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Outstanding!
New England District's 2006 Year in Review

Only one word can describe the year the New England District had in 2006... Outstanding!

Whether it was working to strengthen the nation's military through solid engineering or, developing and managing New England's water resources through its many civil works missions such as improving harbors and navigation, protecting stream banks and shorelines while preserving and safeguarding the environment or, working hand-in-hand with other federal agencies, the states, and local cities and towns to regulate waters and wetlands, assisting in responding to disasters, restoring the environment or continuing to support the Global War on Terror, the members of the New England District team continued to provide superb service to the people of New England and the nation.

New England District team members continued to support the Global War on Terror and our Water Planning Response Team proudly took lead of the NAD water mission for the 2006 Hurricane Season. When the call for help came right from its own backyard, the District team sprung into action and provided technical assistance and sand bags when the Mother's Day flood of 2006 strained New England dams and sewer systems - the District's Blackwater, Franklin Falls, and Hopkinton-Everett dams successfully held back the rising flood waters without overflowing.

Always on the forefront of environmental restoration, we completed the draft Detailed Project Report/Environmental Assessment for the Bird Island Tern Nesting Habitat Restoration in Marion, Mass. Dredging remediation at the New Bedford Harbor site in Mass., commenced in August and was completed in mid-October



Jamie Kordack holds Floozy, the Katrina survivor she helped save while she volunteered her time at an animal shelter. The storm left thousands of pets without their owners and in desperate need of help.



Volunteers planted 6,500 saltmarsh plants at Allin's Cove in Rhode Island. Volunteers participated in many Corps-sponsored initiatives, saving the U.S. Government thousands in labor costs.

with over 20,000 cubic yards of sediments removed from the harbor. Great things continue to happen at the Eastland Woolen Mill Site in Corinna, Me., as we finished drilling to complete a round of treatment injections at the site. As part of our Interagency support program that provides our engineering expertise to other federal agencies, we made great progress on the construction of the Department of Homeland Security Border Patrol Stations in Maine.

The District's primary civil works missions to develop and manage the New England region's water resources with its projects that reduce flood damage, improve harbors and navigation channels, protect streambanks and shorelines and safeguard the environment, continue to surpass expectations and this year, our great successes in the navigation mission centered on maintenance dredging. Work at Pawtuxet Cove in R.I., was finished on time and on budget;



Ruth Ladd stands near a pile of woody mulch material that she helped distribute to Mississippi farmers during the Hurricane Katrina Recovery effort.



The Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs" host Mike Rowe checks the gas meter before entering the Stamford Hurricane Barrier to help "clean" it. The television show featured the cleaning of the New England District project in a December episode.

Phase 1 of the Norwalk Harbor dredging project was completed; and, the Corps of Engineers dredge, CURRITUCK, visited the region to successfully dredge in Aunt Lydia's Cove in Mass., and Block Island Harbor of Refuge in

R.I.

The New England District pioneered the concept of hurricane protection barriers and has built five and operates and maintains the barriers in New Bedford, Mass., and Stamford, Conn.



The New England District Ranger Color Guard stand at attention in front of the historical Minuteman Statue in Concord, Mass., during one of their public appearances this year.



Summer Park Ranger Frankie Morrissey shows off his snake charming skills.



Despite pounding floodwaters, the Upper Mystic Lakes Dam in Medford, Mass., remained intact during the Mother's Day Flood that ravaged the region. The New England District provided technical assistance during the event.

The Discovery Channel highlighted the dewatering of the Stamford Hurricane Barrier on the hit show, "Dirty Jobs."

Support to our nation's Armed Forces continues to be a priority and this year the team celebrated the completion of the Security Forces Operations facility at Westover Air Reserve Base in Mass., and the Food Lab Expansion Project at the Soldier and Biological Chemical Command in Natick, Mass.

Volunteerism was prevalent throughout the year at New England District. The District hosted successful Earth Day and National Public Lands day events throughout the region. Volunteers who participated, and who were expertly guided by our Park Rangers, saved the



Robert Russo looks over sandbags to a flooded area of Winchester Center in Winchester, Mass., during the Mother's Day Flood.



Samantha Mirabella, Park Ranger, Cape Cod Canal, lets a child touch a horseshoe crab from the Canal Touch Tank during the New England District's "Take Our Sons and Daughters To Work" day.

nation thousands of dollars as they improved the properties by performing various tasks. Volunteers also came out to lend a helping hand when they planted 6,500 salt marsh plants at the District's Allin's Cove Wetland Restoration project in Rhode Island. Some of New England District's volunteers' acts of selflessness received attention from the Commander-in-Chief when two volunteer couples from Hodges Village/Bufumville Lake were recognized with the President's Call to Service Award for their many hours of service to the nation. Outreach programs at the Cape Cod Canal, Barre Falls, and Westville Lake projects were huge successes, involving and teaching hundreds of youngsters to appreciate and preserve the environment around them.

A side benefit of the District's flood control mission is the Corps commitment to outdoor

recreation – the Corps is the region's largest provider of outdoor recreation and hosts millions of visits a year at our beaches, lakes, camp grounds and at the Cape Cod Canal. The team at the Cape Cod Canal performed over 300 vessel assists, to include three calls to assist large commercial vessels. As part of the Cape Cod



Bill Scully, New England District's Deputy for Programs and Project Management, talks with Lt. Gen. Carl Strock during the chief's visit to New England.

Canal Bourne and Sagamore Bridge maintenance projects, sandblasting and painting of the Bourne Bridge was completed this fall.

The District's Regulatory program continues to receive thousands of new permit applications each year, handling controversial projects such as LNG facilities, regional airport expansions, highways, wind farm, and aquaculture with professionalism and impartiality.

Yes, 2006 was an OUTSTANDING year for the Corps in New England, and as we focus on our future accomplishments to include: dredging Boston's Inner Harbor, Bass Harbor (Maine), and the Patchogue River (Conn.); continuing our major military construction projects at Hanscom, Natick and Westover; supporting the environmental remediation program at the Massachusetts Military Reservation on Cape Cod; and continuing our significant efforts on a number of Superfund projects throughout the region -- the New England District and its people continue to be part of the premier engineering organization that proudly provides OUTSTANDING public service to the people of New England and the nation.



Dan Stenstream and Greg Hanlon stand in front of the GOES Climate Station/Repeater site on Haenke Island, Alaska. The pair took part in a large-scale engineering, scientific analysis and data gathering study implemented by the U.S. Forest Service and the Corps of Engineers.



Col. Curtis Thalken and Congressman William Delahunt watch the CURRITUCK at work in Aunt Lydia's Cove in Massachusetts.



The crew of the Cape Cod Canal patrol boat "Marion" tows the "Better Than Nothing" passengers to dock and to safety. Canal personnel answered hundreds of calls for help from boaters this summer.

Dredging up the past . . .



Peter Jackson, Project Manager (center), receives the Hammer Award from (left) Sen. Edward Kennedy, Congr. Joseph Moakley, and Dr. Joseph Westphal in this February 2000 photo. Jackson received the honor as project manager for the Boston Harbor project.

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On the cover: Tim Rezendes supervises the dredging of Pawtuxet Cove in Rhode Island.