



2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Portage Lakefront & Riverwalk

100 Riverwalk Dr.

Portage, Indiana 46368

April 29 - 30, 2026

DAY 1 – April 29, 2026		
8 AM CDT/ 9 AM EDT	CHECK-IN	
830 AM CDT/ 930 AM EDT	Welcome and Opening Remarks	David Bucaro, Chicago District Adam Hamm, USACE LRB Dan Breneman, MPCA
845 AM CDT/ 945 AM EDT	LIGHTNING INTRODUCTIONS	Everyone
900 AM CDT/ 1000 AM EDT	Member updates – Dredging, Dredged Material Management, and related projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Illinois - Indiana - Michigan - Minnesota - New York - Ohio - Pennsylvania - Wisconsin 	Agency representatives (1-5 slides each)
1015 AM CDT/ 1115 AM EDT	BREAK	
1030 AM CDT/ 1130 AM EDT	Fed Agency Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detroit District - Buffalo District - Chicago District - ERDC - USEPA - Other 	Agency representatives (one slide each)
1130 AM CDT/ 1230 AM EDT	GLC Update	Mary Sabuda, GLC
1145 AM CDT/ 1245 PM EDT	LUNCH BREAK (Box lunch)	Cappos Restaurant
1230 PM CDT/ 1330 PM EDT	USACE HQ Updates on Dredging and DMM	Chris Phillips, USACE Great Lakes and Ohio River Division
1300 PM CDT/ 1400 PM EDT	Overview of USACE PFAS work	David Moore, USACE ERDC
1315 PM CDT/ 1415 PM EDT	USACE Background PFAS Study	Brett Hayhurst, USACE ERDC
1345 PM CDT/ 1445 PM EDT	USACE GLRI work (bioaccumulation)	Brett Hayhurst, USACE ERDC
1415 PM CDT/ 1515 PM EDT	BREAK	
1430 PM CDT/ 1530 PM EDT	Industry’s Perspective and Contractor Session: Presentations from Great Lakes dredging & marine construction contractors on challenges & successes in the Great Lakes J.F. Brennan Company: Lessons Learned for Sediment Preparation and Disposal Roen Salvage Co.: Great Lakes dredging and placement lessons learned Littoral Services LLC: Dredging and Ecosystem Restoration Design from Small Business Perspective	JF Brennan Company, Andrew Timmis Barry Kuzay and David Schanock, Roen Salvage Co. Nicholas LaPointe, Littoral Services LLC
1800 PM CDT/ 1900 PM EDT	Optional: No-host Social Gathering at TBD	Big Time Burgers + Brew 2545 Promenade Way at Founders Square



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DAY 2 – April 30, 2026		
830 AM CDT/ 930 AM EDT	Reconvene GLDT Meeting Day 1 Recap and Housekeeping	Adam Hamm, USACE LRB Dan Breneman, MPCA
840 AM CDT/ 940 AM EDT	Navigation Budget Update, FY 2026 and FY2027 Outlook	Nick Zager, USACE Detroit
910 AM CDT/ 1010 AM EDT	AOC Contaminated Sediment Placement Capacity	Jim Luke, USACE ERDC Scott Cieniawski, USEPA GLNPO
950 AM CDT/ 1050 AM EDT	Intro to NPS shoreline management concerns	NPS Chief of Resource Mgt. Dan Plath
1015 AM CDT/ 1115 AM EDT	BREAK	
1030 AM CDT/ 1130 AM EDT	Buffalo District Beneficial Use	Andrew Hannes, LRB
1100 AM CDT/ 1200 AM EDT	Mississippi River Beneficial Use	Bre Popkin, St. Paul District Strategic Navigation Program Manager, and Acting Deputy Chief of Operations
1130 AM CDT/ 1230 PM EDT	Trail Creek Innovative Project	Colin Hassenger, Edgewater Resources, LLC; Ed Moyer and Todd Watkins, Paragon ISG
1200 PM CDT/ 1300 PM EDT	Lunch break	Ken Dawgs, on-site NPS vendor
1245 PM CDT/ 1345 PM EDT	Agricultural Beneficial Use of Dredged Sediment from Toledo, OH	Dr. Angelica Vazquez-Ortega, BGSU
1315 PM CDT 1415 PM EDT	ERDC Nearshore Monitoring Project: Burns Small Boat Harbor Nearshore Nourishment Monitoring	Dr. Jennifer Miller, USACE ERDC
1345 PM CDT/ 1445 PM EDT	Update on Chicago Mudpuppy Sampling - Efficiencies and Cost Savings	David Bucaro LRC PL Chief/Nick Barkowski LRC Fish Biologist
1430 PM CDT/ 1530 PM EDT	Closing remarks/ Survey/ Adjourn	Co-chairs
1445 PM CDT/ 1545 PM EDT to 1600 PM CDT/ 1700 EDT	Optional - Gather at shoreline to discuss coastal issues and solutions	NPS (Chief of Resource Mgt. Dan Plath, Scientist Dr. Charles Morris)

**Note – Please do not eat anything with peanuts/peanut products in the room. There is someone with a severe peanut allergy that would be impacted. Thank you for your understanding!*