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Norfolk District projects to receive \$27 million in President's proposed 2006 Civil Works budget

Norfolk, VA – President Bush's proposed Fiscal Year 2006 (FY 06) budget transmitted to Congress on 7 February includes \$4.513 billion in new federal funding for the Civil Works program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Of that sum, a total of more than \$27 million is slated for a variety of projects to be carried out by Norfolk District in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The district has identified some \$75 million in funding opportunities, broken down in three categories as shown:

	President's Proposed Budget Funding for FY 06	FY 06 Funding Opportunities
General Investigations	\$1.2 million	\$4 million
Construction General	\$4 million	\$36 million
Operations and Maintenance	\$22.6 million	\$35 million

General Investigations – Projects in the study phase identified for FY 06 funding include:

- \$40,000 for an ecosystem restoration and protection study in Mathews County;

- \$150,000 for the first phase of the Dismal Swamp Canal and Vicinity (Deep Creek Watershed) Study (environmental restoration and flood control);
- \$500,000 for planning, engineering and design of the first phase of the Elizabeth River Environmental Restoration (sediment remediation at Scuffletown Creek);
- \$200,000 for a feasibility study for the second phase of the Elizabeth River Environmental Restoration (continued work at Paradise Creek);
- \$400,000 for the Lynnhaven River Environmental Restoration Study.

Construction General -- \$4 million was budgeted for ongoing construction of the Virginia Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project.

Operations and Maintenance – Full or partial funding to continue operation and maintenance of the following projects was included in the budget:

- \$1.67 million for the Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway
- \$275,000 for the Dismal Swamp Canal of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway (partial operation of flood control structures)
- \$900,000 for Chincoteague Inlet
- \$2 million for operation of Gathright Dam and Lake Moomaw
- \$3.2 million for the James River Channel
- \$11.2 million for Norfolk Harbor (includes funding for operation of Craney Island Dredged Material Management Area)
- \$635,000 for Rudee Inlet
- \$600,00 Tangier Channel
- \$200,000 for Waterway on the Coast of Virginia
- \$825,000 for Hampton Roads Harbor Drift Removal

As proposed, projects and activities that would not be budgeted for FY 06 include the following:

- Norfolk Harbor and Channel Deepening (Phase III)
- Native Oyster Restoration in the Chesapeake Bay
- Non-Native Oyster Environmental Impact Statement
- Willoughby Spit & Vicinity Storm Damage Reduction Study
- Craney Island Eastward Expansion Feasibility Study
- Operations and Maintenance activities on several waterways

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