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Dredged Material Make it Your BUSINESS

DIGGING UP IDEAS WORKSHOP

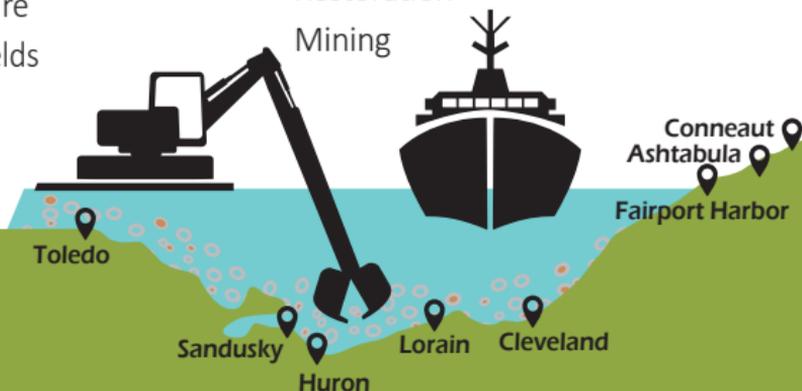
LOCATION: Lorain County Community College

Don't miss this opportunity to explore ways Ohio can repurpose dredged material from Lake Erie's harbors – join policymakers in discussing what you need to make your dredged material product or idea a reality.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Anyone with ideas.
Seeking participation from experts in:

Materials Management
Construction
Engineering
Green Building
Landscaping & Nursery
Landscape Architecture
Turfgrass
Agriculture
Brownfields

Brick & Clay Products
Transportation & Logistics
Economic Development
Site Development
City & Regional Planning
Parks & Natural Areas
Habitat Creation &
Restoration
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Each year, harbors on Ohio's north shore must be dredged to keep the shipping channels open so commodities/vessels can move in and out of the ports. Much of the dredged material is currently dumped in the open waters of Lake Erie. However, with the 2015 passage of Ohio Senate Bill 1, that will no longer be an option after July 1, 2020.

With proper characterization and handling, uncontaminated dredged material can be repurposed to improve the environment and the economy. Those uses include beach and nearshore nourishment, habitat creation and restoration, landscaping, road construction, land reclamation, landfill cover and in the manufacture of marketable products such as concrete, bricks, blocks, aggregate and topsoil.

Public, private and nonprofit stakeholders in and around the harbor areas are in an ideal position to help identify and benefit from developing viable dredged material uses. The first step is recognizing that the material is a valuable resource with real economic value.

To assist these efforts, the State will help identify potential end uses of the dredged material based on preliminary geotechnical and chemical characteristics. With the State's help, the public and private sector in the region will then be able to capitalize on the environmental and economic opportunities created by this resource.

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