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Memorandum

Date: March 13, 2019
To: Website Update
From: Bob Robertson, Project Administration Department Director
Subject: Anclote River Dredge Project Status Update

Below is a summary of the Anclote River Dredge Project status.

Project work continues by the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). This project falls under the USACE jurisdiction and is being monitored by City staff.

Pinellas County and has committed to funding the design and permitting phase of the project up to \$300,000. The State of Florida has approved a grant of up to \$676,046 for securing a property and for the construction of a storage and dewatering system on the property for the sediments that will be dredged from the river. This upland site is the primary target location for sediment storage and dewatering. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) will be administering the grant on behalf of the State.

The United States Congress made \$3.5M of funding available to the USACE for this project in July 2018. **However, this funding has been reprioritized and is currently unavailable for this project (and similar projects nationwide).** The recent federal government shut down caused significant delays in attempts to reinstate funding. Congressman Gus Bilirakis has been working with Senator Marco Rubio to try to establish a timeline for emergency supplemental funding in hopes of reinstating project funding.