



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS  
701 San Marco Boulevard  
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32207-8175

JAN 12 2018

RE: NEPA Scoping Meetings and Comment Period for the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW): Caloosahatchee to Anclote River Federal Navigation Project

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Jacksonville District, is gathering information to define issues and concerns associated with operations and maintenance dredging of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW), including those related to placement locations for the dredged material. The Corps is preparing a Dredge Readiness and Operation Plan (DROP) for the GIWW, and is also preparing for an upcoming project to conduct maintenance dredging of the GIWW near Venice, Florida.

The proposed DROP will outline maintenance dredging priorities within the 160-mile GIWW over the next 10-15 years, including the 2018 maintenance dredging event near Venice. The proposed dredging priorities are located within Manatee, Sarasota, and Lee Counties (see attached location map). Each of the proposed dredge priorities have experienced a higher degree of shoaling and sediment deposition than other areas within the GIWW. The proposed DROP would also address dredged material placement locations [e.g., Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site (ODMDS), upland placement areas] and opportunities for beneficial reuse of sediments (e.g., nearshore placement and/or beach nourishment).

The proposed work near Venice would involve maintenance dredging along an approximately 5-mile stretch of the GIWW south of Venice Inlet and include areas within the inlet. Depending on the quality of the sediment, dredged material would be placed in approved upland placement areas adjacent to the GIWW and/or nearshore and beach areas through beneficial reuse (see attached location map).

The Corps will hold two (2) Public Scoping Meetings, one in Bradenton and one in Venice, to provide information about and solicit comments on these proposed activities. Individuals and organizations that are interested in the proposed DROP, or whose interests may be affected by the proposed maintenance dredging, are encouraged to attend either of the scoping meetings. Individuals and organizations that are interested in the proposed maintenance dredging near Venice are encouraged to attend the scoping meeting in Venice. While both meetings will include information about the proposed DROP, the scoping meeting held in Venice will include additional information regarding the proposed 2018 GIWW maintenance dredging activities near Venice.

At each meeting, the Corps will make the same brief presentation at 4:00 pm and again at 5:15 pm. The Project Team will be available after the presentations to discuss the proposed projects, and posters describing the project in detail will be displayed.

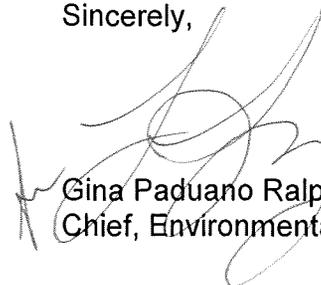
<b>WHAT</b>	NEPA Scoping Meetings	
<b>WHEN</b>	Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018 (Bradenton)	Scoping Meeting 4:00 - 5:45 PM
	Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018 (Venice)	Scoping Meeting 4:00 - 6:00 PM
<b>WHERE</b>	Braden River Library Branch 4915 53 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. E Bradenton, Florida 34203	
	Venice Community Center Room A 326 S. Nokomis Ave. Venice, Florida 34285	

The Corps welcomes your views and comments, which will be incorporated into the NEPA assessments. **Please submit written comments by February 16, 2018, via hard copy or email to:**

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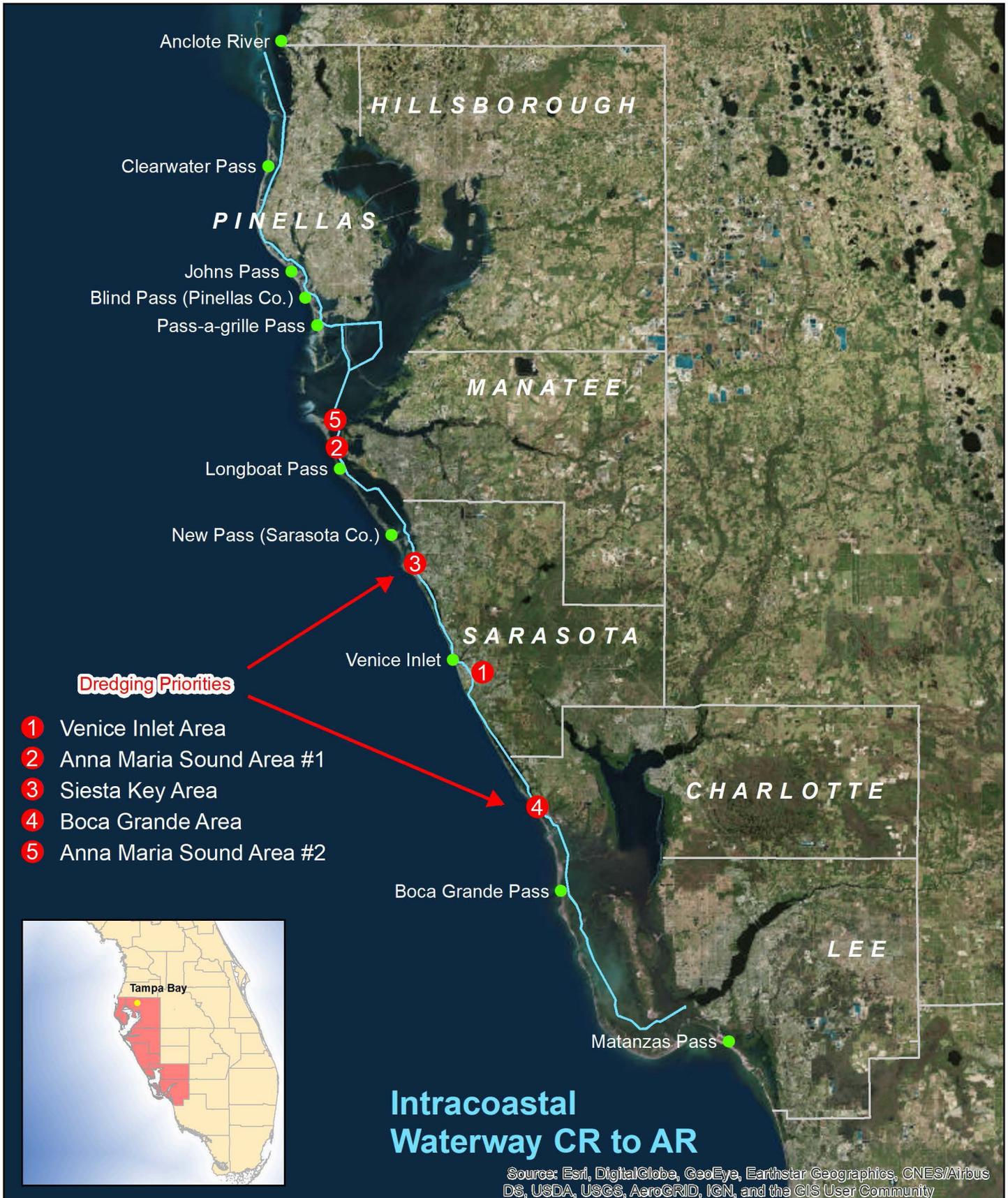
All individuals who provide comments will be included in future mailings. Others may be added to the mailing list by making a written request to the address or email above. Individuals with disabilities who require assistance to participate in the scoping meeting or to provide comments on the document should contact the project ecologist, Aubree Hershorin, at [Aubree.G.Hershorin@usace.army.mil](mailto:Aubree.G.Hershorin@usace.army.mil) or (904) 232-2136.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community



**US Army Corps of Engineers**  
Jacksonville District

## Dredge Readiness and Operation Plan Overview of dredging priority areas

Date: Jan 5, 2018

**Gulf Intracoastal Waterway**  
Caloosahatchee River to Anclote River

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