to complete the letter report**



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 7

DATE: 01 APRIL 2022

1. **AUTHORIZATION:** Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (WRDA 2020) (Sec. 403(a)(5)).
2. **LOCATION, DESCRIPTION AND IMPROVEMENTS DESIRED:** A feasibility study to examine alternatives to improve these areas of the Wilmington Harbor project was completed by the North Carolina State Ports Authority (NCSPA) in 2020.
3. **PURPOSE:** Conduct necessary analysis for a Letter Report to the ASA(CW) addressing the comments of the conditional authorization of a 47' deepening of Wilmington Harbor in Section 403 of WRDA 2020. The comments to be addressed were in the ay 2020 ASA(CW) Review Assessment of the NC State Port Authority's (NCSPA) Section 203 feasibility study of improvements to the Federal navigation project at Wilmington Harbor.
4. **COST ESTIMATE:**

Preconstruction Engineering & Design (PED)

\$ TBD	(Federal)
<u>\$ TBD</u>	(non-Federal)
\$ TBD	Total

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Construction

\$ 625,500,000	(Federal)
<u>\$ 208,500,000</u>	(non-Federal)
\$ 834,000,000	Total

The NCSPA's estimated project costs at \$834,000,000.

5. **FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION THRU FY 2021:** \$49K.
6. **FY 2022 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET:** \$0. Final Bill: Community Project Funding - \$500,000.
7. **FY 2023 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET:** \$0; Capability TBD but at least \$1,000,000
8. **KEY DATES:** TBD.
9. **OTHER INFORMATION:**

USACE is currently working with NCSPA to scope out additional efforts that need to be accomplished to answer the ASA(CW)'s comments include the completion of NEPA. The NCSPA's recommended plan is to deepen to 47 feet at various widths along the navigation channel. The ASA(CW) review assessment determined the recommended plan is technically sound and feasible from an engineering perspective. The Section 403 Report will be conducted under a 50%-50% cost share agreement between USACE and NCSPA as the non-Federal sponsor.

Sec. 403 WRDA Language

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary may only carry out a project authorized under subsection (a)—

(1) substantially in accordance with the applicable review assessment for the project submitted by the Secretary under section 203(c) of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as identified in subsection (a) of this section, and subject to such modifications or conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate and identifies in a final assessment that addresses the concerns, recommendations, and conditions identified by the Secretary in the applicable review assessment; and

(2) after the Secretary transmits to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate such final assessment.