

CSO & ASBPA

SEDIMENT REGULATIONS PROJECT



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American Shore & Beach Preservation Association
Advocating for healthy coastlines



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Objectives:

- Highlight coastal program successes in managing sediment resources.
- Elevate effective regional sediment management policies in the national spotlight.

Focus:

- Identify barriers to achieving beneficial use policy goals and strategies that have worked.
- Support interagency coordination.

Approach:

1. Desktop research characterizing sediment placement regulations and beneficial use policies.
2. Interviews with coastal programs to understand policy approaches and identify case studies.
3. Regional workshops to share lessons learned.
4. Final report to provide recommendations.

Overview

- The American Shore and Beach Preservation Association (ASBPA) and Coastal States Organization (CSO) have partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to research the policy and regulatory approaches of the nation's coastal states and territories toward incentivizing the beneficial reuse of dredged materials.
- This project, funded by USACE Institute for Water Resources, aims to focus on the perceived challenge of conflicting state and federal policies and regulations around how dredged sediment can be used beneficially.
- ASBPA and CSO has worked with coastal states, USACE, and key partners to conduct a comparative policy analysis of state RSM policies, and will develop recommendations and best practices through expert interviews and regional practitioner workshops. Workshop participants will benefit from peer-to-peer information sharing and strategic engagement with Federal and NGO partners.
- A [national-scope white paper](#) summarizing initial research findings was released on March 2, 2022.
- The final report is intended for release by the end of 2022.

Past and Upcoming Regional Workshops:

1. **Southeast/Caribbean** – November 2021
2. **New England** – January 2022
3. **Great Lakes** – February 2022
4. **Gulf of Mexico** – April 2022
5. **Mid-Atlantic** – June 2022 (planned)
6. **Pacific Islands** – July 2022 (planned)
7. **West Coast** – September 2022 (planned)