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Detroit River slated for summer-time dredging

DETROIT — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District awarded a Michigan company a nearly three-quarters of a million dollar contract to dredge the Detroit River.

Luedtke Engineering Company, out of Frankfort, Mich., was awarded the contract worth \$722,000. The work includes the removal of 108,000 cubic yards of dredged material from the Detroit River navigation channel. Dredging should begin in June and finish in August.

The Detroit District traditionally dredges the Detroit River approximately every two years. The river was last dredged in 2004. As in years past, the dredged material will be placed in the Pte. Mouillee Confined Disposal Facility.

This work will help ensure shipping lanes remain open and able to support the high volume of commercial vessels, which pass up and down the Detroit River.

In other efforts to keep the Detroit River free of obstructions that would hinder vessel passage, the Detroit District performs strike-removal operations, which removes large rocks which periodically break away from the hard bottom channels of the lower Detroit River. The strike-removal operations are based out of the District's Detroit Area Office located near historic Fort Wayne right on the Detroit River.

The Detroit District manages 94 harbors in and around Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron, St. Clair and the Michigan portion of Lakes Erie. Along with the Detroit River, the Corps in Detroit handles the connecting channels of the St. Marys and St. Clair Rivers.

The Detroit District plans to remove approximately 800,000 cubic yards of material from the Great Lakes waterways in 2006. Dozens of projects throughout the Great Lakes are contracted by the Detroit District to support these activities.

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