

FACT SHEET
Manatee Harbor, FL
Construction (C)
Congressional District: 14,16

1. DESCRIPTION

The project provides for Federal maintenance of an existing 40-foot deep by 400-foot wide entrance channel and basin, construction of new wideners at the northwest end of the entrance channel, and enlarging the turning basin to 1300 feet in diameter. The entrance channel extends approximately 3 miles from the turning basin to its intersection with the Tampa Harbor Main channel. Phase I was completed in December 1996 providing a clean entrance channel. Phase II was completed in December 2005 providing new wideners and turning basin enlargement.

2. FUNDING

Estimated Total Cost	\$75,741,000
Estimated Federal Cost	48,997,000
Allocation thru FY13	38,648,040
Allocation for FY14	0
President's Budget FY15	0

3. SPONSOR

Manatee County Port Authority
Port Manatee/Tampa Bay
300 Tampa Bay Way, Suite I
Palmetto, Florida 34221-6608

4. STATUS

A General Reevaluation Report (GRR) for the new Phase III was prepared in May 2007 adding a channel extension 1590 feet long by 400 feet wide for access to new berthing areas. The GRR identified offshore placement for dredged material but included a locally preferred plan to expand an existing upland placement site. The Manatee County Port Authority (MCPA) requested consideration of a new placement site at Piney Point via letter dated March 29, 2007. The GRR has not been completed while the Piney Point issue was deliberated.

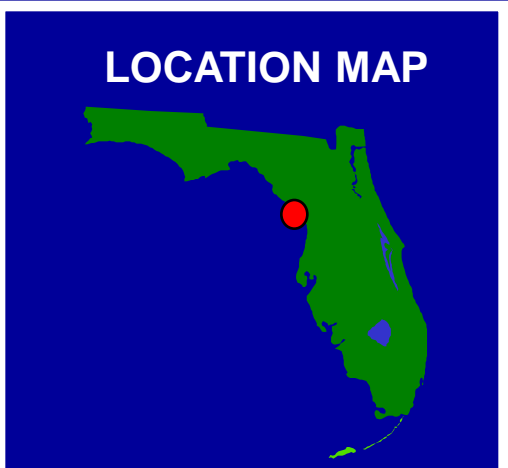
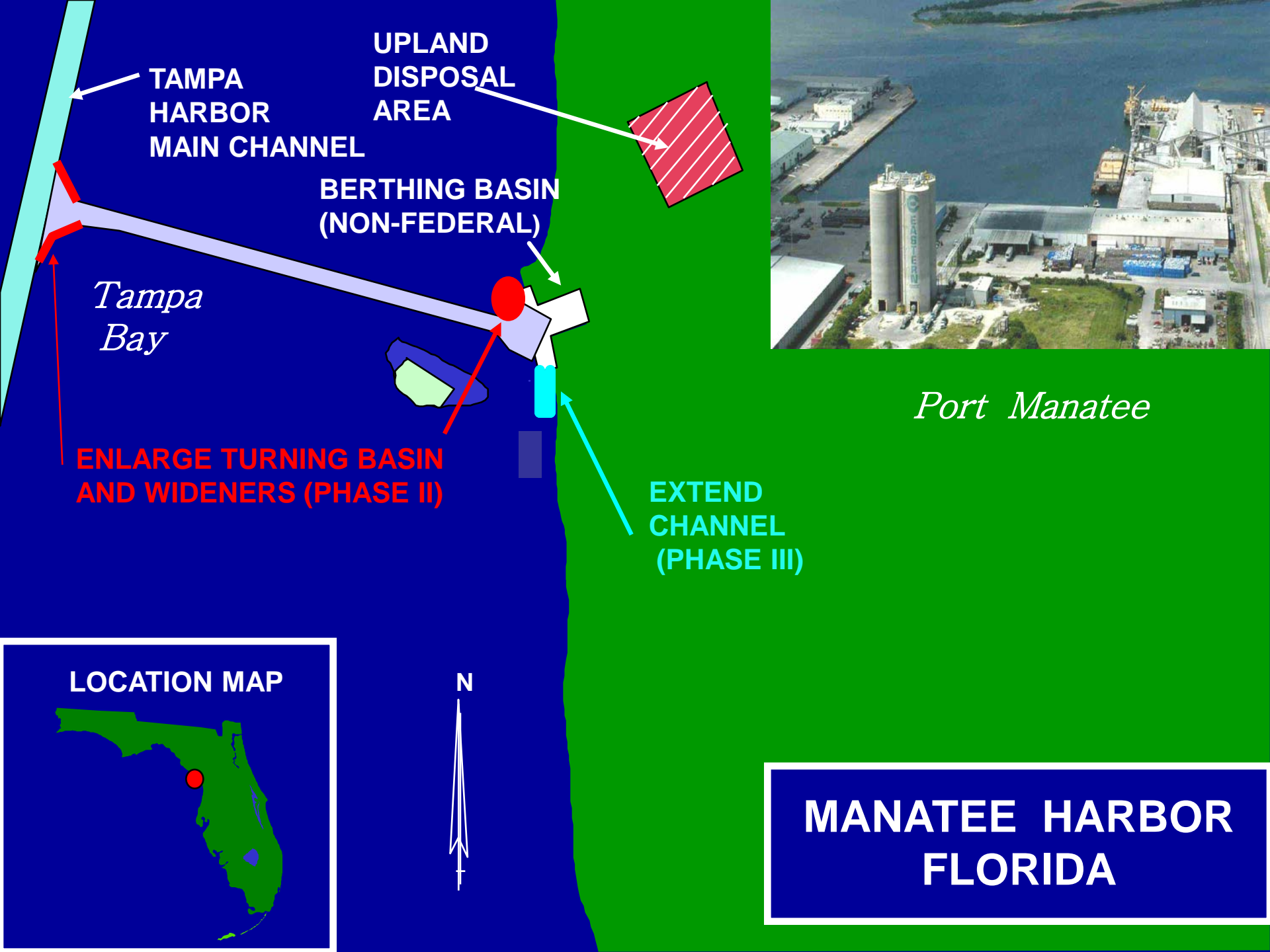
Piney Point is a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) site. The site is a phosphate facility that contains low levels of radiation and heavy metals. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has

closed the phosphate facility, permanently lining three of the four storage ponds with a protective sealer.

The Jacksonville District on November 16, 2009, informed the MCPA by letter that the District does not endorse the use of Piney Point as the dredged material disposal site for Phase III of the Manatee Harbor Navigation Project due to liability concerns. On June 28, 2010, the District informed the Florida Department of Environmental Protection by letter of the same decision after reviewing the State risk assessment.

The Manatee County Port Authority proceeded with project construction without Corps' involvement. They awarded a contract to Great Lakes Dredging & Dock Company (GLDD), in the amount of \$14,828,254.55, for the dredging of Phase III using Piney Point as the disposal site. Dredging was completed in September 2011.

The Project Sponsor is currently interested in completing the GRR efforts to seek reimbursement or credit for the dredging of Phase III without inclusion of Piney Point. Efforts to finalize the GRR is on-going.



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