Summary of 2026 Dredging project

- Dredging activities began on February 3rd to remove ~30k cubic yards from the channel and harbor area.

- M&N (general contractor) claimed that the dredged material was not beach suitable material. They repeatedly failed to comply with contract and permit requirements (notably dewatering cells and BMPs), work stoppages were voluntary and unjustified.

- The corps of engineers and ADEM determined that the contractor was non-compliant with the permit for dewatering and containment. Once compliance was met the corps determined the material was not suitable for beach building activities.

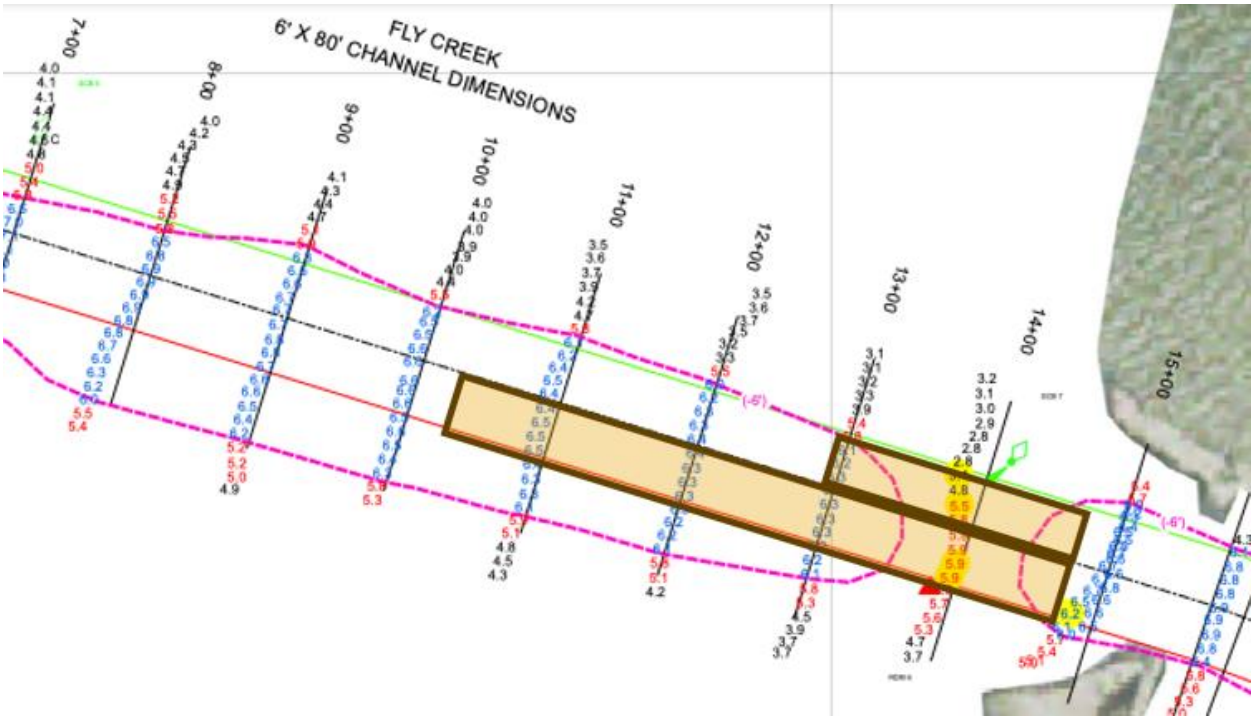
- The contract requires that any non-suitable materials be collected and transported to city dump trucks for disposal.

- Despite multiple approvals and efforts to move the project forward, the contractor refused to resume full dredging operations and operated only minimally when it restarted.

- The contactor has removed the large dredge equipment and has deconstructed the dewatering pond needed to move forward.

- Our assumption is that the contractor will be leaving the site and FYC will not incur any costs related to this project. The city will bring in earth moving equipment to restore our beach.

- We estimate that only about 5K cubic yards was removed from the channel from the just east of 6 channel marker (station 1500) to station 1050 mainly on the south side of the channel. We have measured depths to the west of where operations halted and depth are ~5.5 to 6 feet at mllw. The commadore and harbor will be installing PVC markers to assist with navigation. Wind and currents can always impact changes to those readings. Estimated safe depth of 10 feet is highlighted below in orange.



- We are waiting to hear from the city on final outcomes of the dredge contract and will keep everyone informed of those decisions.