

PAUL S. SARBANES ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT AT POPLAR ISLAND



Port of Baltimore: A Diverse and Competitive Port

- Ranked 1st nationally in autos, forest products, and roll-on/roll-off, gypsum, and sugar in 2011
- Ranked 2nd in coal imported salt, and aluminum
- Ranked 4th in foreign cargo tonnage on the East Coast in 2011
- 37.8M metric tons (\$51.4B) of cargo in 2010
- Port customers are in the Midwest,
 Northeast, and Mid-Atlantic regions
- Port has created 14,360 direct jobs and 108,000 jobs linked to port activities
- Responsible for \$3B in personal wages and \$300M in state and local tax revenues





Four New Super Post-Panamax Cranes



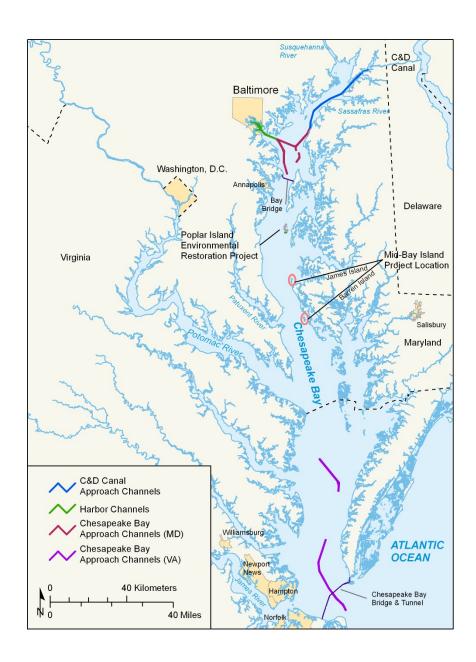




Dredging is a Critical Component of a Safe, Efficient, and Competitive Port









Poplar Island Goals

- Restore remote island habitat in the mid-Chesapeake Bay using clean dredged material from the Chesapeake Bay approach channels to the Port of Baltimore
- Optimize size capacity for clean dredged material while meeting the environmental restoration purpose of the project
- Protect the environment around the restoration site



Project Delivery Team



- Maryland Port Administration (MPA)
- US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), Region 3
- US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)
- Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)
- Maryland Geological Survey (MGS)
- Maryland Environmental Service (MES)
- University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science (UMCES)















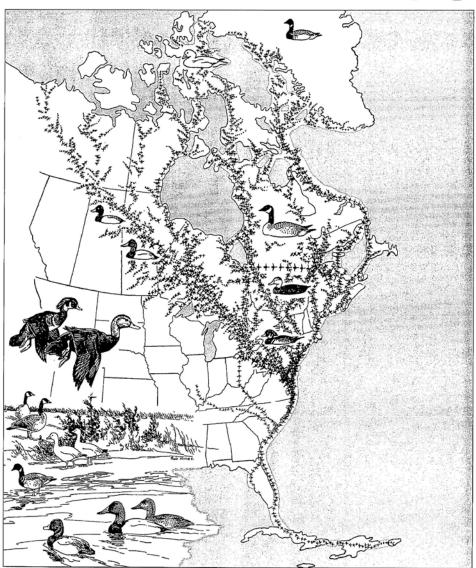




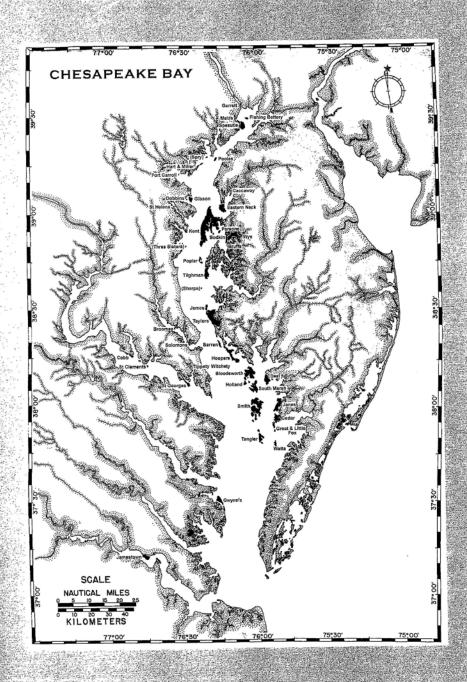


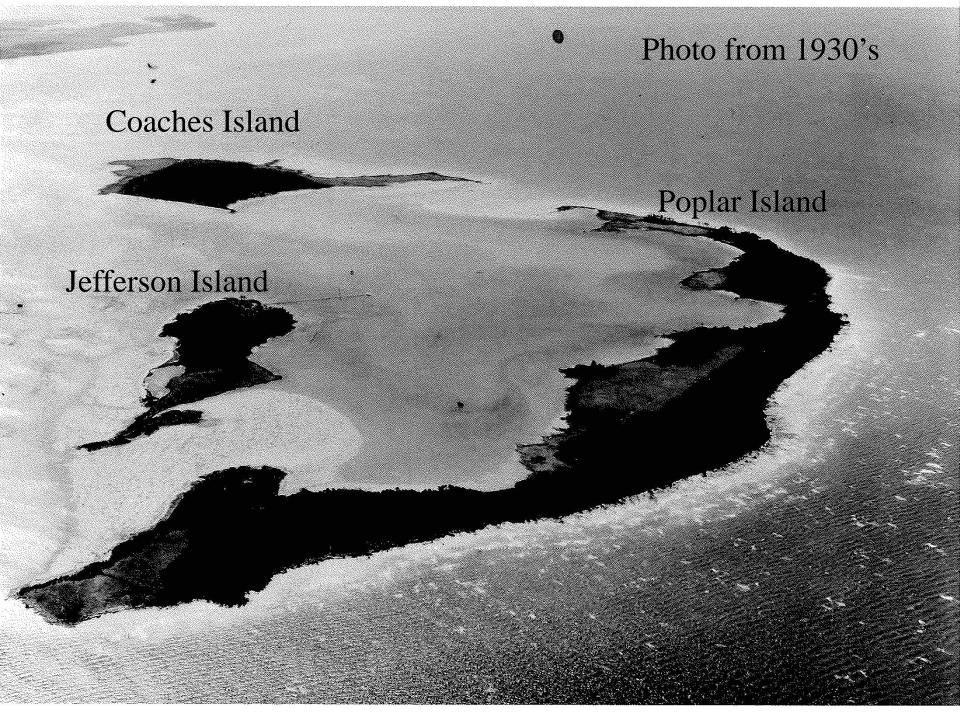
Atlantic Flyway

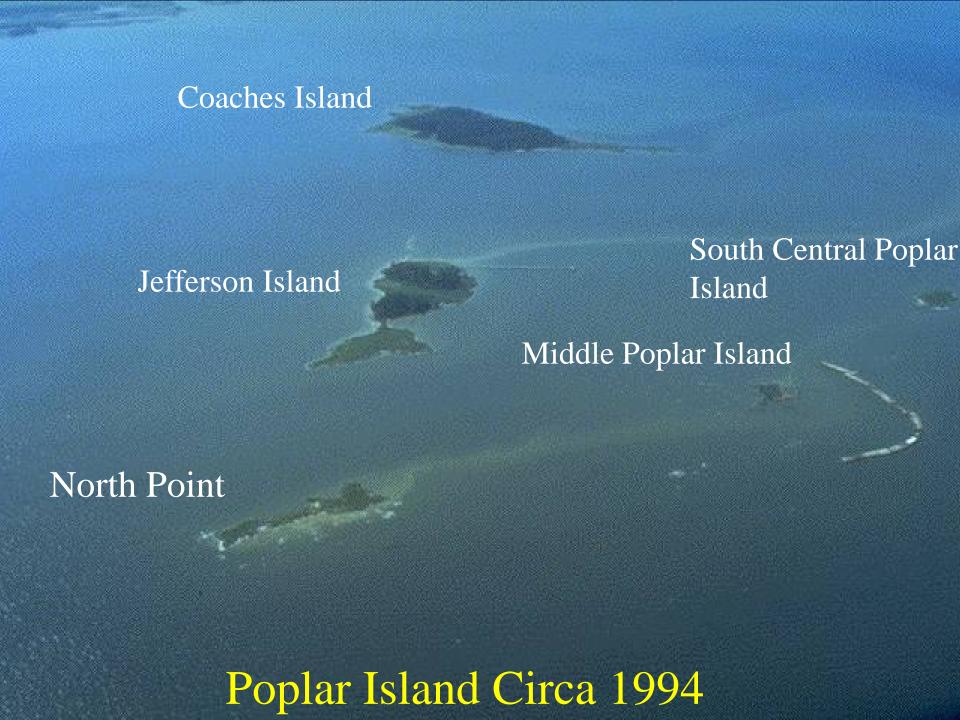
















Paul S. Sarbanes Ecosystem Restoration Project at Poplar Island



- Size: 1,715 acres (695 hectares)
- Capacity: 68 mcy (52 million m3)
- Cost: \$1.2 billion
- Uplands: 840 acres (340 hectares)
- Tidal marsh: 737 acres (298 hectares)
- 80% low marsh 20% high marsh
- Open Water Embayment: 138 acres (56 hectares)





Importance of Proper Dewatering













Volume In-Situ Before Dredging (85% Water)

Volume After Dredging (Clamshell) (87% Water)

Volume At Deposition in Placement Site (91% Water)

Volume In Site 2 Months After Placement (Decanting, Drying, Consolidation) (89% Water)

Volume After 12 Months in Site (Exceeds Length of Typical Drying Season) (82% Water)

Volume After 2 to 3 Years and 1 to 2 Additional Placement Lifts (75% Water)

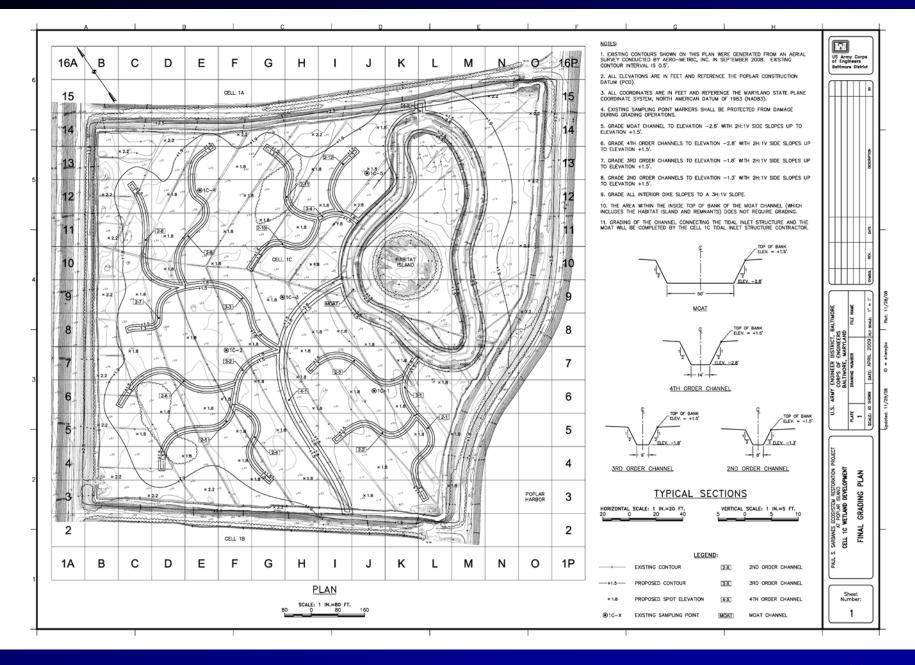














Wetland Cell Development Timeline

Dredge material inflow (years 1-4)

Crust management (years 1-4)

Channel excavation (years 4-5)

Marsh plain grading (year 5)

Tidal inlet construction (year 5)

Planting (year 6)













Osprey













Questions?