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Innovative Use of Sediment from Cuyahoga River to Create New Industrial Park

CLEVELAND, OH – An innovative use of sediment dredged from the Cuyahoga River could help lay the foundation for a local job-creating effort while also creating additional capacity for future dredged material. The Cleveland Harbor Task Force says the project, which essentially involves recycling of dredged sediment, will demonstrate the potential for beneficial upland uses.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority are announcing that beginning this week, dredged sediment is being removed from Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) 10B near Burke Lakefront Airport. The material will be used for a Brownfield redevelopment effort at a 58-acre site on Pershing Road near ArcelorMittal Steel. The result will be a ready-to-build 750,000 square foot industrial park—the Cuyahoga Valley Industrial Center. The not-for-profit Greater Cleveland Community Improvement Corporation, which is under contract with the City to reclaim Brownfield sites, is slated to handle the redevelopment. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency has approved of the use of the dredged sediment.

About 300,000 cubic yards of dredged sediment will be removed from Dike 10B. This is about the same amount dredged from the river each year. As a result, about a year's worth of capacity will be opened up at Dike 10B. Funding of \$7.25 million for the project is being provided through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA).

“This process pays large dividends in several ways,” said William Friedman, Port CEO and chair of the Cleveland Harbor Task Force. “First, it gives us additional capacity for short-term dredged material needs. Second, the sediment provides a ready source to remediate the Pershing Road site and possibly other Brownfields sites. Such recycling concepts could lead to other long-term sustainable strategies that are more cost-effective alternatives for sediment than traditional and expensive disposal facilities built in the water.”

Cleveland Harbor must be regularly dredged to ensure that large freighters have sufficient depth for navigation.

The project was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Cleveland Harbor Task Force and other stakeholders. Task Force membership includes representatives from the offices of Sens. George Voinovich and Sherrod Brown; Reps. Marcia Fudge and Dennis Kucinich; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; the Ohio Department of Transportation; the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority; ArcelorMittal Steel; the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization; and the City of Cleveland.

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