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## FACT SHEET

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### **PRESQUE ISLE REGIONAL SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT, PA**

#### **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**

- Presque Isle Peninsula is located on the southern shore of Lake Erie in the City of Erie, Pennsylvania. The Peninsula is a natural breakwater that forms and protects Erie Harbor, PA, and is home to Presque Isle State Park

#### **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
- An additional benefit of using dredged material for ecosystem restoration on Presque Isle is less erosion of the shoreline will occur

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

#### **Importance**

- Project would address ecosystem restoration at Presque Isle using dredged material

#### **Consequence**

- Continued erosion will potentially lead to breaching of the Peninsula, increasing the wave climate in Presque Isle Bay, and impacting the navigation users of Erie Harbor
- Damage to habitat critical to the breeding of the endangered Piping Plover and other species has already occurred
- Damage to park infrastructure will occur next, leading to loss of roadways and a handicapped access area

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY12	FY13 Requirement	FY13 Budget	FY14 Requirement	FY14 Budget
Feasibility	\$1,200k	\$795k	\$220k	\$0	\$200k	\$0

#### **Project Sponsor/Customer**

- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in a letter dated May 16, 2008

#### **Congressional Interests**

- Representative Mike Kelly R-PA-03
- Senator Robert Casey D-PA
- Senator Pat Toomey R-PA

#### **Current Status**

- Currently developing alternatives as part of the Feasibility phase and will continue as funds become available

#### **Issues**

- Project requires additional funding to move forward



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