

2. SCOPE OF THE STUDY

This study is conducted under the guidance of the National Harbors Program: Dredged Material Management Plan, (EC1165-2-200) policy, dated July 21, 1994. The purpose of this DMMP study is to determine if additional suitable dredged material placement sites are located in the vicinity of Saginaw County that will satisfy future dredge disposal needs of a 20-year capacity associated with the Upper Saginaw River. The decision to recommend implementing the final Management Plan is based upon a preliminary appraisal that at least one potential solution would be engineeringly, economically and environmentally feasible, will be in accord with current Federal policies and budgetary priorities, and will be supported by the project's sponsor, the County of Saginaw.

The purpose of this DMMP document is to: (a) present studies that have been conducted to date; (b) provide an economic assessment to justify continued maintenance dredging; (c) discuss potential options that appear viable for disposal of dredged material; and (d) select a Base Plan for Upper Saginaw River maintenance dredging.

The level of detail in this Phase II DMMP document is limited by the extent of information available in the study time frame. In the Phase II DMMP document phase of the study process, problems and opportunities of the project are defined and potential alternatives are formulated and analyzed to identify a plan (or plans) that would handle the dredging volume for a 20-year period.