Project title: Integrated strategy for beneficial use of dredged materials in Great Lakes commercial ports
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Project components:

- Laboratory and field characterization of material in representative Great Lakes CDFs
- Enhancement of web-based screening tool to promote dredged material mining at existing CDFs
- Dissemination and outreach of the “Integrated strategy for beneficial use of dredged materials at Great Lakes ports”
- Final report
Recycling Dredged Material in the Great Lakes

Often dredged material is simply mud (wet dirt) or wet sand. Contrary to popular belief, not all dredged material is contaminated. Using dredged material can offset the need to mine or import sand or soil from other areas. It can also save valuable space in costly disposal facilities for those really contaminated materials that cannot be reused. Clean dredged material can be used for a variety of purposes, including habitat restoration, topsoil enhancement, general fill, landscaping and roadbed construction. Mildly contaminated materials can often be used for things like daily landfill cover, capping more contaminated sites, and as aggregate for construction materials. This website provides three different portals for getting information about sources of dredged material near you that can be used beneficially: 1) Frequently Asked Questions for general inquiries; 2) a MapFinder for getting detailed information on specific sediment locations around the Great Lakes; and 3) an Advanced Query that allows you to find material closest to you and that suits your needs.