

# Portfolio Framework for Beneficial Use of Dredged Material

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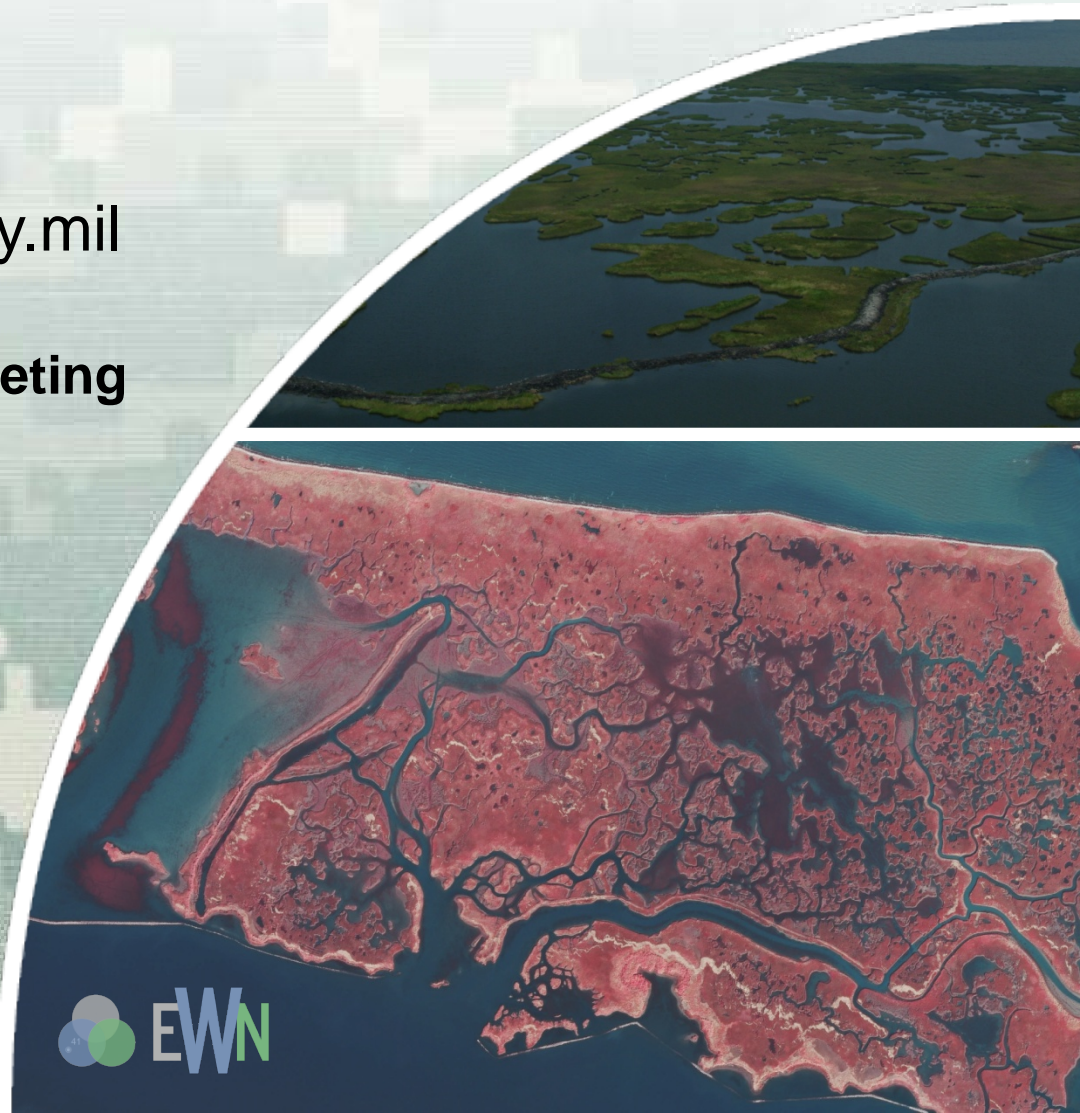
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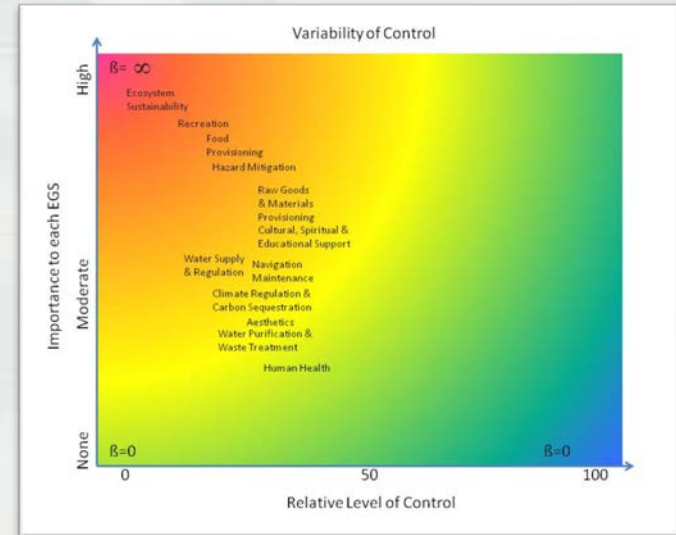
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### ■ Problem

- To promote consideration of a range of BU placement by characterization of the benefits in native units
- Optimize benefits from available resource across multiple projects

### ■ Objectives

- Develop a portfolio approach to valuing beneficial use projects
- Consider the potential ecosystem goods and services - and implementation risk - created from different placement/design features
- Utilize Districts, RSM, and other research (C. Piercy) to characterize potential placement sites



### ■ Approach

- Development and verification of a matrix of attributes and benefits (temporal)
- Case studies (NAE, MVN)
- Variability in functionality as a result of DM placement features
- Mathematical optimization of benefits



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### Project Funding by Year

- FY13: 113K
- FY14: 120K
- FY15: 80K



### Benefits to Navigation Program

- The approach necessitates the quantitative consideration of BU.
- The model can serve as an archive of the most up-to-date understanding of BU, incorporating cases.
- It provides a platform for calculating the collective utility of alternative BU projects.

### Major Project Deliverables

- Model parameter matrix of BU functions by March 2014
- Portfolio optimization model by October 2014
- Case studies with New England and New Orleans Districts by September 2015



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### ■ FY14 Products

- (Childs TN) Development of a matrix of EGS across placement types
- (Childs, PIANC) Presentation of “Measuring Ecological Benefits from Dredged material Management” at 33<sup>rd</sup> PIANC World Congress
- Draft TN of variability in benefits (risk) related to DM placement factors with MVN
- Initial characterization benefits from placements sites with MVN

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