

Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2011
1:00 PM
UW-Extension Conference Room 5024
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Attendance: Steve Sokolowski, City of Sheboygan
Victor Pappas, WDNR Plymouth
Chad Pelishek, City of Sheboygan
Eric Nitschke, WDNR SE Region Director
Heather Williams, USEPA/GLNPO
Richard Nagle, USEPA
Jack Van Dixhorn, Sheboygan County Board
Charles Mayer, Sheboygan County Airport Manager
Aaron Brault, Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation
Adam Payne, Sheboygan County Administrator
Mark Thimke, Foley & Lardner, WPSC
Patrick Miles, Sheboygan County Planning & Conservation
Jason Smith, Tecumseh Products
Steve Bauer, Town of Sheboygan Falls
Stacy Hron, WDNR Plymouth
Brian Bartoszek, WPS
Tom Wentland, WDNR Plymouth
Jennifer Bolger, (VBR) Chubb
Paula Bizot, NOAA

The Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup meeting began at 1:00 PM with introductions from those present and on the telephone conference line.

Agency updates were provided by the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Natural Resources.

Superfund Project

- Superfund dredging will continue until December 2, 2011, and then resume in April of 2012 to completion. DNR recommended removing the remaining sediment in the geo bags before winter. Approximately 30,000 cubic yards of sediment is scheduled to be removed in 2012, with a scheduled completion date by August 2012. Approximately 2/5ths of the total sediment was removed in 2011.

Camp Marina

- Brian Bartoszek of WPS indicated the project is wrapping up and is in the de-construction mode, and WPS should be totally out in December. The coffer dam is being removed. GLNPO will be readying the site for the Legacy dredging project work for 2012.

Legacy Project

- Heather Williams indicated that **CH2MHill** has provided a draft Feasibility Study and preliminary design for the Legacy Project, which is scheduled to begin in April 2012. DNR has submitted a draft Remedial Action Plan Application. Heather also indicated the Legacy Project will also use the Alliant Energy site as well as Camp Marina for the dewatering sites. Mechanical dredging will be used to remove the estimated 172,000 to 191,000 (6" over dredge potential) cubic yards of sediment. Approximately 75% of the total sediment to be removed is located downstream of the Pennsylvania Street Bridge.

US Army Corps Dredging Project

- Heather Williams indicated that the project is progressing as scheduled. A vacant lot located in the South Pier area will be used for the staging area to truck approximately 170,000 cubic yards of sediment to the county owned dredge disposal site. Mechanical dredging will occur 16 to 24 hours per day, seven days a week. Officials from Sheboygan County, City of Sheboygan, EPA and Army Corps will be meeting with Town of Sheboygan Officials on December 5, 2011 to review and discuss the project.

AOC Fish & Wildlife Restoration Projects

- Stacy Hron of DNR gave an update on the proposed Fish & Wildlife Habitat restoration projects on the Sheboygan River AOC that were submitted for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding. In addition, the City of Sheboygan Schuchardt Conservation Plan, In-Stream Monitoring and the Invasive Species Mapping Project have been completed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. It was agreed to hold the next Sheboygan River Dredging Workgroup Meeting on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 1:00 PM.

Recorded by Patrick Miles
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