ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS
EVALUATING POTENTIAL IMPACTS

THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)

NEPA is a Federal law enacted in 1969. As required by NEPA, the Corps is evaluating potential environmental impacts that may be caused by the proposed navigation improvements at Manatee Harbor.

The findings will be explained in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The EIS will be available for public review and comment before any decisions are made or actions are taken. Your input at this meeting helps the Corps in identifying key environmental issues that may need to be evaluated.

EXAMINING POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO RESOURCES

The objective of this project is to contribute to National Economic Development consistent with environmental statutes.

The Environmental Impact Statement will evaluate potential effects on resources such as:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Archaeological/Cultural Resources
- Essential Fish Habitat
- Contaminants
- Navigation
- Noise
- Recreation
- Benthic Resources
- Socioeconomics
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Turbidity
- Blasting
- Wildlife Resources

AESTHETICS

Adverse impacts to the scenic value of Tampa Bay are evaluated during the design process.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

The project area is surveyed for cultural resources such as historic and prehistoric archaeological sites. If found, the resources are protected or relocated prior to construction. (Image: Florida Photographic Collection)

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT

Impacts to the water column (sanogas, seagrass, and benthic habitats) are evaluated and appropriate protective measures are established to mitigate negative impacts for unavoidable impacts.

THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES

Sponges perform numerous services: stabilize the sea bottom, provide food and habitat (including nursery areas) for other marine life, maintain water quality, and support local economies.

HARDGROUNDS

If this area is selected, a permit will be issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) for possession and handling of a permit.

WILDLIFE RESOURCES

Measures will be taken during project design to avoid, and/or minimize adverse impacts to migratory birds and other wildlife resources.

A Map of the project area is included for your reference.

LOCATION MAP

Legend:

- Tampa Bay
- Manatee Harbor
- Manatee Bridge
- Lagoon
- Sea Level Rise
- Existing Beach
- Proposed Beach
- Proposed Park
- Proposed Maritime Park
- Existing Land Use
- Proposed Land Use
- Existing Roadway
- Proposed Roadway

Legend:

- Manatee Harbor (Includes Existing Non-Federal Areas)
- Non-Federal Areas
- South Channel (Existing Non-Federal Area: Separate Study Evaluating Channel for Federal Participation)
- Deepening & Widening of the Entrance Channel & Turning Basin (Existing Federal Channel)

5 – 14: Bath locations

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