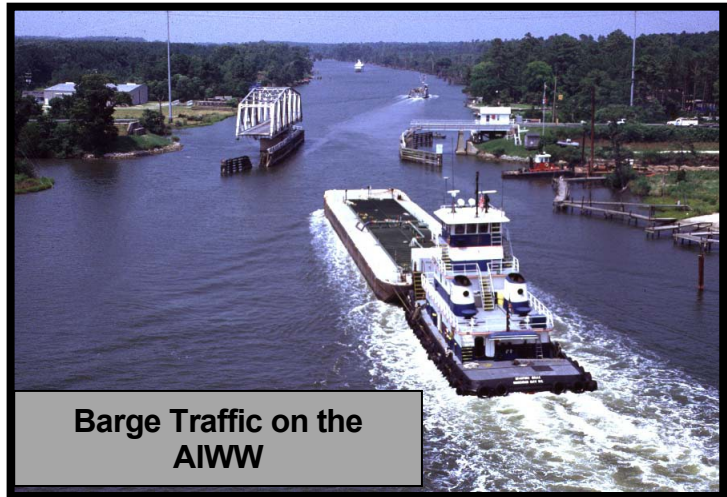




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Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW) – Wilmington District (Navigation) (O&M)

- Continued interest from Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association (AIWA).
- Contracts awarded in FY2022 are ongoing and, focused on maintenance dredging and placement site evaluations.
- FY2023 funding will be used to award maintenance dredging and placement area site repair contracts.



CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: NC 3, 7

DATE: 10 MARCH 2023

1. **AUTHORIZATION:** River and Harbor Acts of 1912, 1927, and 1937, as amended.
2. **LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:** The project is located on the east coast of the United States, between Norfolk, Virginia and the St. Johns River, Florida. The section within the Wilmington District begins at the Virginia-North Carolina state line and extends generally southerly and southwestwardly to North Carolina-South Carolina state line, a total of 308 channel miles. The authorized project consists of a waterway, 12 feet deep, with varying widths of 90 to 300 feet.
3. **FY 2022 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION:** \$13,072,000. This amount included \$5,950,000 in President's Budget funding, \$4,552,000 in FY 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, and \$2,570,000 in FY22 Work Plan funding.
4. **FY 2023 FEDERAL FUNDING ALLOCATION:** \$15,805,000. Funds are being used to perform hydrographic surveys, real estate, environmental monitoring, and maintenance dredging located within the high commercial use segment (approximately 2 million tons) in support of navigation commerce traversing to/from Morehead City Harbor and critical inlet crossings to ensure safe transit of commercial cargo and recreational vessels, and placement area maintenance.
5. **FY 2024 PRESIDENT'S BUDGET:** \$6,373,000. Funds will be used to perform hydrographic surveys, real estate, environmental monitoring, and award of a maintenance dredging contract located within the high commercial use segment (approximately 2 million tons) channels of the project. Additional capabilities in the amount of \$11,873,000 could be used for the following:

PROJECT INFORMATION - AIWW - Wilmington District (Navigation) (O&M) – Continued

Work Description	Amount
Additional Maintenance Dredging between Morehead City and Little River, SC	\$4,297,000
Additional Maintenance Dredging between Morehead City and Norfolk, VA	\$3,076,000
Government Plant Mooring Clusters and Dock Repairs	\$300,000
Perform contract placement area maintenance for northern reaches	\$4,200,000
Total	11,873,000

6. **FY2024 BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW:** \$20,250,000. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funds in the amount of \$20,250,000 will be used for placement area maintenance of the southern reaches (\$5,250,000) and shoreline protection of Snows Cut federally owned lands within the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (AIWW), NC (\$15,000,000).

7. **ISSUE AND/OR STATUS:** The users of the AIWW, which are adversely impacted by lack of channel maintenance, include:

- US Coast Guard search and rescue operations
- Barge traffic supporting intermodal transportation to deep draft ports
- Military equipment and supply transportation barges and vessels (DOD)
- Commercial fishing vessels
- Recreational vessels
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessels (NOAA)
- US Army Corps of Engineers dredging vessels
- Industry dredging vessels

Two major industries in North Carolina, Nucor Steel and PCS Phosphate, use the AIWW to ship raw materials and finished products to and from the state port at Morehead City. In addition, the state’s seafood industry uses the AIWW and connecting channels.