



# Dredged Material Testing A Work Flow Guide for Project Managers and Testing Laboratories

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# Historic Maintenance Dredge Sediment Reuse in the New Jersey/New York City Metropolitan Area

- Dredge reuse is primarily used as fill materials
- Largely clayey and sandy silts, amended with 8% Portland Cement after dewatering in scow
  - Cement helps bind trace heavy metals contained in the sediments
  - Cement helps reduce moisture and increase strength
- Reused upland on impacted sites for fill or as part of surface cover
- >20 years: New Jersey was the primary placement location
  - Obtain an Acceptable Use Determination (AUD) from the NJDEP
  - Jersey Gardens Mall
  - Business Parks
  - Meadowlands
- Chemical characterization completed in advance of reuse requires agency review and approval
- Geotechnical testing often ignored due to the historic database of testing





# The Mills at Jersey Garden





# Benefits of Dredge Reuse

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- Local renewable and recyclable resource for structural fill
- Reduces need for ocean disposal or CDF
- Environmentally protective (risk based)
- Savings of potential landfill space and cost
- Provides a solution for the Port Authority
- Benefits the placement site
- Reduced analytical testing complexity compared to ocean placement



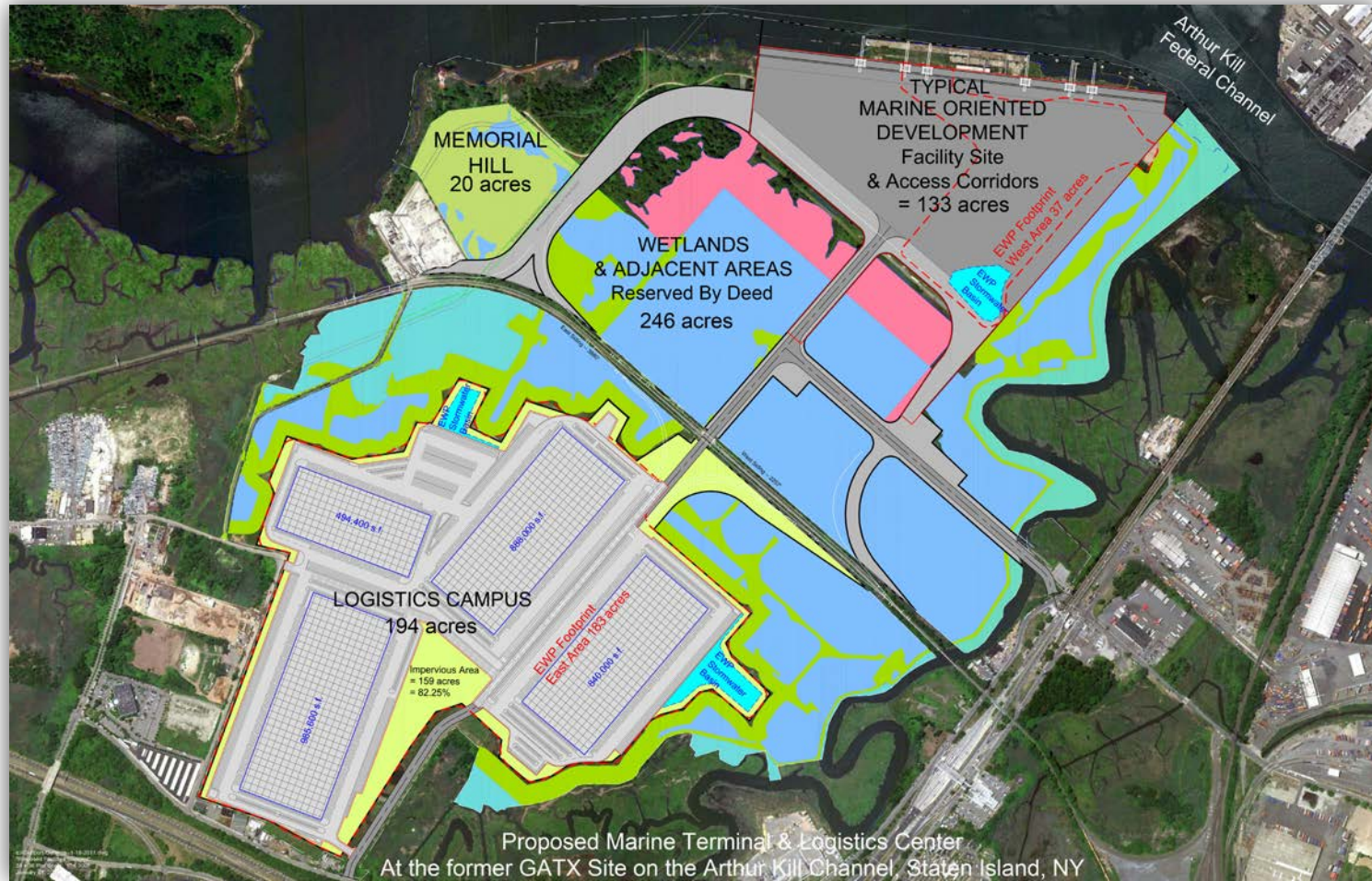
# Recent Developments

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- Dredge reuse in NY was first permitted on a large scale project in NYC (380 Development)
  - >4,800,000 cubic yards
  - Beneficial Use Determinations (BUD) used for NYSDEC approval of each source or reach
  - Warehouse/Waterfront Development
- New York Port 360 Regulations were updated late in 2017 and address NDM
- MDE – Innovative Reuse and Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Guidance (August 2017)



# Proposed Marine Terminal & Logistics Center





# 380 Warehouse Construction

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# 380 Development Site Information

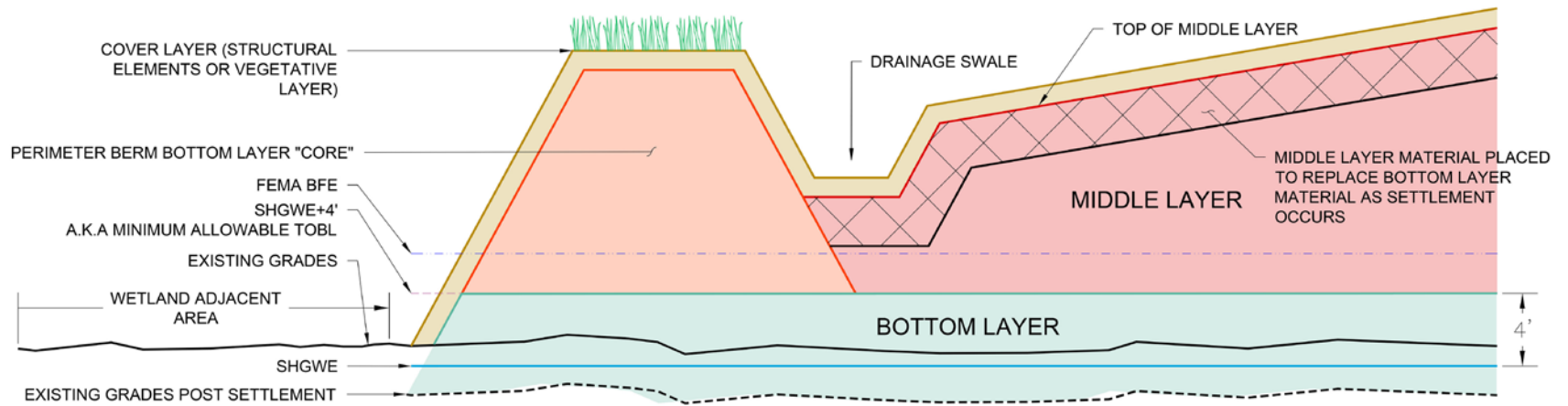
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- 675-acre Brownfield Waterfront Redevelopment Site (NYSDEC Region 2)
- Past Use - Major Oil Terminal and LNG Plant
- Future Use - Logistics Center with warehousing and/or Marine Terminal
- Remediate per Modified Order on Consent
- Surface Cover Design Considerations
  - Account for Perimeter dike, existing stormwater system and wetlands
  - Provided Stormwater Drainage and Treatment
  - Developable Ground Surface above the Flood Plain **and Seasonal High Groundwater**
  - Stable Earth Placement (Supports Development)
  - Three Layer Surface Cover Approach
- Chemical Requirements/Geotechnical requirements
- Middle Layer – Amended or Raw Dredge meets the Commercial and Protection of Groundwater (PGW) SCOs, if > PGW SCOs, allows for SPLP Leachate < Groundwater Standards (Class GA)





# Completed Construction Post-Settlement



COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION POST-SETTLEMENT





# Dredged Material Testing - A Work Flow Guide for Project Managers & Testing Laboratories

## Laboratory Characterization

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# Sediments are *Different...*

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# General Project Planning

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- Project schedule, logistics, required turnaround time
  - Sample holding time
- Simultaneous Vs. tiered approach analytical scheme
- Sampling & analysis plan
  - Project specific QC requirements
  - Field QC samples
  - Laboratory certifications
- Regulatory criteria for disposal
  - Upland disposal, beneficial re-use, open ocean, etc.
    - Detection limits





# Field Logistics

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- Compositing instructions
  - Tracking of composite intervals
- Sediment amendments?
  - Amending ratio?
- Sample volume requirements
- Long term storage of sediment samples?
  - Sample disposal timeframe



# Testing Required to Support Beneficial Reuse NY / NJ Upland Disposal

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- Grain size (< 90% sand)? TOC (> 0.5%)?
- Analytical testing
  - VOCs, SVOCs, PCBs, pesticides, metals, hex Cr, CN, pesticides / herbicides & TCDD / TCDF
- Sample generation
  - Composite / homogenize as needed, preparation of:
    - Raw bulk sediment chemistry
    - Processed amended sediment (e.g 8% Portland cement)
    - SPLP analysis of the processed amended chemistry
  - 3 sets of results per sample (raw, amended & SPLP)





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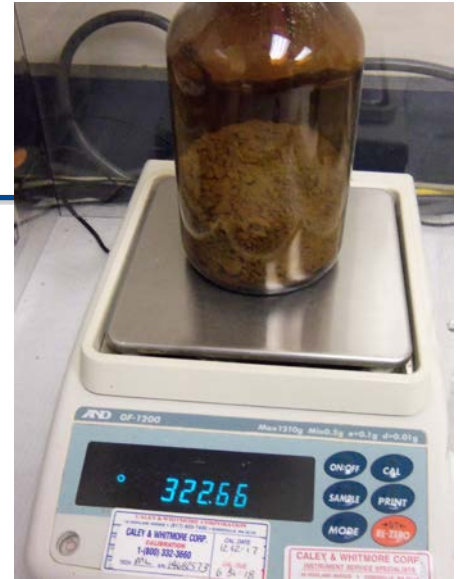
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# Sample Amendment

- ~ 2000g raw bulk sediment
  - Standard protocol
    - e.g 8% ratio Portland Cement to sediment
- Amended sediment subsampled for chemistry analysis



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City: Mansfield, MA  
Department: Organic Extractions  
File: Sediment Amendment Logbook

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Client: \_\_\_\_\_ Project \_\_\_\_\_ Job #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/22/18 Analyst: DR

Composite Sample ID	Laboratory ID	Sample Weight	Can weight	Sample weights plus can weight	Portland Cement Added (g), 8%
	677-15T				
	677-15U				
	677-15S				
	677-15T				
	677-15U				
	677-15S				











# SPLP Analysis

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- Amended sediment sub sample
  - Aliquot prepared for SPLP extraction
    - 20X ratio solid to extraction fluid
    - 18 hour extraction
  - Generation of aqueous leachate sample
- Aqueous sample analyzed for same chemistry parameters





# Data Delivery / Data Management

Project Number -

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Alpha Number	Sampling Date	Site/Project Name
L1801877		
L1801877	01-18-2018	

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Compare	Display Only	Criteria Description
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NY - New York TAGM Rec. Soil Cleanup (inc. Fuel Oil Contaminated Soils).
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Advanced Options...

Report Formats

9. Standard Grouped w/TIC

10. RL/MDL Report w/TIC

11. Usability Table

12. Custom Report - Specific Analysis Order & Format

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Sort Samples

- Lab ID
- Client ID

Sort Analytes

- Report Order
- Alphabetical
- CAS Number

Sample units in:

- Match criteria selected
- PPM
- PPB
- ug/m<sup>3</sup>
- %

- Exceedences Only
- Hits Only
- Narratives

# Data Delivery / Data Management

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											COMPOSITE C			
											1/19/2018			
											Sediment			
ANALYTE	CAS	NY-RESC (mg/kg)	NY-RESER (mg/kg)	NY-RESGW (mg/kg)	NY-RESI (mg/kg)	NY-RESR (mg/kg)	NY-RESRR (mg/kg)	NY-TOGS-SDM (mg/kg)	NY-UNRES (mg/kg)	Conc	Q	RL	MDL	
<b>POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS BY GC</b>														
171 Aroclor 1016	12674-11-2	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	ND		0.0172	0.0172	
172 Aroclor 1221	11104-28-2	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	ND		0.0172	0.0172	
173 Aroclor 1232	11141-16-5	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	ND		0.0172	0.0172	
174 Aroclor 1242	53469-21-9	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	ND		0.0172	0.0172	
175 Aroclor 1248	12672-29-6	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	0.171		0.0172	0.0172	
176 Aroclor 1254	11097-69-1	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	0.242	P	0.0172	0.0172	
177 Aroclor 1260	11096-82-5	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	0.104		0.0172	0.0172	
178 Aroclor 1262	37324-23-5	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	ND		0.0172	0.0172	
179 Aroclor 1268	11100-14-4	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	NA	0.1	ND		0.0172	0.0172	
180 PCBs, Total	1336-36-3	1	1	3.2	25	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.517		0.0172	0.0172	
<b>GENERAL CHEMISTRY</b>														
182 Chromium, Trivalent	16065-83-1	1500	41	NA	6800	36	180	NA	30	95		4.4	4.4	
183 Solids, Total	NONE	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	44.7		0.1	0.1	
184 Cyanide, Total	57-12-5	27	NA	40	10000	27	27	NA	27	ND		2	0.44	
<b>TOTAL METALS</b>														
186 Arsenic, Total	7440-38-2	16	13	16	16	16	16	14	13	16.3		1.1	0.145	
187 Barium, Total	7440-39-3	400	433	820	10000	350	400	NA	350	155		6.6	0.464	
188 Beryllium, Total	7440-41-7	590	10	47	2700	14	72	NA	7.2	1.05		0.66	0.192	
189 Cadmium, Total	7440-43-9	9.3	4	7.5	60	2.5	4.3	1.2	2.5	1.4		0.44	0.058	
190 Chromium, Total	7440-47-3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	95		4.4	1.03	
191 Copper, Total	7440-50-8	270	50	1720	10000	270	270	33	50	169		4.4	0.426	
192 Lead, Total	7439-92-1	1000	63	450	3900	400	400	33	63	159		1.32	0.321	
193 Manganese, Total	7439-96-5	10000	1600	2000	10000	2000	2000	NA	1600	692		4.4	0.976	
194 Mercury, Total	7439-97-6	2.8	0.18	0.73	5.7	0.81	0.81	0.17	0.18	1.95		0.026	0.003	
195 Nickel, Total	7440-02-0	310	30	130	10000	140	310	NA	30	60.6		2.2	0.587	
196 Selenium, Total	7782-49-2	1500	3.9	4	6800	36	180	NA	3.9	4.16	.1	4.4	1.66	

# Data Review

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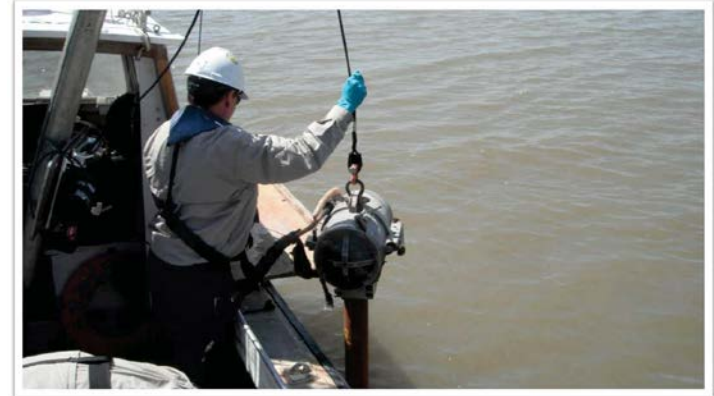
- Compare to placement site-specific requirements
- Run contingent samples, if necessary
- Compare Results/RLs/MDLs to requirements
- Material inspection and confirmation upon delivery
- Is confirmatory sampling required or contingent sampling?





# Preparing for Upland Reuse

- Development of Project details and needs
  - Locations, volume, expected types of sediments
- Identify potential placement location(s) and site-specific criteria
  - Number of borings
  - Specific zones (silts, sands, clay, till)
  - Number of samples
  - Chemical criteria and reporting limits (e.g., commercial use or direct contact, groundwater protection, Ecological protection?)
  - Other
- Prepare Site-Specific Sampling and Analyses Plan (SSAP)
- Obtain agency approval of plan
- Implement SSAP and compare results to site-specific or regulatory criteria (NJSRS, like-on-like, 75<sup>th</sup> Percentile, NYSDEC Part 360, PA Fill Guidance)
- Permits



# Typical Means for Approval

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- Development/Dredge Permit
- NY BUD – Site-specific Beneficial Reuse Determination (BUD)
- NY Part 360 Regulations for use of amended or raw dredge as fill
- NJ Dredge permits with NJ AUD
- PA Fill Regulations, ACT 2, and Development Permits
- MD Beneficial Reuse Guidance



# Lessons Learned

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- Identify acceptance locations and site-specific requirements early
- Incorporate the requirements into the SSAP, and start conversations with the lab on details in advance of characterization
- Agency Flexibility (volume, criteria, number of borings, etc.,)? What about the reuse site?
- Use lab generated tables for quick criteria comparisons
- Plan for alternatives and potential worst case (What if 8 out of 10 samples pass site-specific criteria?)
- Verify the lab is certified in the state of reuse for the analytical parameters
- Work with an experienced lab to reduce time spent up-front
- Work with an experienced driller
- Optimize dredge/core volumes needed for testing and amendment at the lab and discuss with driller

