



FACT SHEET

Project Status Update

Buffalo River Area of Concern

Great Lakes Legacy Act Sediment Remediation

and Habitat Restoration

Protection of Waters Permit Program

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The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is providing you this update on the Buffalo River Area of Concern - Great Lakes Legacy Act Sediment Remediation and Habitat Restoration project.

A Protection of Waters Permit under Article 15, Title 5 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law is necessary for the implementation of this sediment remediation and habitat restoration project. The application is now considered complete and a Notice of Complete Application has been prepared for the project.

Approximately 500,000 cubic yards of contaminated sediment are proposed to be dredged from portions of the Buffalo River and City Ship Canal. Sediment disposal will be at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Confined Disposal Facility. About 4,200 cubic yards of sediments regulated under the Toxic Substance Control Act will be specially handled and properly disposed. Dredge and TSCA regulated sediment volumes may change somewhat during construction. Actual volumes will be recorded and reported at the completion of the work. Some capping of sediments will be done at the head of the ship canal and possibly in areas where dredging could compromise shoreline structures. The final phase of construction activities will be restoration of aquatic habitat in selected areas. Dredging work in the Buffalo River and City Ship Canal is generally undertaken during the period of July 1st to-December 30th, with the entire project scheduled to be complete in 2015.

The Buffalo River Area of Concern - Great Lakes Legacy Act Sediment Remediation and Habitat Restoration is made possible through a unique public-private partnership, including the U.S. EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office, Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper, Honeywell, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The project is being planned and funded through the Great Lakes Legacy Act and non-federal sponsors including Honeywell. More information on the project can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/54166.html>

Who can I contact if I have questions?

Should you have additional questions, please feel welcome to contact the representatives below.

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