



NEPA Environmental Permitting

Permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the Maryland Department of the Environment are required. Before the permits can be issued, the USACE must complete an environmental impact statement in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA requires public involvement to ensure the public's concerns are understood.

Project is here

Spring/Summer '24

- Complete field studies Finalize 30% design HMI Feasibility Determination
- HMI CBA Discussions

Fall/Winter '24

- HMI CBA Steering Committee Meetings
- TPA Community Advisory Board Workshops

Winter 24' - 25'

- Draft Environmental Impact Statement D(EIS) published
- Public hearing

Spring 2025

- USACEreview of public comments
- Revisions to FEIS

Summer - 2025

- Final Environmental Impact Statement & Record of Decision
- 2025 2028
- Project construction through the start of operations in 2028

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OCCURS THROUGHOUT PROCESS

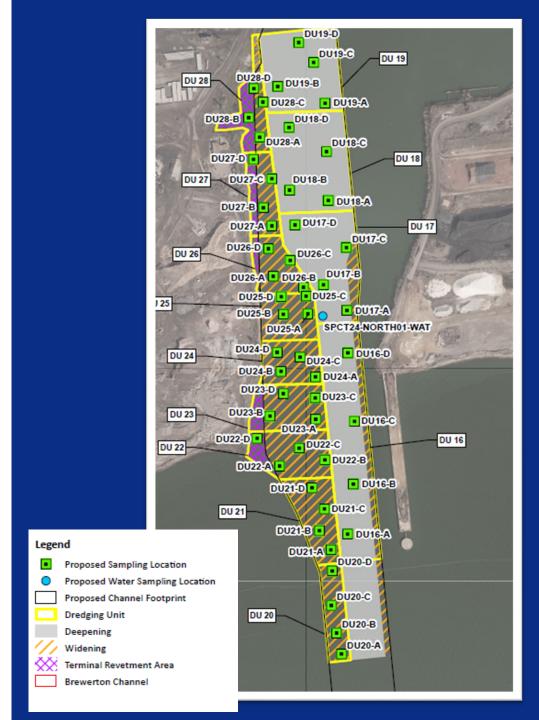
DREDGE PLACEMENT ANALYSIS

The placement of dredge material at any receiving facility requires extensive material and sediment analysis which is currently underway. Those results will be reviewed and characterized by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Sediment Testing & Characterization

The National Environmental Policy Act (**NEPA**) process will evaluate and determine the preferred dredge material alternative. As a part of this process, a public hearing will be conducted by the US Army. Corps. of Engineers in early 2025.

- Extensive Sampling and Analysis Plan approved by MDE and EPA
- 28 separate dredge units, 97 discrete sample locations
- Full suite of analysis (e.g., VOC, SVOC, PAHs, TCLP hazardous waste, metals, PCBs, pesticides, Ecotoxicological testing)
- Upon receipt, results will be submitted to the MDE and EPA for review and approval
- Final agency approval will determine placement location
- ➤ TPA/SPCT will host a workshop for community leaders to review the dredge analysis results in September.



ENVIORNMENTAL PERMITTING & SAFEGUARDS

Key Permits Required for Dredging at TPA and Placement in HMI

Tidal Wetlands License Permit (November 2024 to July 2025)

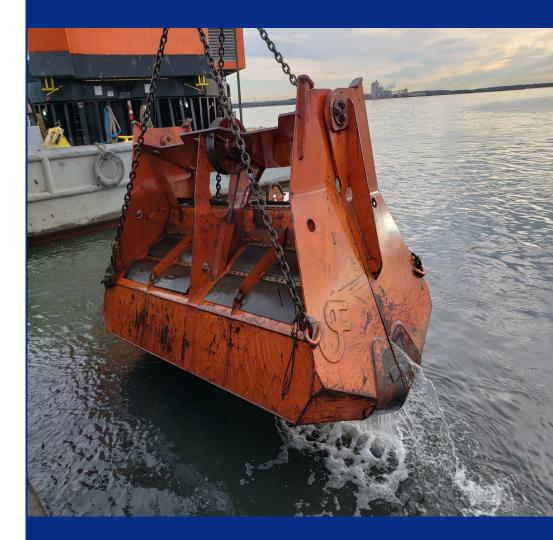
- Required to dredge container terminal access channel for <u>any</u> dredge alternative
- Process includes lengthy application period, public notice, and public hearing –
 overseen and issued by MDE and Board of Public Works (BPW)
- Will require material analysis approval by MDE
- Will specify placement location (material must meet standards)
- Will specify seasonal prohibitions, as applicable
- Will require watertight barges and best management practices as applicable (e.g., environmental buckets/turbidity curtains)

Associated Certification (November 2024 to July 2025)

➤ 401 Water Quality Certification from MDE for dredging activities

NPDES Permit for Hart-Miller Island if selected and approved

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) water discharge permit to be modified to reflect active DMCF status
- Public hearing likely required
- Tidal Wetlands License Permit for certain system upgrades



Example of Environmental Bucket

