WRDA 2016 Section 1122
Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
Pilot Program

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Section 1122 of WRDA 2016
Proposal elements

“...the Secretary shall carry out the pilot program in a manner that...”

• **Maximizes the beneficial placement** of dredged material from Federal and non-Federal navigation channels;

• **Incorporates**, to the maximum extent practicable, **2 or more** Federal navigation, flood control, storm damage reduction, or environmental restoration projects;

• Coordinates the mobilization of dredges and related equipment, including **through the use of such efficiencies in contracting and environmental permitting as can be implemented under existing laws and regulations**; **Fosters** Federal, State, and local collaboration;

• **Implements best practices** to maximize the beneficial use of dredged sand and other sediments;

• Ensures that the use of dredged material is **consistent with all applicable environmental laws**.
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Pilot Project Cost sharing

- The **incremental costs above the Federal standard for transporting and depositing material from federal projects will be borne entirely by the Federal government**
- Costs for dredging additional material, dredging material from a non-federal navigation project or for **additional activities (e.g., wetland creation) must be cost-shared** according to Sec 204 of WRDDA 1992 as amended
- HQUSACE, in consultation with ASA(CW), will recommend funding sources for planning and implementation of each pilot project
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1. Purpose
2. Description of the proposed project, including more detail on how material will be used beneficially to meet project purposes identified on slides 4 - 8
3. The name of all non-federal interests planning to act as the sponsor.
4. List the authorized USACE water resources development project(s) that the proposed beneficial use project is associated with.
5. Estimate of total project costs and federal/non-federal share.
6. Estimate of the anticipated monetary and non-monetary benefits of the proposed beneficial use project with regard to the environmental, economic, and social benefits of the project.
7. Describe if local support exists for the proposal.
8. Statement of the non-federal interest’s financial ability to provide a share of the project costs.
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Pilot Selection Process Timeline

Federal Register Notice 30-day Submission Period Begins
(Feb 9, 2018)

Non-Fed Proponents Submit Pilot Project Proposals
(March 12, 2018)

USACE Regional Teams Evaluate Proposals
(April 2018)

HQUSACE Develops National Evaluation
(May 2018)

HQUSACE RECOMMEND 10 PROJECTS TO
Asst. Secretary of the Army (CW) (June 2018)*

*Note WRDA 2016 is an authorizing document and does not provide appropriations for the execution of the 10 selected projects. Implementing those projects will require separate appropriations by Congress and is not guaranteed.