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# BUFFALO RSM OUTER HARBOR, BUFFALO, NY

## Beneficial Reuse of Dredged Material

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

**Project Location:** The abandoned slip 3, adjacent to Wilkeson Pointe at 275 Fuhrman Boulevard in the Buffalo Outer Harbor, within the City of Buffalo, Erie County, New York.

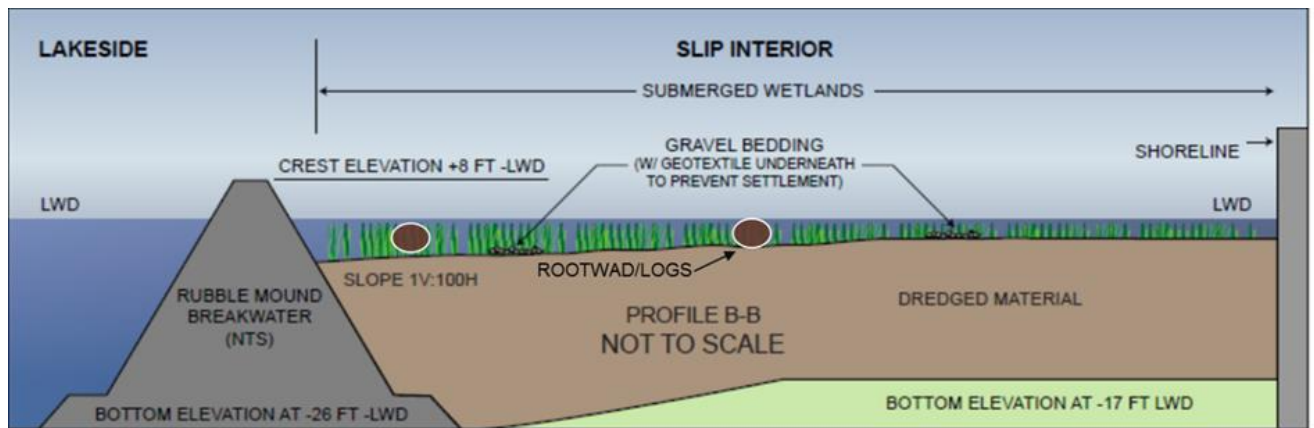
**Project Description:** Placement of clean, dredged materials into an abandoned shipping slip to create habitat for fish and wildlife.

**Partners/Stakeholders:** The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC) is the project partner. Stakeholders include Buffalo Waterkeeper, NYSDEC, and the City of Buffalo.



**Project Benefits:** The Niagara System coastal wetlands have been severely degraded by industrial development; hardening shorelines and diminishing fish nursery and spawning habitat. The most promising consideration for beneficial use of dredged sediments from Buffalo Harbor and Buffalo River entails nearshore placement of material to re-establish habitat. Sediments placed in slip 3 meet the goals of several stakeholder groups for the site, who support specific plans for wetland restoration.

**Project Status:** The project is currently in the feasibility phase which is 100% federally funded. If the project proceeds to design and implementation, it will be cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% Non-Federal.



Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY19	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Budget	FY21 Requirement	FY21 Budget
Feasibility	\$575K	\$431K	\$0K	\$0	\$0	NA
Design and Implementation	\$800K	\$0	\$50k	\$0	TBD	TBD

<sup>1</sup> Feasibility Phase is 100% federally funded.

### Consequences:

- Failure to implement this project will result in missed opportunities to utilize dredged material as a resource and to restore valuable habitat within the Niagara System coastal wetlands.
- Buffalo Outer Harbor recreational development will likely still proceed without restoring habitat in slip 3, but the opportunity to influence ecosystem and coastal resilience benefits will be lost at the site.

### Congressional Interests:

- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY

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