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Talbot County Announces Dredging Project on Tilghman Island

The Talbot County Department of Public Works has announced that dredging will begin at Tilghman Island's popular Tongers Basin public landing on Monday, September 16.

Partially funded by a grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Waterways Improvement Program, the dredging project could take up to six weeks to complete. Several private property owners have also received permits to have their slips dredged after the County work has been completed.

Contractor Dissen and Juhn, LLC will begin work at 6:30 a.m. and will continue until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, says County Engineer Ray Clarke. While Tongers Basin is being dredged, no boat traffic will be permitted through the work zone.

The contractor will move its operations to Dogwood Harbor after the work at Tongers Basin is complete. This portion of the project will take an additional 3 to 4 weeks.

Dredging at the County-owned facilities at Tongers Basin and Dogwood Harbor will improve water access for both working watermen and recreational boaters.

"Many of the areas around the Chesapeake Bay have silted in, and Tongers Basin and Dogwood Harbor are no exception," says Preston Peper, director of Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation. "The water depth has decreased over the years thanks to silting and commercial use. Dredging will allow us to deepen the water in the basin which will benefit both our commercial watermen and recreational boaters as well as the businesses that serve them."

County officials will be working with watermen and businesses impacted by this project. Questions should be directed to Ray Clarke or Terry Martin in the Department of Public Works at 410-770-8170. For questions related to docking at County facilities, contact Preston Peper in the Parks and Recreation Department at 410-770-8050.

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