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Savannah District Request for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Sites for the Savannah Harbor Navigation Project

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

SUMMARY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District (USACE) is seeking sites for the beneficial use of operations and maintenance (O&M) dredged material resulting from the Savannah Harbor Federal Navigation Project (SHNP) (Figure 1). The amount of available dredged material for beneficial use varies based on location and required sediment material type.



Figure 1. Savannah Harbor Navigation Project area (Federal Channel identified by white lines).

USACE 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, as defined in 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 335.7. Any proposed project that does not meet the federal standard may require a cost share agreement.

DATES: Sites must be submitted to USACE on or before January 30, 2026.

ADDRESS: Anyone wishing to provide beneficial use sites should submit the required information to CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil, no later than 60-days from the date of this notice.

Proposals may also be submitted via mail to the address below. Mailed comments must be postmarked by January 30.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District
ATTN: Planning Branch
100 W Oglethorpe Ave, Savannah, GA 31401**

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 mean 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); and
 - e. Known environmental constraints.
4. Statement of interest from site sponsor. Statement of interest will need to address:
 - a. Ability to enter a Project Partnership Agreement for the beneficial use effort;
 - 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 USACE in the development of the design of the site and in environmental compliance processes; and
 - e. Provide primary point of contact.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Section 125 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020 requires USACE to maximize the beneficial use of dredged material obtained from construction of USACE navigation projects. As part of this requirement, USACE is seeking beneficial use sites of the O&M dredged material from the SHNP. 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 any additional questions, please reach out to CESAS-Planning@usace.army.mil for more information.