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**Request for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Sites
for the Brunswick Harbor Modifications, Glynn County, GA
Savannah District**

ACTION: Request for Sites for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material.

SUMMARY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (Corps) is seeking sites for the beneficial use of new work material resulting from the Brunswick Harbor Modification Project (BHMP). The amount of potential available dredged material for beneficial use is approximately 205,000 cubic yards of mostly sandy material, this material would be obtained from the bend widener near the Cedar Hammock Range (between Stations 20+250 and 23+250) shown in the figure below.



Figure 1. BHMP locations of widening areas. The bend widener consists of mostly sandy material and is suitable for beneficial use. The turning basin consists of mostly fines and is not suitable for beneficial use. The St. Simons Meeting Area does not require removal of material.

The Corps will evaluate the feasibility of the proposed sites using the following factors: environmental acceptability, benefits attained, distance from the dredge site, transportation costs, and construction costs. Sites will also be evaluated to determine if they meet the federal standard. Any proposed project that does not meet the federal standard may require a cost share agreement. Site submissions must address the ability to enter into a cost share agreement and funding availability.

DATES: Sites must be submitted to the Corps on or before August 5, 2023.

ADDRESS: Anyone wishing to provide beneficial use sites should submit the required information to CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil, no later than 30-days from the date of this notice.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. Name and location of the proposed site (please include latitude/longitude coordinates).
2. Purpose of the proposed site (i.e., provide shoreline stabilization, restore beach or bird habitat, enhance marsh, etc.).
3. Detailed Summary Description of the proposed project, including:
 - a. Approximate size of the site, a map image or Google Earth KMZ file of the project area.
 - b. Whether the public has the right to use the site in its entirety, from the low water line to the place where there is marked change in material or physiographic form, or to the line of permanent vegetation.
 - c. Detailed narrative of proposed benefits of the site, including any environmental, economic, recreational, and/or social benefits.
 - d. Conceptual plans (optional, if available)
 - e. Known environmental constraints.
4. Signed statement of interest from site sponsor. Statement of interest will need to address:
 - a. Ability to enter into a cost share agreement
 - b. Ability to provide all lands, easements, and rights-of-way (LER), and perform all relocations, required for placement.
 - c. Funding availability
 - d. Capability to partner with the Corps in the development of the design of the site and in environmental compliance processes.
 - e. Provide primary point of contact.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 125 of the WRDA of 2020 requires the Corps to maximize the beneficial use of dredged material obtained from construction of the Corps' projects. As part of this requirement, the Corps is seeking beneficial use sites of the new work material from the BHMP. Beneficial use is defined as productive and positive uses of dredged material.

These uses can have positive impacts to fish and wildlife habitat, economics, structure, and recreation. Examples of beneficial use include, but is not limited to, beach placement, marsh restoration, bird island creation, and shoreline stabilization. Guidance for Section 125 of the WRDA of 2020 can be found at: https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Legislative-Links/wrda_2020/. Search Section 125(a)-(c) for links to the implementation guidance and other Section 125 information.

For more information about the Brunswick Harbor Modification Project please see the Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) at the following link: <https://www.sas.usace.army.mil/About/Divisions-and-Offices/Planning-Division/Plans-and-Reports/>.

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