Building Partnerships for Beneficial Use Projects

Ohio’s Digging Up Ideas Workshop

GLDT 2016 Annual Meeting
Ohio’s Digging Up Ideas Workshop

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Purpose

• Create a buzz about dredged material potential

• Get businesses and communities actively engaged
Location

- Lorain County Community College
- May 11, 2016
- 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Format

• Educational Material/Posters in Lobby

• Morning Session - Education
• Afternoon Session - Facilitated Brainstorming
Agenda

Dredged Material: Make it Your Business
Digging up Ideas Workshop:
May 11, 2016 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Lorain County Community College

9:00 Registration and Networking

10:00 Welcome
Craig Butler, Director, Ohio EPA
Paula Hackett-Burton, Mayor of Toledo

10:15 – Noon Workshop Overview and Dredged Material Management Overview – Moderated by Pamela Allen

Video: Overview of the Ohio Dredged Material Issue

Videos: Ohio Beneficial Use Projects
- Port of Cleveland
- Joe Capello, Port of Toledo

Beneficial Use Projects in Other States
Sharon Nations, Ohio EPA, REMO, District Chief

Determining the Base Plan (Federal Standards) & USACE Cost-Sharing Policy for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
Kurt Thrall, Ohio EPA, REMO, District Chief

Regulatory Requirements for Beneficial Use in Ohio
Harry Tarr, Ohio EPA, Division of Materials and Waste Management

Q & A

Noon Lunch Break and Networking

12:30 – 1:30 Facilitated Breakout Sessions
We have divided you into three rooms; please make sure you go to your assigned room.
See other side for a more detailed agenda

3:30 Regroup & Recap

4:00 Closing Remarks
Attendance

Nearly 150 experts from the following areas attended:

- Agriculture
- Brownfields
- City and Regional Planning
- Citizens and Students
- Construction
- Economic Development
- Engineering
- Environmental Advocates
- Equipment Distribution
- Green Building
- Habitat Creation and Restoration

- Landscape Architecture
- Landscaping and Nursery
- Materials Management
- Mining
- Parks and Natural Areas
- Port Administration
- Risk Financing
- Site Development
- Transportation and Logistics
- Water and Wastewater Treatment
Preliminary Results

- People’s Choice – Marketing/Educational Campaign
- Take Advantage of the “Buy Local” Movement
- #ItsDirt/#ItsJustDirt
  - 419Dirt
  - 216Dirt
  - 440Dirt
Preliminary Results

- Develop incentive programs
- Create regional soil banks
- Capitalize on synergy created by coal combustion residual closure requirements
- Create state/national park (island) in the Lake
- Create off-road vehicle parks
- Capitalize on synergy with urban revitalization/brownfield projects
- Add topography to NW Ohio
- Create open-water wetland mitigation banks
- Make material exempt from regulation as a waste
- Find funding
- Plus MANY others !!!
Press and More Pictures

Businesses, scientists gather to discuss dredged materials in Lake Erie

Local conference kicks off state brainstorming

By Richard Payerchin, The Morning Journal

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

Ohio environmental officials are looking for ideas about using the sand, dirt and clay scooped up from the bottom of Lake Erie and the state’s rivers.

On May 11, Lorain County hosted “Dredged Material: Make It Your Business — Digging Up Ideas Workshop.” It was a brainstorming session for government officials, scientists and business leaders to discuss the future of material dug up from the waterways to maintain the depth of navigational channels.

“Today is about, what do we do with it?” said Craig Butler,
www.epa.ohio.gov/dir/dredge.aspx
Next Steps

• Review all ideas/solutions
• Host additional workshops, events etc., to keep momentum going
• Meet with interested parties on specific projects
• Promote Ohio Lake Erie Commission Grants – June 10 Deadline
• Propose Beneficial Use Rules/Release Draft General Permit
• Seek statutory changes