

13. RESULTS OF COORDINATION WITH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

Some of the correspondence listed below is included in Appendix E – “Correspondence”. Please refer to the individual correspondence for more detail in regard to certain communications.

On, November 12, 1999, the Corps notified the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) by letter, that the Corps has terminated the study for a Confined Disposal Facility (CDF) for the Upper Saginaw River under the authority Section 123, Public Law 91-611. On June 21, 2000, the Department of Environmental Quality (Russell J. Harding) requested the Corps, by letter, to initiate this DMMP study.

On July 13, 2000, the Corps provided the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) by letter, with a set of criteria, which the MDEQ could use to aid them in their search for potential upland unconfined dredged material disposal sites. The MDEQ and Saginaw County coordinated with the Corps to find potential upland disposal sites for evaluation. The MDEQ submitted three potential upland sites for evaluation in 2000.

On January 22, 2002 the County of Saginaw, Board of Commissioners passed RESOLUTION C, “Saginaw County Identified as Local Sponsor for Upper Saginaw River Dredging Project”

On October 15, 2002 the County of Saginaw, Board of Commissioners passed RESOLUTION D, “Reaffirming Support of Saginaw River Dredging Project”

On August 12, 2003, Saginaw County and the Corps held a public meeting at Saginaw Valley State University with representatives from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (F&WS) and Zilwaukee Township. In the meeting the various alternatives (upland disposal and recycling dredged material) were discussed.

During the preparation of the Environmental Assessment, there was coordination efforts between the COE and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MNDR), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Fish & Wildlife Service (F&WS) and State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). Comments from this coordination effort are discussed in the Environmental Assessment.

Coordination with the Michigan Lieutenant Governors Office, Saginaw County and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has been positive throughout the project. The Lieutenant Governor’s Office became actively involved in the project in 2003 through the Saginaw County Commissioner, who invited the lieutenant Governor to a project update meeting. The Lieutenant Governor vowed to be an active participant in seeing the project through to completion.