

# The Effects of the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project

In this webquest, you will read selected articles and view videos to enhance your knowledge of the economic and environmental effects of deepening the Savannah River. You will also learn about the role the CSS Georgia has had on this project.

**Why do we need to deepen the Savannah River?** Read these articles and watch the videos to help you understand the importance of the Port of Savannah.

- “Dredging the Port of Savannah to Deepen Georgia’s Connections to the World” (read p. 269 (beginning)-273 only) <http://digitalcommons.law.uga.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1101&context=gjicl>
- “Gateway to the World” <http://www.gaports.com/Media/Publications/GatewayToTheWorld.aspx>
- “Port of Savannah: By the Numbers” <http://www.gaports.com/Media/Video.aspx> (at bottom of the page)
- “Rising Tides” <http://www.georgiatrend.com/January-2015/Rising-Tides/>

**So, let’s get this project started. What happens next?** Read on to find out.

- “Long-Awaited Dredging Begins in Savannah River’s Outer Channel”  
<http://savannahnow.com/exchange/2015-09-14/long-awaited-dredging-begins-savannah-rivers-outer-channel>
- “It’s Official: Savannah Harbor Deepening Underway”  
<http://savannahnow.com/latest-news/2015-01-29/its-official-harbor-deepening-underway>
- “Dredging of Savannah Harbor Won’t Start Until December”  
<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20150601/PC05/150609994>

**Click on the link below to see a map of the Savannah River.** Point A is Fort Jackson and Point B is Fort Pulaski. The Port of Savannah is not noted on the map, but is in Garden City.

- <http://www.lakesidepress.com/Savannah-CivilWar/1861-1862.html> (Map is about half way down page)

***How will dredging affect the environment?***

- “Endangered Species Killed in Savannah Harbor”

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article59153753.html>

- “For Savannah Harbor Deepening, Bubblers Prove Pricey but Promising”

<http://savannahnow.com/news-latest-news-harbor-deepening/2015-08-11/savannah-harbor-deepening-bubblers-prove-pricey>

**Assignment:** After you have read all of the information above, you will take a stand. Are you in favor of deepening of the Savannah harbor? Write an argumentative essay citing evidence from the documents to support your stand. Your essay must be 5 complete paragraphs in the proper format and include at least 4 citations of evidence. Make sure to include a solid introduction and closing. Proper structures and spelling will be checked.