



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**Sheboygan River Dredging Operations and Habitat Restoration Activities are underway.**

### **Superfund Project Dredging**

The on-going Superfund dredging project conducted by Pollution Risk Services (PRS), initiated in 2011, will continue throughout the summer and be completed later this year. The hydraulic dredging by PRS is being performed from the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge to Penn Avenue Bridge, with sediment being piped to a dewatering site upstream.

### **USEPA Legacy Act Dredging Project**

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has issued a task order to Ryba Marine Construction Co. – Terra Contracting, A Joint Venture (Ryba-Terra) to dredge the Sheboygan River between the 8<sup>th</sup> Street bridge and Kiwanis Park. The work is being performed by Ryba- Terra under the USEPA Great Lakes Legacy Act and is one of three dredging projects to be conducted on the Sheboygan River in 2012.

Sediment dredging conducted by Ryba-Terra will begin in early August 2012 from the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge to Kiwanis Park. Ryba-Terra began construction of the sediment dewatering site to support the upstream dredging project in July at the WINSA site (formerly Alliant Energy), immediately west of the 8<sup>th</sup> Street bridge. Equipment and materials are currently arriving on a daily basis. Marine equipment was being mobilized during the week of July 9<sup>th</sup> and will arrive in Sheboygan shortly. This equipment will consist of sediment transport barges, sectional barges, dredging barges and work tugs. Construction of an unloading platform along the shoreline is anticipated to begin the week of July 17<sup>th</sup>. Dredging operations will start in early August and continue through November. Truck traffic from this project will be using the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Rotary and Indiana Avenue.

For more information on the planned work and anticipated project milestones of the upstream work, please visit the web site, <http://www.sheboyganriverremedialaction.com>

The web site will be updated weekly with information on progress of the remedial action project and updates on the construction schedule. The web site also contains links to City of Sheboygan, USEPA, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and University of Wisconsin Extension web sites that give information on other projects in the Sheboygan River Area of Concern.

### **Harbor Project Dredging**

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has issued a task order to EQM, for the Harbor dredging project, to be conducted below the 8<sup>th</sup> Street bridge to the mouth of the river. The Harbor dredging project will remove low-impact sediment and will provide a 10-16 foot navigation channel. USEPA and EQM will be using a Redevelopment Authority-owned parcel of land on South Pier directly west of the City's fish cleaning station at the entrance to the pier as well as a 0.87 acre parcel of land across from this parcel as de-watering and construction staging sites. Truck traffic from this project will be using the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Rotary and Indiana Avenue.

Construction of the de-watering site for the Harbor project will begin in early August along South Pier Drive adjacent to the fish cleaning station. Dredging will start in late August and will continue through November.

All dredging activities will be operating 24 hours per day, 7 days of the week.

### **Fish and Wildlife Habitat Restoration Projects**

The City of Sheboygan has awarded a \$4,522,212 contract to Lee & Ryan a Greenfield, Indiana firm to complete the fish and wildlife habitat projects at Kiwanis Park, Wildwood Island and Taylor/Indiana Avenue intersection. Work is scheduled to begin August 9, 2012 and be completed near the end of the year.

You may be wondering about the purpose of the large log pile being stored near the Municipal Service Building on New Jersey Avenue. (See photo below.) These logs will be used as part of this project to create a man-made crib wall for fish habitat at the Wildwood Islands.

Funding for this project provided by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.



### **Targeted Invasive Species Control Project**

The City of Sheboygan and Sheboygan County representatives are partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to contact property owners along the Sheboygan River to gain permission to access properties to treat the invasive species. This four year project focuses primarily on treating four invasive species: **Phragmites, Japanese Knotweed, Buckthorn, and Garlic Mustard**. The goal is to control 60 sites along the river. The initial removal effort will begin in August and likely be completed by October 2012. The success of the treatments will be monitored and any additional treatments will be conducted from the spring of 2013 through the fall of 2015.

Funding for the Targeted Invasive Species Control Project is provided by a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative habitat restoration grant. Treatment of the four species on the selected properties is provided at no cost to the landowner.

Questions pertaining to these projects can be directed to the Department of Planning and Development, City of Sheboygan, 828 Center Avenue, Suite 104, Sheboygan, WI 53081, (920) 459-3377, visit [www.cityofsheboygan.info](http://www.cityofsheboygan.info) or by email at [development@ci.sheboygan.wi.us](mailto:development@ci.sheboygan.wi.us)