



Black Rock Channel Navigation Dredging, NY

Toxics and Areas of Concern Focus Area

**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

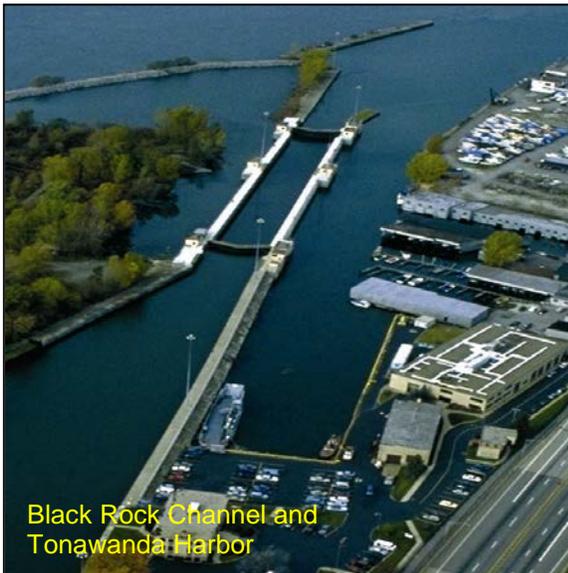
Project Location: Buffalo, New York, in the Niagara River Area of Concern.

Project Description: Black Rock Channel is located in the Niagara River Area of Concern. The nature and extent of toxicity of the sediments within the Federal Navigation Channel are currently unknown. The first phase of this project will consist of sediment sampling and analysis within the Federal Navigation Channel, and an evaluation to determine suitability of the sediment for open-lake placement. The results of this effort will enable USEPA, NYSDEC, USACE and the Niagara River Remedial Advisory Committee to refine delisting criteria related to the “Restrictions on Dredging Beneficial Use Impairment” and to make an informed decision regarding future management actions required for delisting. If dredging of the Black Rock Channel is identified as a necessary management action, USACE may implement a navigation dredging project in areas targeted for delisting purposes.

Non-Federal Partner: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Project Benefits: This effort will provide critical information required by project partners for sound decision-making and may result in the removal of the Restrictions on Dredging Beneficial Use Impairment. With this information, project partners may identify the need for planning, design and implementation of a navigation dredging project.

Project Status: Sampling has been completed. Data validation is ongoing and sediment evaluation is forthcoming.



Black Rock Channel and
Tonawanda Harbor

Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	\$250,000
Non-Federal	\$0
Total	\$250,000

Project Milestones	
Complete Sampling	JUN 2013
Complete Sediment Eval	OCT 2013

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