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Upper Navesink River State Channel dredging project completed in Middletown, Monmouth County Navigation safety restored from Swimming River Park boat ramp

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the completion of navigation dredging of the Upper Navesink River Channel located in Middletown, Monmouth County.

The \$5 million state funded dredging project returned the Upper Navesink River Channel to a state of good repair and provides boaters access from the boat ramp at Swimming River Park to the Shrewsbury River Channel. In January 2025, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) finished a navigation dredging project that deepened the Federal channel in South Branchport Creek from the Long Branch Municipal Boat Ramp to Shrewsbury Bay and the Federal channel in the Upper Navesink River. NJDOT's dredging project provides a seamless and safe transit from the Swimming River Park boat ramp to the Federal channel.

NJDOT's contractor, Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe Inc., removed 14,000 cubic yards (CY) of material from the channel to create a depth of at least 4-foot mean low water (MLW) from the Swimming River Park boat ramp to the Route 35 Bridge and 5 feet from the Route 35 Bridge to the Shrewsbury River Channel, with 1 foot of possible over depth.

The dredged material was beneficially utilized as cover at the Monmouth County Reclamation Center. NJDOT would like to thank the Monmouth County Park System, the Monmouth County Reclamation Center and Middletown Township for their support throughout the duration of the project.

Mariners should be advised that State Aids to Navigation (ATON) were removed as necessary for the duration of the project and are expected to be replaced in the spring for the 2025 boating season

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