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Toledo Harbor Task Force Update:
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What is it: The Toledo Harbor Task Force is established to convene representation from all impacted stakeholders to collaboratively resolve challenges regarding the management of dredged material in the Toledo Harbor vicinity.

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Who we are: Port Authority, USACE, USDA, ODNR, OEPA, ODOT, OLEC, ODOD, Lucas County, City of Toledo, City of Oregon, Lake Erie Waterkeepers Association, Maritime Industry, Ohio Sea Grant College Program, Toledo Metroparks, Office of Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, Office of Congressman Bob Latta, Office of Senator George Voinovich, Office of Senator Sherrod Brown

Toledo Harbor Task Force Update: 7 Goals



1. Enhancement of native fish, bird, wildlife and plant habitats and minimization of environmental deterioration;
2. Ensuring dredging of all Toledo Harbor shipping channels in conjunction with maintaining all channels to authorized depths for safe and commercially viable navigation;
3. Development of a plan to ultimately eliminate open lake disposal through environmentally acceptable and financially feasible alternative analysis;
4. Development and implementation of a Sediment Management Plan for Toledo Harbor emphasizing beneficial re-use of sediments dredged from Toledo Harbor;
5. Development and design of at least one HRU project ready to move to final construction.
6. Encourage consideration of dredge material as resource for beneficial reuse
7. Assist in identifying and securing funding for sediment management plans and projects.

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What has been accomplished to date:

September 2009: Toledo Harbor Dredging Summit held in conjunction with Ohio Freight Conference

November 2009: Task Force was officially formed and convened first meeting (9 meetings total through November 2010)

April 2010: Task Force Charter and Roles and Responsibilities Defined

August 2010: Great Lakes Commission proposed two workshops to review and solicit ideas from stakeholders. US EPA Director, Lisa Jackson announces GLRI funding for the creation of a Toledo Harbor Dredge Material Management Plan.

September 2010: GLRI sub granted from OLEC to TLCPA

November / December 2010: Three teams of consultants interviewed and team led by Hull & Associates selected to work with Task Force on plan construction.

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What's Next:

Hull & Associates will work with the task force membership to create an **online data repository** for review

Hull & Associates will work with the task force and Great Lakes Commission on soliciting ideas for the beneficial use of material through **workshops**

Habitat Restoration Units (design, location, etc.) and other beneficial reuse **options will be evaluated** according to critical criteria (such as cost, volume, environmental benefit) along with sediment reduction strategies and dredging techniques.

The best short and long term options will be recommended and the **plan will be finalized by May 2012**. The task force will work to **identify funding to implement the plan** as it is being devised.