



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Baltimore District

Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

Dredged Material Management Plan

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a series of three public scoping meetings for the initiation of a dredged material management plan (DMMP) study to evaluate the dredged material placement needs and opportunities for the Port of Baltimore.

The scoping meetings have been scheduled as follows:

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| <p>Wednesday, June 12, 2002 7:00 p.m. Queen Anne's County Library – Kent Island 200 Library Circle Stevensville, MD</p> | <p>Tuesday, June 18, 2002 7:00 p.m. The Community College of Baltimore County, Dundalk Campus Dining Area, College Community Center 7200 Sollers Point Road Baltimore, MD</p> | <p>Thursday, June 20, 2002 7:00 p.m. Anne Arundel Community College Lecture Hall 101 Florestano Building (West Arnold Campus) 101 College Parkway Arnold, MD</p> |
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, invites all interested parties to attend one of the three public scoping meetings. The purpose of the scoping meetings is to solicit input to the plan from any and all interested parties. The input generated at these meetings will be used to help establish the goals and objectives of the DMMP, issues to be considered, and potential placement options.

The purpose of the plan is to develop a long-term strategy for providing viable placement alternatives to meet the dredging needs of the Port of Baltimore channels, including State and local dredging needs, for a minimum of the next 20 years. The DMMP study will evaluate how the dredged material can be managed in an environmentally and economically acceptable manner, with emphasis on beneficial uses of the material. Beneficial uses may include, but are not limited to, ecosystem and habitat restoration, innovative uses, shoreline stabilization, and upland use. A tiered Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to document this process. It is anticipated that this study will conclude in late 2004. Any alternative recommended in the DMMP will not be implemented without additional detailed study and appropriate site-specific NEPA documentation.

Displays regarding the history of the Port of Baltimore, information on dredged material and beneficial uses, potential alternative dredged material placement options under consideration, and the current placement sites at Poplar Island and Hart-Miller Island will be available for review at 6:00 p.m., approximately one hour prior to the scoping meetings. The meetings will also include a presentation by the Corps and allow for open discussions and public comment on the DMMP study.

Oral or written comments may be provided for determination of the scope of the study at the public scoping meetings. Written comments may also be submitted to the Corps up to July 19, 2002. Written comments may be mailed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Baltimore District, CENAB-PL, Attn: Michele A. Bistany, P.O. Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715 or e-mailed to michele.a.bistany@usace.army.mil.

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