

Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Plan for Streamlining the Waterways Process 2013 Emergency Dredging Initiative

- Temporarily suspending Policy #9.8 Waterways Grant Funding and requiring no local match, communities may begin working on dredging projects sooner.
- No application will be necessary based on the dredging needs identified in the recent December/January survey.
- Advance payments of twenty-five percent (25%) of the grant to allow communities to expedite the projects.
- The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is working to streamline the dredging permitting process through collaboration with DNR staff.
- The DNR staff will be providing technical assistance to communities with their dredging project.
- The DNR staff will facilitate coordination and involvement with the Army Corps of Engineers.
- The DNR staff will assist with dredging contracts as needed.
- The Waterways Commission will support efforts to release the Federal Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund to dredge Michigan Great Lakes channels and harbors through the Army Corps of Engineers.