Sediment Delivery and Reuse

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Research Affiliate, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center Affiliate, Illinois Natural History Survey Prairie Research Institute, and Research Professor, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois Champaign, Ill. March 12, 2020 Sedimentation is Analogous to Clogged Arteries

Life Saving Emergency Treatment Consists of Surgery to Remove the Blockage

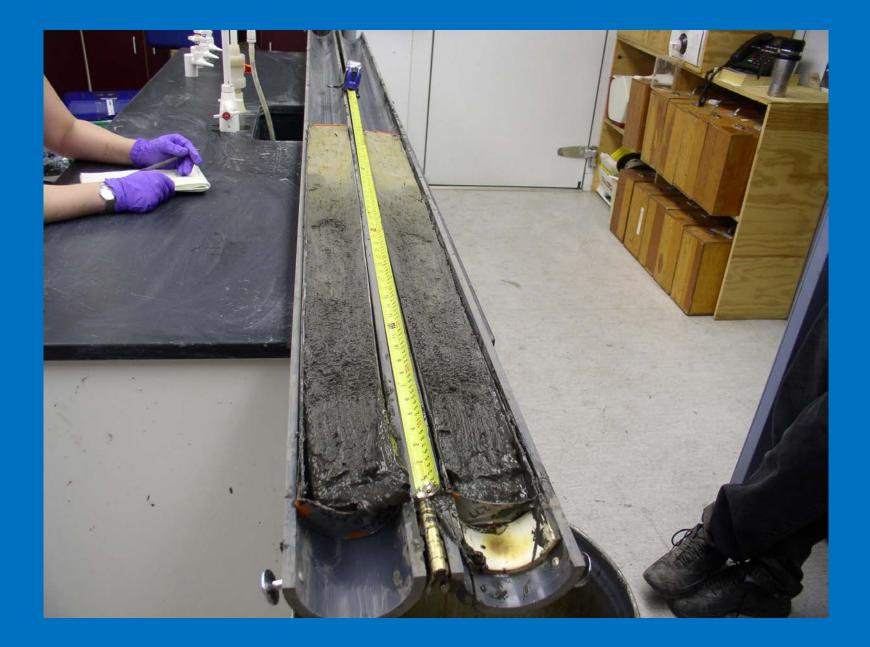
Long Term Treatment Requires Changing the Patient's Diet and Exercise Habits



## Think like an elephant during water project construction.

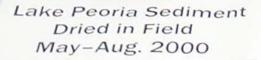


Think like an ant over decades of maintenance – one grain at a time.



# **Evaluation of Sediment Cores**

- Potential Chemical Contaminants
- Agronomic Fertility
- Soil Classification and Consistence
- Grain Size
- Moisture Content, Density, etc.



Lake Peoria Sediment Spring 2001 after Weathering



Grass one year after placement of wet sediment from Peoria Lake

## Sand Farm Crop Harvest



Control: 0 cm sediment on native sandy soil

30 cm sediment added

Corn plant height at harvest time



Sunflowers on strip mine overburden, Banner Marsh SFWA







Pekin landfill August 2008 clay liner/sediment cap

Dredged Material Can be Mixed with Other Material to Produce Manufactured Soil

- Biosolids
- Compost
- Sand
- Other soil
- Various types of organic matter

#### "Clean" Urban Soil

#### Reclaimed topsoil from Lower Peoria Lake



# **Dredging Options:**

• Hydraulic

- Various slurry pumps
- Excavator, Clam or Bucket
- Move with pipe, trucks on causeway, conveyor, small barges
- Other innovative methods





















## Lake Decatur 2011 Drought







### Walton Lake, Litchfield, Ill., During drawdown

















Spread Sediment on Farmland or Degraded Land



Duck Island Cells Aug 2010

Duck Island Cells June 2016





### **Rainbowing Dredged Sand**



### Dredge in foreground rainbowing sediment







# Sediment Traps

Capture Sediment near inflows
Hold it for efficient removal
Keep it out of main portion of lake



## Greenwood Lake



### Drake's Cr. TN., 2005, vegetated geotextile tubes.



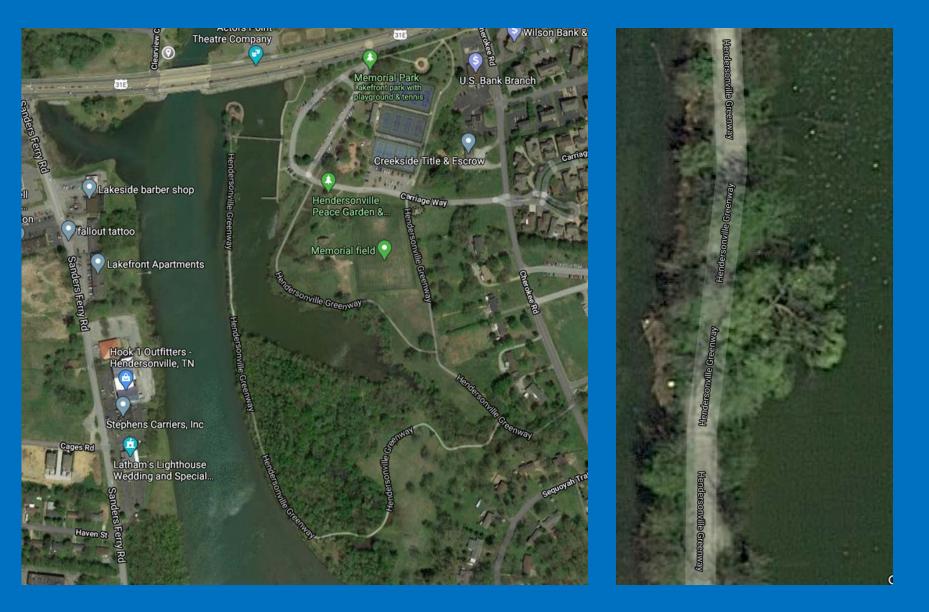
Hesco Barriers can protect shoreline, and form wave breaks and other features

# Need for Soil

- It is more valuable than oil
- Adjacent and nearby farms
- Local landscaping homes, facilities, highways
- Nurseries, contractors, soil sales people
- Large urban areas
- Deserts and degraded areas

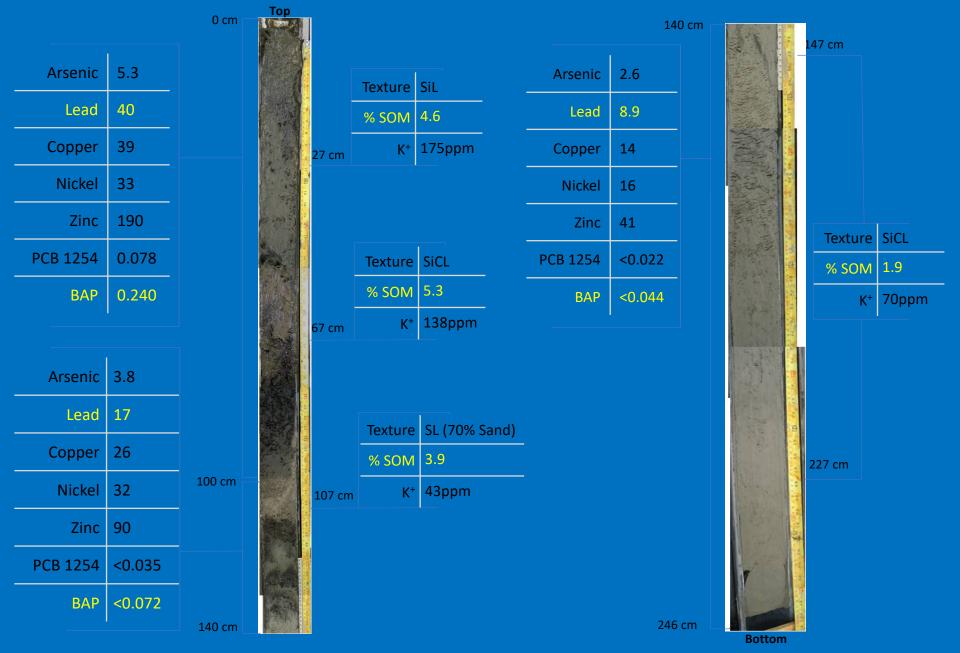


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Hendersonville (TN) Greenway. Created cove alongside main channel.

#### Core 197 From Lower Peoria Lake Chemical (mg/kg) and Agronomic Properties





#### Salts leaching from biosolids





Fox Waterway Agency Drying Pond





Deposited wet dredged material develops loose soil structure after winter freezing and thawing

