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## FACT SHEET

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### **BUFFALO RIVER REGIONAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT, NY**

#### **Regional Sediment Management - Beneficial Use of Dredged Material**

Section 204 of the 1992 Water Resources Development Act, as amended  
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

#### Location

- Buffalo Harbor, NY

#### Project Description

- This authority evaluates the use of dredged material from new or existing Federal projects to protect, restore, or create aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands; to reduce storm damage to property, in connection with dredging for construction, operation, or maintenance of an authorized navigation project
- Creation of over 5 acres of emergent, and submerged aquatic habitat
- Creation of wetland communities along the shoreline
- The creation of deepwater fish habitat using submerged trees will increase the density and diversity of aquatic species
- Feasibility phase is 100% Federal

- Design and Implementation is cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal

#### Importance

- Buffalo River is a listed Area of Concern (AOC) due to loss of fish and wildlife habitat
- A high priority as a result of sediment remediation is the restoration of aquatic habitat and wetlands wherever possible

#### Consequence

- Without implementation of this project, there will be a lack of alternative uses of dredged material for ecosystem restoration

| Project Phase | Est. Fed. Cost of Phase | Federal Funding through FY14 | FY15 Requirement | FY15 Budget | FY16 Requirement | FY16 Budget |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Feasibility   | \$1,550k                | \$1,381k                     | \$35k            | \$35k       | \$50k            | \$0         |

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| Design & Implementation | \$2,000k                | \$0k                         | \$0k             | \$0k        | \$210k           | \$0         |

#### Project Sponsor/Customer

- City of Buffalo submitted a Letter of Request in June 2014

#### Congressional Interests

- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Representative Chris Collins R-NY-27
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

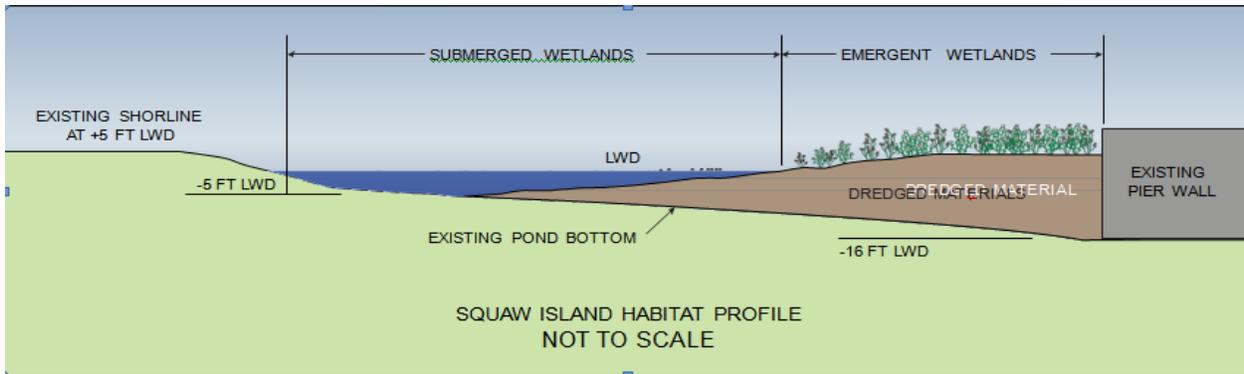
#### Current Status

- Currently finalizing the Feasibility phase
- Additional funds would be used to complete the Project Partnership Agreement and enter the Design & Implementation phase
- Collaborating with Great Lakes Legacy Act (GLLA) work

#### Issues

- None





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