

Managing and Understanding Sediments in Your Watershed  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District  
Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrology Office  
8-9 December 2009  
Marine Corps Naval Reserve Training Center  
3 Porter Avenue, Buffalo, NY

Agenda

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8 DECEMBER - CLASSROOM

- 8:00 – 8:30 Introduction (Jim Selegean  
Class overview USACE – Detroit District)  
Section 516 Program
- 8:30 – 9:30 Sediment: The Good and the Bad (Travis Dahl  
The influence of sediment on: USACE – Detroit District)
- Fish
  - Benthic invertebrates
  - Flooding, erosion, etc.
- 9:30 – 9:45 BREAK
- 9:45 – 10:45 Sources of Sediment (Jim Selegean  
USACE – Detroit District)
- Sediment production
- Raindrops and entrainment
  - Benefits of a closed forest/vegetation
  - Incision and channel evolution
  - Dam removal
- Constructing a sediment budget
- Sources (bank erosion, overland runoff)
  - Sinks
  - Data sets
  - Corps guidance
- Generalizations about urban, agricultural and forested watersheds  
Historical sediment supplies (Pre-European settlement to present)  
The geomorphic assessment in sediment studies
- 10:45 – 11:45 Monitoring for sediment (Hank Zajd – USGS  
Ithica, NY)
- Sampling equipment  
Sampling methods  
Accessing historic data

- 11:45 – 12:30 LUNCH (provided)
- 12:30 – 1:30 Web-based tools for soil erosion assessment/management (Glenn O’Neil - MSU)
- High (sediment) Impact Targeting
  - Digital Watershed
  - RUSLE tool for agriculture and construction sites
- 1:30 – 2:30 Other Web-based tools for soil erosion assessment (Calvin Creech, USACE – Detroit District.)
- L-THIA (Long-Term Hydrologic Impact Assessment) Model
  - SEDSPEC - A Web-based Tool to Estimate Peak Runoff and Design Runoff and Erosion Control Structures
  - Web-based Environmental Decision Support Tools
  - NCDC Tools
  - Other tools
- 2:30 – 2:45 BREAK
- 2:45 – 3:15 Ditch-sediment management tool (Travis Dahl USACE – Detroit District)
- 3:15 – 4:00 Advanced Tools (Jim Selegean USACE – Detroit District)
- 1-d sediment yield using SWAT
  - 2-d sediment yield using GSSHA
  - 1-d sediment transport with HEC-RAS – mobile bed
  - 1-d sediment transport with HEC-RAS – SIAM
  - Multi-dimensional sediment transport with CH3D-SED, EFDC, RMA-2, etc.

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**SEDIMENT PREVENTION / STABILIZATION METHODS**

- 8:00 – 9:00 Riparian Zone Mitigation (Rich Fischer  
USACE - ERDC)
- Buffer Strip design
  - Riparian Corridors
- 9:00 – 10:00 In-Stream Mitigation (Dave Derrick  
USACE - ERDC)
- Bank stabilization methods
  - Grade control methods
  - Sediment and flow retention basins?
- 10:00 – 10:15 BREAK
- 10:15 – 10:45 Urban and construction BMPs for sediment (Paula Smith,  
Monroe County, NY )
- 10:45 – 11:15 NRCS Programs for soil conservation (John Whitney  
NRCS, Erie County)
- 11:15 – 11:30 GL Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control (Great Lakes Commission)
- 11:30 – 12:00 Restoration case study - (Dave Derrick  
USACE – ERDC)

9 DECEMBER - FIELD

- 12:00 – 5:00 Box lunch and visit field sites. Lunch will be provided, but transportation to the field site(s) is on your own.