

# **LONG ISLAND SOUND DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (DMMP)**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

## **PURPOSE:**

- To develop a comprehensive plan for dredged material management in Long Island Sound.
- Identify, evaluate and recommend dredged material management alternatives through a broad based public process that protects the environment based on best scientific data and analysis, while meeting society's need for safe and economically viable navigation for water based commerce, transportation, national security, and other public purposes.

## **PARTICIPATION:**

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) North Atlantic Division, New York District, and New England District
- EPA Regions 1 and 2
- New York State Department of State (NYS DOS)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM)
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC)
- Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP)
- Connecticut Department of Transportation (CT DOT)
- Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council (RI CRMC)

## **DMMP PROCESS:**

- **Phase I - Preliminary Assessment**
  - determine the economic and engineering need for dredging
  - identify locations and volumes of dredged material within the study area
  - examine disposal management and disposal sites
  - estimate the cost of completing the DMMP
- **Phase II – Development of a Dredge Material Management Plan** (with environmental documentation)

## **DMMP SCOPE:**

- Identify potential dredging needs by region and by various time periods
  - Both Corps and non-Corp dredging needs identified.
- Identify and assess all technically feasible management options, including but not limited to, dredged sediment treatment technologies, beneficial uses for dredged material, and in-water sediment disposal methodologies, upland placement, and the treatment and beneficial reuse of dredged material.

## **DMMP FUNDING:**

The DMMP will cost an estimated \$12 million and take 5-6 years to complete. Connecticut and New York have actively sought Congressional support for federal funding to support the DMMP.

- \$2.8 million in President's proposed FY08 budget (funding unavailable until FY 08 Appropriation Bill passed).
- Long Island Sound Study (National Estuary Program) grant for \$100,000 of FY06/07 funds for public participation.
- Initiate DMMP studies (Fall 2007, contingent on receipt of FY08 funding).

## **STEERING COMMITTEE PURPOSE:**

- The project will be overseen by a Steering Committee, which will consist of representatives from federal and state agencies participating in the project. The Steering Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that progress on the development of the LIS DMMP is adequate and on schedule.

## **PROJECT DELIVERY TEAM (PDT) PURPOSE**

- Perform, coordinate and oversee the daily tasks of DMMP to insure progress.
- Report to the Steering Committee progress and any issues that require Steering Committee assistance.

## **INITIAL PDT TASKS**

- Publish Notice of Intent (August 31, 2007)
- Conduct Public Scoping Meetings
- Determine Future Dredging Needs for Navigational Facilities
  - Federal
  - Non-Federal
  - By Region
  - For Various Time Frames