

# INTERIM DREDGE DISPOSAL TASK FORCE

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ACTION BY	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
INFO	1.	No comments to the April 6, 2011 meeting minutes.
INFO	2a.	<p>Frank O'Connor gave an overview of the recommendations from the ERDC Dredged Material Beneficial Use Alternatives Report (see attachment "Cuyahoga River Navigation Channel, Dredged Material Beneficial Use Alternatives" for details). These recommendations include modifying the current dredged material handling approach from building new CDF's to using existing CDFs in combination with mechanical placement of dredged material (combined this could create significant capacity to 2024), identification of two near term beneficial uses (landfill closures) with an estimated capacity of 600,000 yd<sup>3</sup>, identifying long term beneficial use opportunities as backfill in transportation projects and topsoil in commercial applications, and developing long term strategies to improve sediment quality and fill local leadership roles for carrying out a strategic plan.</p>
	b.	<p>From an environmental standpoint, the material dredged from the federal channel of the Cuyahoga River is currently suitable for industrial/commercial use and possibly recreational, depending on the application. From an ecological risk, the material has no significant risk from a terrestrial or aquatic standpoint.</p>
	c.	<p>For local leadership, recommendations include developing a strategic long term plan, development of a sediment monitoring program, creation of a data management system to track test results, and development of erosion control efforts designed to improve sediment quality.</p>
INFO	3.	<p>Next Frank O'Connor went into more detail on a concept to increase the capacity of the existing CDF's (see attachment "Existing CDF Stockpiling Feasibility"). This concept uses mechanical placement to stack dredged material above the existing berms. Potentially this concept could extend capacity by 12 years; this would be well on the way to the USACE's 20 year minimum capacity requirement. This is based on two factors, (1.) slope stability modeling (the USACE is working on this) and interference with the airport ILS (URS is working on this), both of which need additional investigation.</p>
INFO	4.	<p>Will Friedman briefly talked about a shift from disposal of dredged material in CDF's to use in brownfield remediation, landfill cover, roadway projects, and other applications as determined to be feasible and safe (see presentation on "Sediment Management Alternative"). In addition, the Port has proposed taking the lead at the local level to institutionalize the process and fill any gaps that would be required to enable the concept.</p>

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ODOT	5.	OEPA and ODOD have put together a proposal to do additional evaluation of sediments for transportation projects. It was submitted to the ODOT Research Team and will be evaluated for funding.
CITY	6.	The City is putting together their funding requests for geotech and environmental at the Brook Park site. The goal is to have the site available for material placement in 2012.
INFO	7.	Joe Ditchman mentioned that his concept accepted dredge material as it came off the barge. On the surface it appeared that this option was more expensive than others the USACE considered in their analysis. Evaluation of this alternative needs additional consideration.
USACE	8.	Rich Zavoda asked if a project schedule, e.g., Gantt Chart, that entails the entire process of providing additional dredging disposal capacity could be presented at the next meeting? It should incorporate required tasks and critical dates of all involved entities since the success of maintaining a timely dredged ship channel beyond 2014 is becoming more dependent on the required actions of multiple entities beyond the USACE. The USACE distributed a draft schedule at a prior meeting (11/3/10); an update will be presented at some future meeting once information has been revised.
INFO	9.	<b>The next meeting for the Task Force will be at 1:00PM on July 6, 2011. See the "portofcleveland.com" website for remaining 2011 meeting dates.</b>

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The above covers items discussed in the last Task Force meeting. Any additions or corrections should be forwarded to Skip Jacobsen ([skip.jacobsen@portofcleveland.com](mailto:skip.jacobsen@portofcleveland.com)).