



Double Bayou, TX

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FACT SHEET as of February 21, 2012

AUTHORIZATION: House Doc 387, 55th Congress, 2nd Session

TYPE OF PROJECT: Navigation

PROJECT PHASE: O&M



CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST: Senators Hutchinson and Cornyn (TX), and Representative Paul (TX-14)

NON-FEDERAL SPONSOR: Chambers-Liberty Counties Navigation District

BACKGROUND: Double Bayou is just north of the junction of Farm roads 1985 and 562, fifty miles southwest of Beaumont in west central Chambers County, Texas. The Double Bayou project consists of a shallow draft channel that extends from the 7-foot contour in Trinity Bay to the Mouth of Double Bayou at Oak Island, Texas; and then follows the meanders of the West Fork of Double Bayou for 2 miles. The total length of the Channel is 5.9 miles.

STATUS: The project was not in the FY2011 President's Budget.

ISSUES: The channel is authorized to 7 feet MLT but portions of the channel are restricted to less than 2 feet as a result of a lack of funding to properly maintain project dimensions. Double is utilized by recreational and commercial fishing vessels with no commercial tonnage; therefore, it is difficult to compete nationally for funding using performance based metrics. The inability to maintain project dimensions is resulting in no navigation for boats servicing offshore oil rigs, commercial fishing and deep draft shrimp boats, marine service vessels, and unsafe passage for recreational boaters. The last maintenance contract was completed Oct 2001. The recommended dredging frequency for this channel is every 4 years. Currently the channel has areas shoaled to less than 2 feet and impacting navigation especially for commercial vessels.

<u>FINANCIAL SUMMARY (\$):</u>	<u>O&M</u>
Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Non-Federal Cost Estimate	N/A
Total Project Cost	N/A
Allocation for FY 2010	0
ARRA Funding	0
Allocation for FY 2011	0
Allocation for FY 2012	0
President Budget FY 2013	0
Amount That Could Be Used for FY 2013	227,000
Balance to Complete	N/A

SCHEDULE:

FY 2012 Scheduled Work: Not in the President's FY 2012 budget.

FY 2013 Budget: Not in the President's FY 2013 budget. If funding was provided in FY 2013, a Preliminary Assessment could be completed to identify placement area capacity for future disposal of dredged material (\$227,000).

COMPLETION: N/A

For more information regarding the Double Bayou, TX project, contact Mr. Pete Perez, P.E., Deputy District Engineer, Chief, Programs and Project Management Division at (409) 766-3018 or Pete.G.Perez@usace.army.mil.



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