

NOAA COASTAL MAPPING PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

PROJECT VA0602A

York River, Yorktown to Plum Point, Virginia

Introduction

Coastal Mapping Program (CMP) Project VA0602A provides coastal area mapping for the southern shoreline of the York River from the George P. Coleman Memorial Bridge (Yorktown) to Plum Point, immediately south of West Point, Virginia, including detailed digital mapping of the Mean High Water Line (MHW), Mean Lower Low Water Line (MLLW), and other coastal features. VA0602A is a subproject of a larger project VA0602, which includes the York River, Pamunkey River, and the Mattaponi River.

Successful completion of the project resulted in a densification of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), a set of controlled metric-quality aerial photographs, and a Geographic Cell (GC) of the coastal zone which complements the Nautical Charting Program (NCP) as well as geographic information systems (GIS) for a variety of coastal zone management applications.

Project Design

All work performed under this task order adhered to the Shoreline Mapping SOW 13B dated January 2008. The Shoreline Mapping SOW 13B provided guidance for all stages of acquisition, processing, and collection of data necessary to complete this task order. The initial project layout, flight lines, and waypoint files were developed by NGS and provided to Woolpert for completion of this task order. Shapefiles for project delivery areas were provided by NOAA to Woolpert.

Field Operations

Field operations consisted of tide gauge installation, ground control survey activities, and acquisition of aerial photographs. Prior to aerial acquisition, Woolpert installed an Aquatrak tidal gauge on the Pamunkey River to assist in tidal monitoring. The tidal gauge location and height was surveyed in and tied into local monumentation. The tide gauge was surveyed at installation, at 6 month intervals during aerial acquisition, and upon removal of the sensor to account for any possible movement of the sensor due to flooding, ice flow, or other natural or manmade events.

Woolpert surveyed in a total of 19 control points for the project (13 control points plus an additional 6 QC points within the project area). Due to the length of time for acquisition, many targets needed to be refreshed during the acquisition period due to removal, destruction, or fading. In some cases photo identifiable points were used due to target destruction/removal immediately prior to acquisition. Additional information on survey control can be found in the Photogrammetric Ground Control Report for this project.

Aerial photography acquisition for VA0602 was completed September 24, 2007 through July 2, 2008. All photographs were acquired with a Leica RC30 camera mounted in a Piper Navajo aircraft (N423AC). The airborne collection took place over nine total flight dates within the proper tidal windows. Missions occurred on the following dates:

<u>Month/Day</u>	<u>Year</u>
September 24 th & 30 th	2007
April 16 th , 17 th , & 18 th	2008
May 7 th & 29 th	2008
June 9 th	2008
July 2 nd	2008

Acquisition occurred at a scale of 1:30,000 with a forward overlap of 60% and average side lap of 30%. A total of five(5) flight lines were acquired for each BWIR MLLW, BWIR MHW, and Color. Overall there were approximately 438 exposures; 146 BWIR MLLW, 146 BWIR MHW, and 146 Color.

All aerial photography was tide coordinated. All computations were performed as per the NOAA Special Publication: *Computational Techniques for Tidal Datums Handbook*, September 2003 and Attachment J of the SOW: *Tide Coordination Requirements* Version 1, September 30, 2004. The Tidal datum for the subordinate station at the Pamunkey Indian Reservation was computed by Tide By Tide Analysis (TBYT) using the Modified Range Ratio – Semidiurnal Tides method. Predictions of the MHW and MLLW Tide Window for Tide Coordination were performed by SEAS under the direction of NOAA personnel using the preferred programs: *Tide8+*, Nobeltec's *Tides & Currents* and the Naval Observatory's Sun Angle Calculator and prescribed methods.

GPS Data Reduction

The aerial imagery was collected while recording dual-frequency Airborne GPS data time-stamped with the exposures of the camera. The ABGPS configuration in the aircraft consists of Applanix POS AV model 5.10 to collect the ABGPS events. The ABGPS data was pre-processed utilizing POSPAC 4.4 and post processed utilizing GrafNav to resolve the photo center coordinates of each image.

GPS data was processed to provide accurate positions of camera centers for application as photogrammetric control in the aerotriangulation phase of the project, and the results from the ABGPS processing can be found in the VA0602 Airborne Positioning and Orientation report. However, for this project Woolpert did not utilize the ABGPS solutions because it was found to have a significant level of error verses the ground control. Error was not consistent and could not be attributed to incorrect datum or a standard shift. ABGPS for several of the missions was re-run with the same results. Receivers and GPS equipment, at the time of this report were checked and found to have no issues. For further information on this issue, please refer to the VA0602 - Triangulation Report, section ABGPS.

Aerotriangulation

Aerotriangulation for this project was performed using a softcopy photogrammetric workstation to build the network of control for the compilation phase. Digital scans of the project photography were triangulated as three separate blocks. The first block was the natural color images at a scale of 1:30,000. The second block was the MHW B&W IR images at a scale of 1:30,000. The third block was the MLLW B&W IR images at a scale of 1:30,000.

The softcopy workstation consisted of a HP Workstation with Windows XP Professional OS with stereo viewing capability. BAE Systems SOCET SET v5.4.1 Domestic softcopy photogrammetry suite was used for the project setup and mensuration. The AT adjustment was performed using ORIMA v9.20a, a bundle block adjustment software from Leica. All the pass points were measured manually on the images by a Woolpert technician. Woolpert uses the Socet Set APM module with the manual strategy since most automatically measured points need to be moved. After all the pass points for a block were measured, the ground control and the QC points were measured.

The Horizontal Accuracy Statement below is based on the circular horizontal accuracy of adjusted points in the aerotriangulation solution. This circular accuracy equals the radius of the 95% confidence circle as calculated from the horizontal (x and y) root-mean-square (RMS) values of the standard deviations for all triangulated ground points and is equal to 1.1 meters for all of the color images and 1.2 meters for all of the IR images. For additional information see the VA0602 - Triangulation Report.

Compilation

The NOAA on-site training for compilation occurred in December 2008, and actual feature extraction production began that same month. NOAA delivered shapefiles to Woolpert dividing the project area into 5 sub-areas.

- Preliminary Pilot Area
- VA0602A
- VA0602B
- VA0602C
- VA0602D

VA0602A covers the southern shore of the York River, approximately 25 linear river miles. This sub-project was compiled using the MLLW, MHW, and the Color imagery.

Spatial data accuracies for Project VA0602 were determined according to standard Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) practices. Cartographic features were compiled to meet a horizontal accuracy of 2.2 meters for features compiled from the color images, and 2.4 meters for features compiled from the IR images. The predicted accuracy of compiled, well defined points is derived by doubling the circular error derived from aerotriangulation statistics.

Initial feature extraction for all areas occurred from December 2008 through June 2009. All compilation work performed under this task order followed the extraction methods and features as described in Shoreline Mapping SOW 13B, dated January 2008. Digital feature extraction was completed in softcopy stereo environment using DAT_EM Summit Softcopy systems software version 5.1, and Microstation V8. All coding/classification of features occurred within the MicroStation environment as features were collected.

Below is the Data Compilation Sources Table which includes descriptive information at the time the imagery was acquired for VA0602A:

Date	Time (UTC)	Roll Number	Strip #	Photo Numbers	Scale (nominal)	Tide Level*
Color						
16-Apr-2008	20:03 – 20:10	0827CN01	30-004	0007 – 0022	1:30,000	0.3 – 0.1
16-Apr-2008	20:31 – 20:38	0827CN01	30-003	0058 – 0074	1:30,000	0.2 – 0.4
16-Apr-2008	20:47 – 20:54	0827CN01	30-002	0081 – 0095	1:30,000	0.4
Black & White Infrared – MLLW						
30-Sep-2007	14:05	0728R05	30-002	668	1:30,000	0.4
16-Apr-2008	17:31 – 17:35	0827R02	30-004	0061 – 0070	1:30,000	0.1
16-Apr-2008	17:43 – 17:48	0827R02	30-002	0077 – 0087	1:30,000	0.1
16-Apr-2008	18:12 – 18:17	0827R02	30-003	0102 – 0112	1:30,000	0.1
18-Apr-2008	20:09 – 20:11	0827R03	30-003	0304 – 0309	1:30,000	0.2
18-Apr-2008	20:01 – 20:03	0827R03	30-004	0295 – 0299	1:30,000	0.2
09-Jun-2008	15:05:10	0827R06	30-004	0479	1:30,000	0.1
Black & White Infrared – MHW						
24-Sep-2007	16:32 – 16:33	0728R05	30-002	0510 - 0512	1:30,000	0.5
16-Apr-2008	14:34 – 14:37	0827R02	30-004	0031 – 0038	1:30,000	0.8 – 0.6
16-Apr-2008	14:42 – 14:45	0827R02	30-003	0039 – 0046	1:30,000	0.6 – 0.8
17-Apr-2008	13:34 – 13:37	0827R02	30-004	0119 – 0126	1:30,000	0.8 – 0.6
17-Apr-2008	13:40 – 13:44	0827R02	30-003	0127 – 0134	1:30,000	0.6 – 0.8
17-Apr-2008	13:47 – 13:49	0827R02	30-002	0136 – 0141	1:30,000	0.7
17-Apr-2008	14:45 – 14:47	0827R02	30-002	0143 – 0145	1:30,000	0.7

* Tide levels are given in meters above MLLW and are based on actual observations at the Yorktown USCG Training Center station, with time and height corrections applied to various tide zones throughout the project area. The height of the MHW tidal datum in this portion of the York River varies between 0.7 – 0.9 meters above MLLW. Note, photo strip #30-002 primarily covers land outside of the tidal zones, and thus was not collected in strict coordination with the MHW and MLLW tide stages.

Quality Control / Final Review

Data extraction and comparison occurred on the stereo workstations using the 1:30,000 scale BWIR MLLW, BWIR MHW, and Color imagery. In addition, Woolpert downloaded the highest scale nautical charts from <http://www.charts.noaa.gov> covering the project area. Compilers brought the charts into the stereo environment as a reference behind the compiled data. The following nautical charts were downloaded and used in comparison process:

- 12241 York River- Yorktown and Vicinity 1:20,000 Scale Feb 23/08
- 12243 York River- Yorktown to West Point 1:40,000 Scale Feb 24/01

Quality control tasks were conducted during all phases of project completion. The final QC review was completed in September, 2009. The review process included analysis of aerotriangulation results and assessment of the identification and attribution of digital feature data within the Geographic Cell (GC) according to image analysis and criteria defined in C-COAST. The quality control process concluded with an inspection of topological connectivity within the GC using Microstation software. All project data was evaluated for compliance to CMP requirements. Comparisons of the largest scale NOAA nautical charts with natural color photographs and compiled project data resulted in creation of the Chart Evaluation File (CEF).

End Products and Deliverables

The following specifies the location and identification of the products generated during the completion of this project:

RSD Applications Branch Archive

- Hardcopy of the Airborne Positioning and Orientation Report (APOR)
- Hardcopy of the Aerotriangulation Report
- Hardcopy of the Project Completion Report (PCR)
- Page-size graphic plot of GC10771 file contents, attached to PCR

Remote Sensing Division Electronic Data Library

- Project database
- GC10771 in shapefile format
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format
- Chart Evaluation File in shapefile format

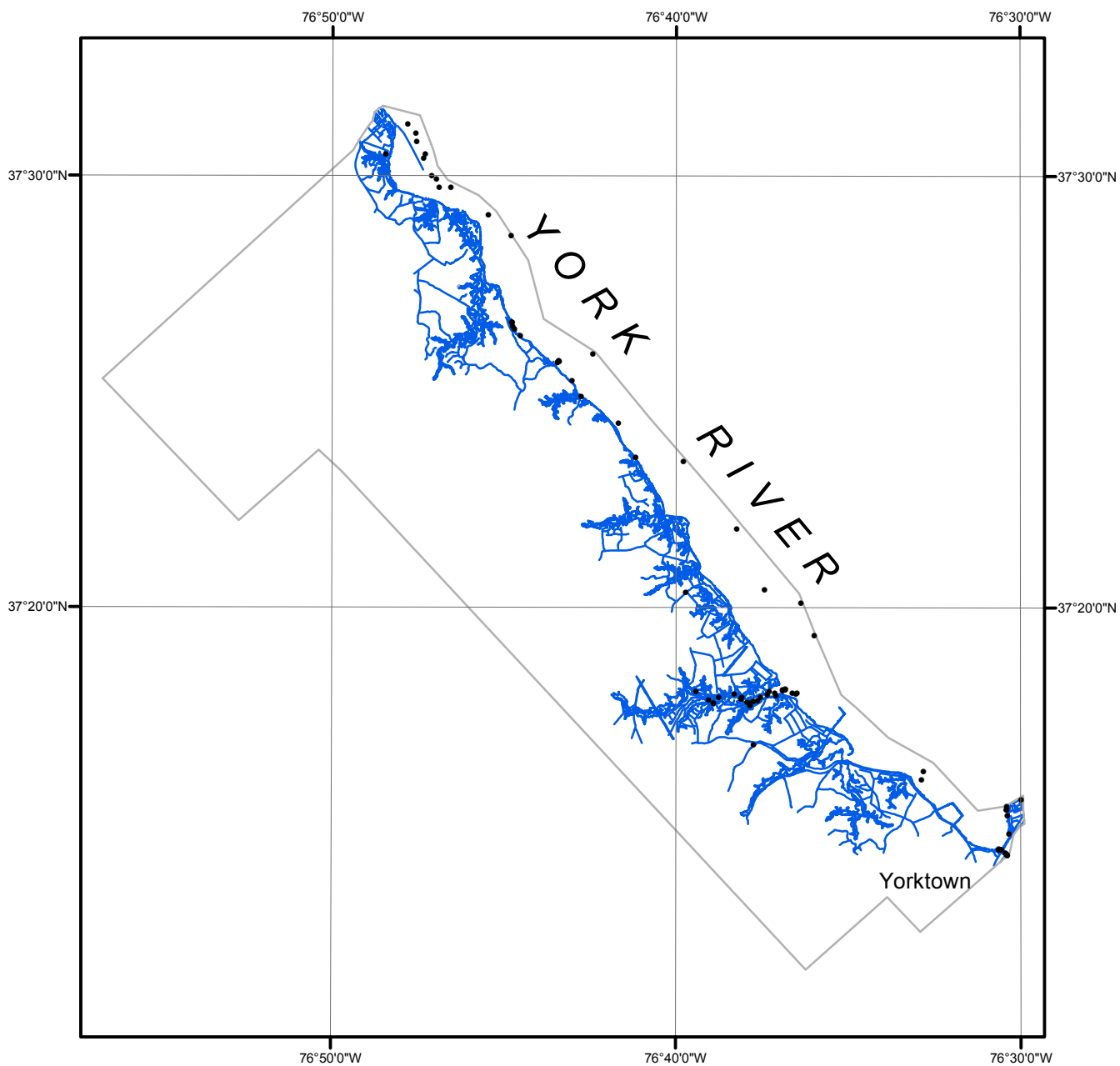
NOAA Shoreline Data Explorer

- GC10771 in shapefile format
- Metadata file for GC10771
- Digital copy of the PCR in Adobe PDF format

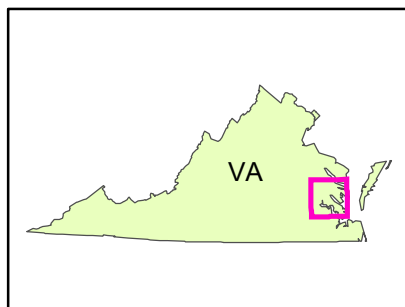
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