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# Jacksonville Harbor: Dredged Material Management—Planning and Execution

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# What Is Dredged Material Management Planning?

## Why Should We Do It? How Is It Done?

- **What:** A planning process to determine the most efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally acceptable approach to manage a Port's dredged material
- **Why:**
  - Keep the cargo moving
  - Save money
  - Promote sustainability
    - Business practices
    - Environmental stewardship
- **How:** Jacksonville Harbor offers a case study in how to plan and execute for dredged material management



JAXPORT – Blount Island Marine Terminal,  
Ongoing Berth 22 Expansion

# Jacksonville Harbor Dredged Material Management Planning: Purpose

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To conduct an analysis and determine the most efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally acceptable approach to manage dredged material for both federal and non-federal dredging of Jacksonville Harbor for the next 20 years.



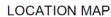
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# Jacksonville Harbor Dredged Material Management Planning: Process

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- Completed data acquisition and analysis to develop a 20-year historical summary of dredging and dredged material management actions
- Applied the data to develop and assess expected dredging and dredged material management needs for the next 20 years
- Developed potential plan alternatives to provide required long-term dredged material management capacity
- Evaluated potential plan alternatives in terms of gained capacities, costs, and permitting feasibility
- Vetted and refined plan alternatives to develop a 20-year plan, including implementation tasks and timelines





## Shoaling Analysis – Dredging Need

SECTION:	SECTION 1 CUTS 3-13	SECTION 2A CUTS 14-42	SECTION 2B BI Cuts F & G	SECTION 3 CUTS 43-TC	AVG. ANNUAL (CY/YR)	20-YR NEED (THROUGH FY40) (CY)
CURRENT PLACEMENT OPTION (BASED ON MATERIAL QUALITY):	BEACH/BUCK/ODMDS	BUCK/ODMDS	BARTRAM	BARTRAM/ODMDS		
FEDERAL AVG. ANNUAL DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT NEED (CY/YR):	173,515	94,982	20,546	228,244	517,287	10,345,735
NON-FEDERAL AVG. ANNUAL DREDGED MATERIAL MANAGEMENT NEED (CY/YR):	0	49,562	44,578	503,948	598,088	11,961,756
				TOTALS:	1,115,375	22,307,491

## Capacity Analysis – Available Storage

DMMA	Cell	Remaining Capacity (CY)	
		Federal	Non-Federal
Bartram Island	A	5,282,159	600,000
	B	-	91,400
	B-2	-	12,760
	C	-	-
	F	547,237	-
	G	0	-
Buck Island	A	1,699,682	-
	B	-	1,200,000
<b>Total Initial Capacity (CY)</b>		<b>7,529,078</b>	<b>1,904,160</b>

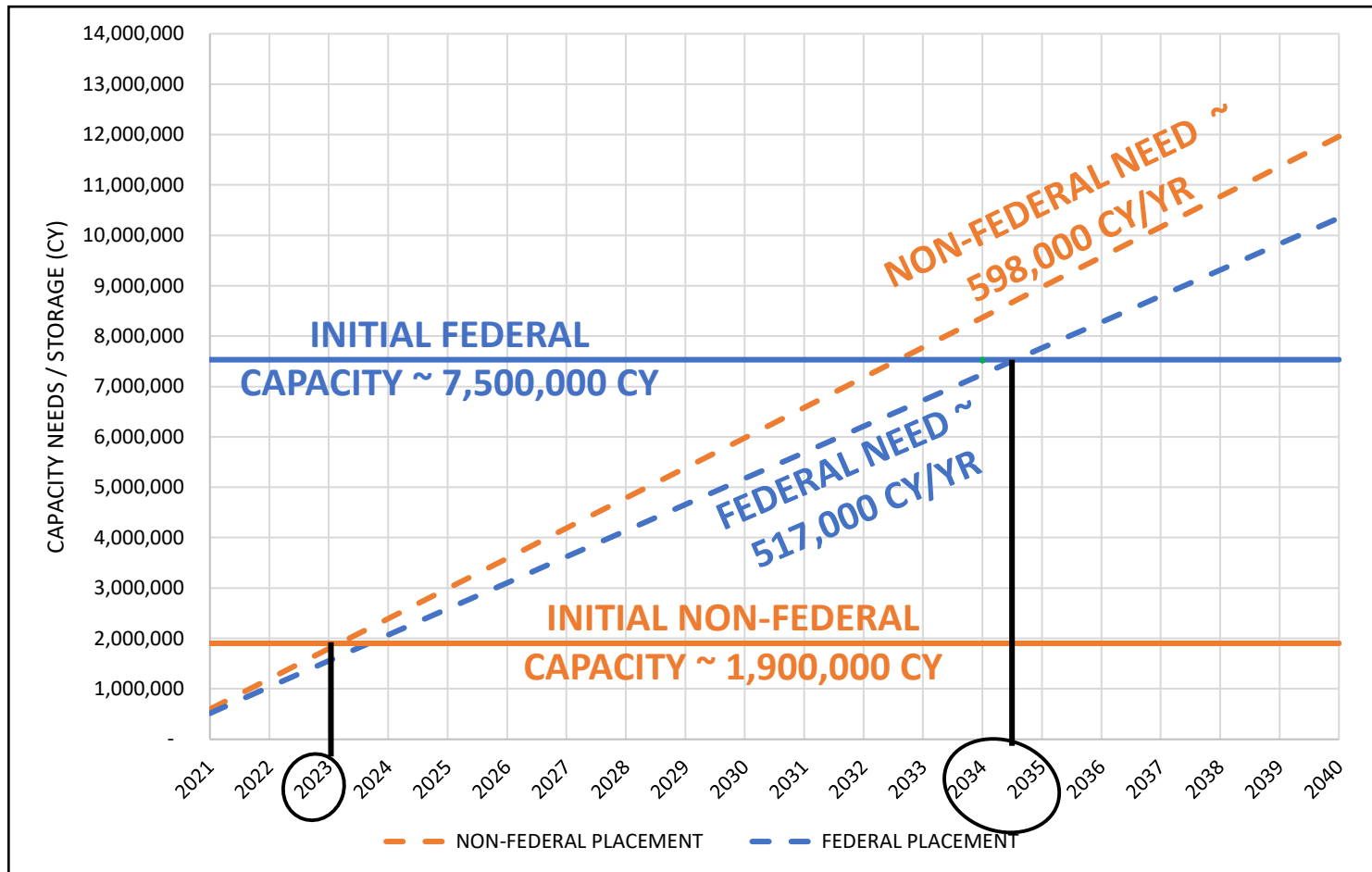
## Deficit Analysis – Storage Shortfall

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Capacities/Deficits (CY)	Federal	Non-Federal
Initial Capacity	7,529,078	854,160
Buck Island Offloading	0	1,050,000
<b>Base Capacity</b>	<b>7,529,078</b>	<b>1,904,160</b>
Annual Requirement	517,287	598,088
<b>20-year Requirement</b>	20 years X 517,287 CY	20 years X 598,088 CY
	<b>10,345,740</b>	<b>11,961,760</b>
<b>Total Deficit</b>	<b>-2,816,662</b>	<b>-10,057,600</b>



# Graphic Summary of Initial Conditions with Projected Timeline

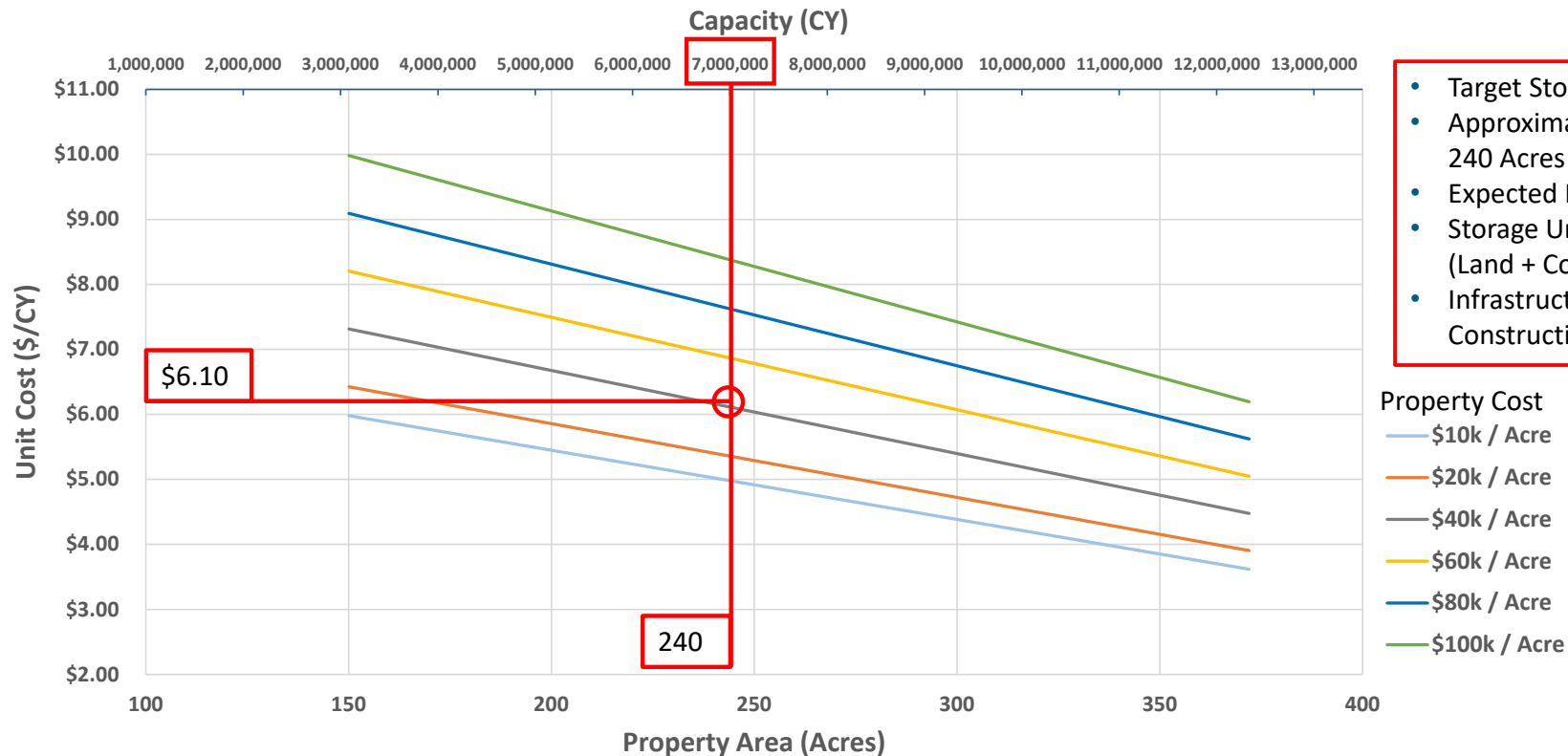


## Potential Plan Elements

- Conducted a brainstorming session to identify the full range of potential plan elements that could provide additional capacity
- Winnowed down the full list to remove any concepts that presented obvious feasibility flaws; identified the full spectrum or reasonable potential plan elements
- Evolved each potential plan element to a conceptual design with a sufficient level of detail to allow comparison and trade-off analysis

Plan Element		
Plan Element #	Description	Lifecycle Capacity (CY)
1	New DMMA (4.1MCY @ \$200k/acre)	4,100,000
2	Buck Island Cell A Subdivide	1,154,600
3	Bartram Cell C Dike Raising	1,224,000
4	RSM Nearshore placement	842,388
5	RSM Mayport Beach	842,388
6	RSM Huguenot Park	505,433
7	Bartram Cell B Capping	604,000
8	FIND Site DU-6A / DU-6B	982,100
9	Bartram Island Expansion	5,965,900
10	Bartram Cell F Dike Raising	982,250
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11.3	Expanded Use of ODMDS (Cut 43-49)	609,306

## Plan Element #1: New DMMA – Acreage & Capacity vs. Unit Cost



- Target Storage Capacity = 7 Million CY
- Approximate Real Estate Acquisition = 240 Acres
- Expected Property Cost = \$40,000/Acre
- Storage Unit Cost of Infrastructure (Land + Construction) = \$6.10/CY
- Infrastructure Budget (Land + Construction) = \$42.7 Million

Property Cost

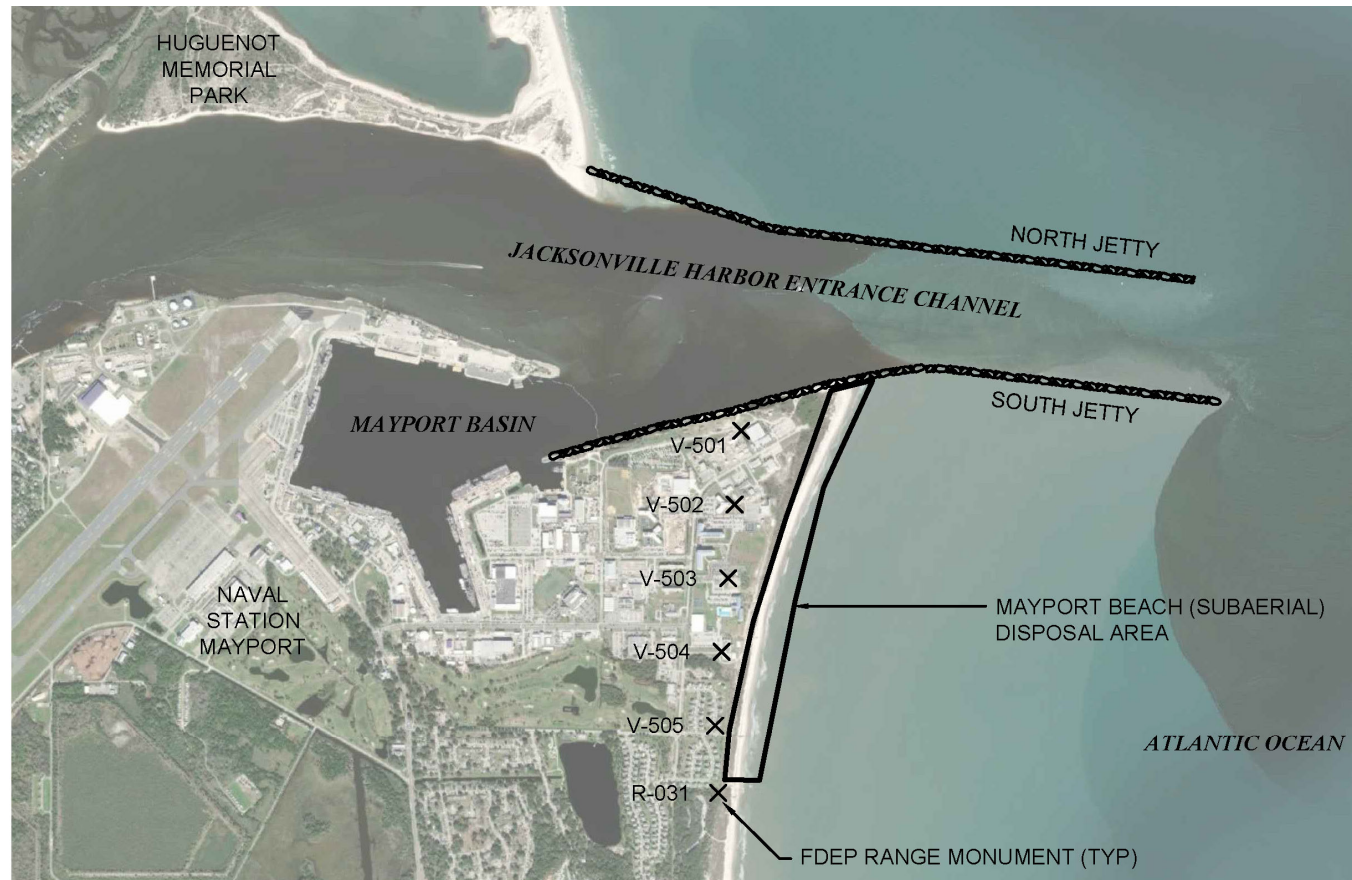
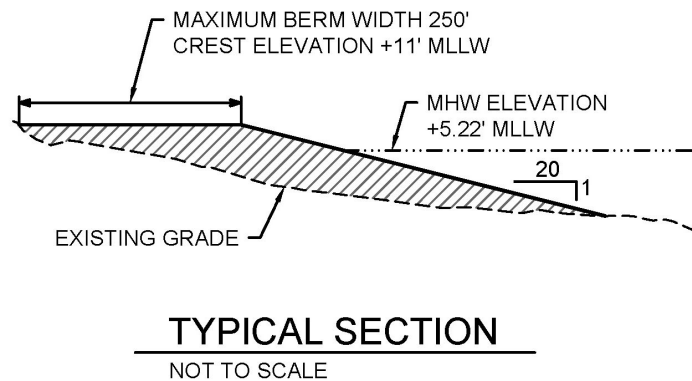
- \$10k / Acre
- \$20k / Acre
- \$40k / Acre
- \$60k / Acre
- \$80k / Acre
- \$100k / Acre

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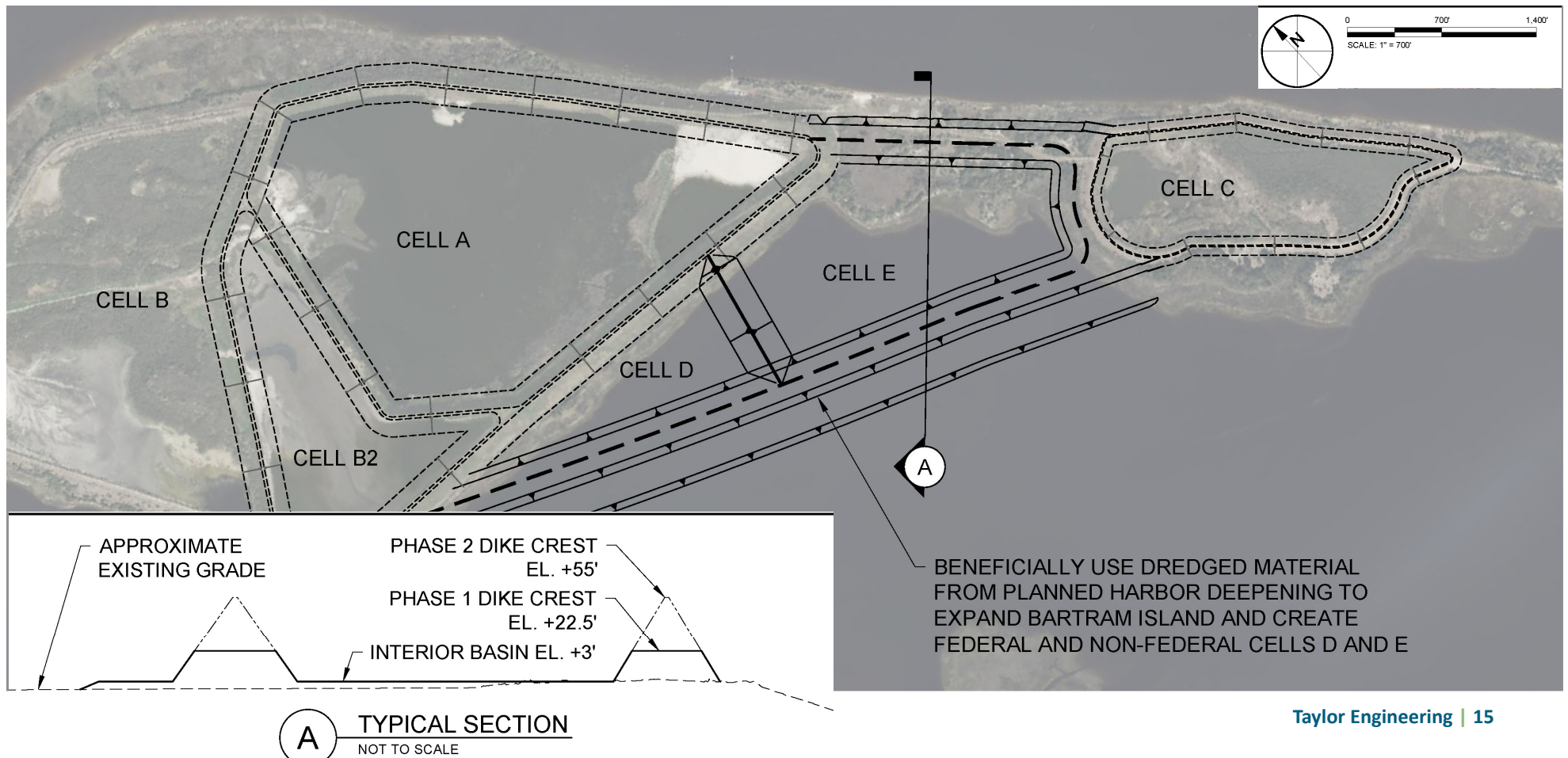
## Plan Elements # 5: RSM Mayport Beach



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## Plan Elements # 9: Bartram Island Expansion



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## Plan Elements # 2: Bartram Cell C Dike Raising

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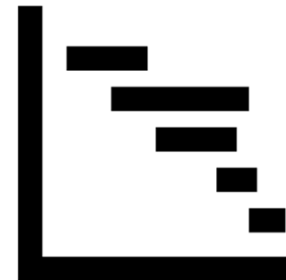
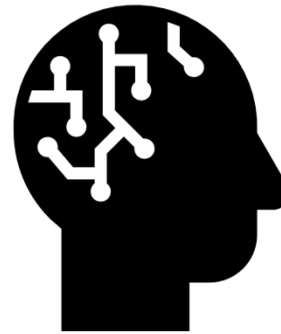
## Plan Elements # 11: Expanded Use of ODMDS



## Trade-Off Analysis

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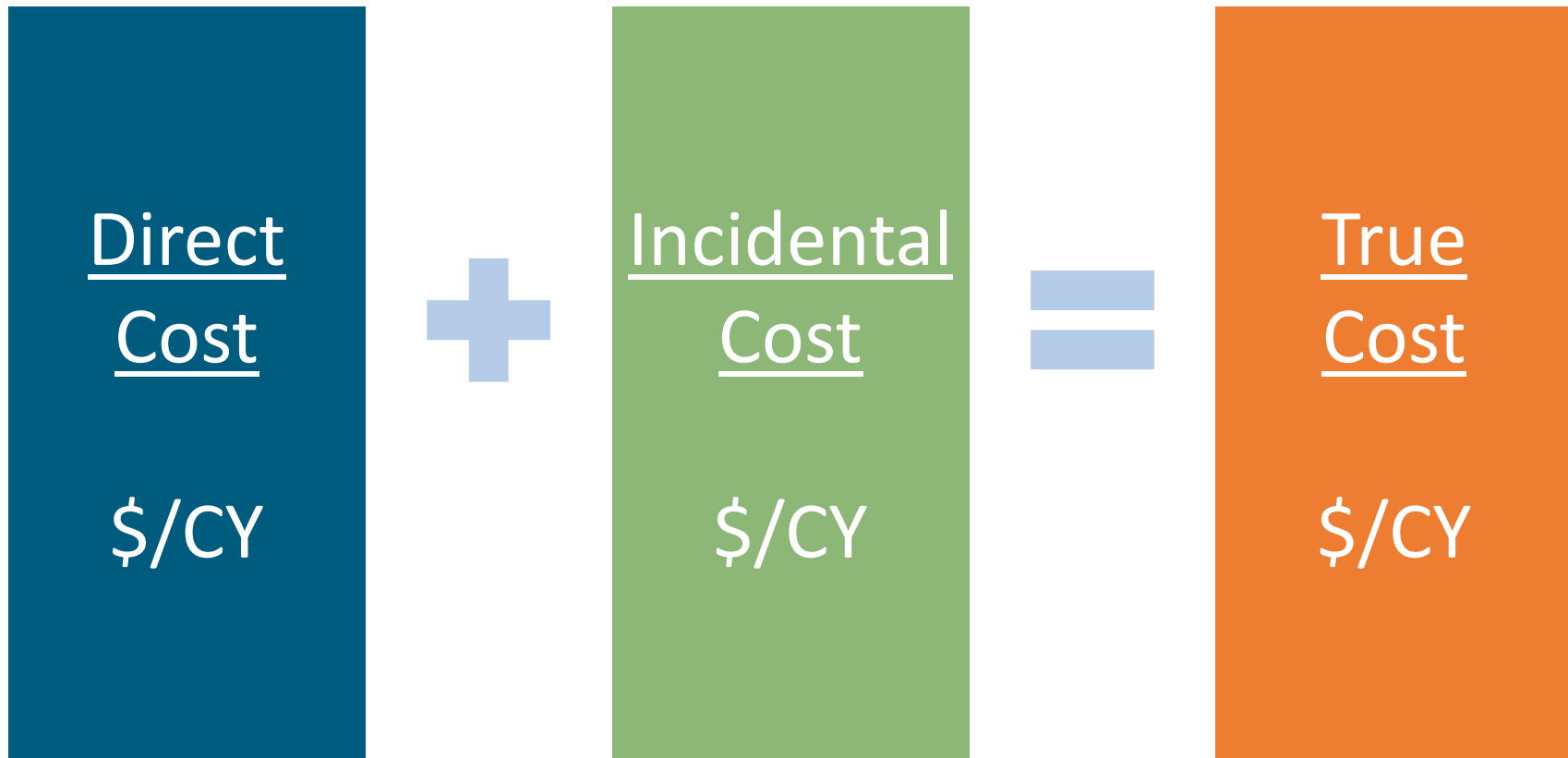
- Evaluated, compared, and contrasted each potential plan element in terms of:
  - Lifecycle capacity
  - Cost
  - Environmental considerations and permit requirements
  - Implementation tasks and timelines





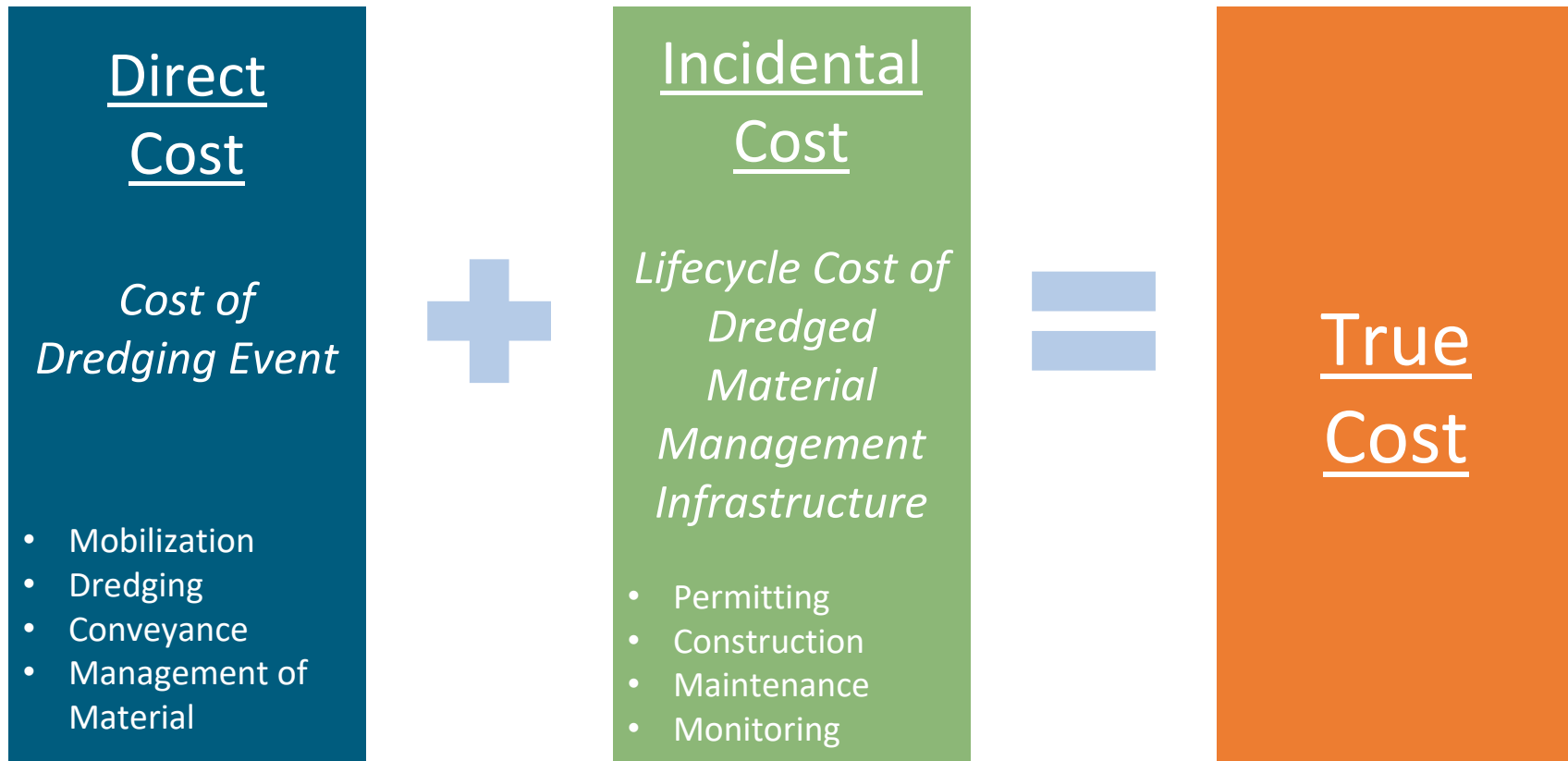
## True Cost Of Dredging: Definitions

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- Concepts based on “True Cost of Dredged Material Management: Jacksonville Harbor Case Study” (Summa et al., 2017)
- All costs in 2021 dollars

## True Cost Of Dredging: Definitions



## Dredging Cost: Definitions

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### Direct Cost

*Unit Cost of  
Dredging Event  
for a Proposed  
Plan Element*



### Base Unit Cost

*Historical Unit  
Cost for the  
“Traditional”  
Management  
Location*



### Modifier

*Increase or  
Decrease in Unit  
Cost for Use of  
the Proposed  
Plan Element*

## Potential Plan Elements

Plan Element			Direct Costs			Incidental Costs		True Costs
Plan Element #	Description	Lifecycle Capacity (CY)	Base Unit Cost (\$)	Modifier (\$)	Modified Unit Cost (\$)	Incidental Cost (\$)	Incidental Unit Cost (\$/CY)	True Unit Cost (\$/cy)
1	New DMMA (4.1MCY @ \$200k/acre)	4,100,000	\$15.81	\$0.00	\$15.81	\$56,375,000	\$13.75	\$29.56
2	Buck Island Cell A Subdivide	1,154,600	\$16.07	\$0.00	\$16.07	\$6,534,970	\$5.66	\$21.73
3	Bartram Cell C Diike Raising	1,224,000	\$15.81	\$0.00	\$15.81	\$15,197,862	\$12.42	\$28.23
4	RSM Nearshore placement	842,388	\$18.04	\$3.51	\$21.54	\$2,238,614	\$2.66	\$24.20
5	RSM Mayport Beach	842,388	\$18.04	\$9.27	\$27.30	\$2,596,253	\$3.08	\$30.38
6	RSM Huguenot Park	505,433	\$18.04	\$9.27	\$27.30	\$11,971,738	\$23.69	\$50.99
7	Bartram Cell B Capping	604,000	\$15.81	\$0.00	\$15.81	\$8,464,611	\$14.01	\$29.83
8	FIND Site DU-6A / DU-6B	982,100	\$20.22	\$0.00	\$20.22	\$22,974,783	\$23.39	\$43.62
9	Bartram Island Expansion	5,965,900	\$15.81	\$0.00	\$15.81	\$43,222,643	\$6.94	\$22.75
10	Bartram Cell F Diike Raising	982,250	\$15.81	\$0.00	\$15.81	\$29,275,623	\$29.80	\$45.62
11.1	Expanded Use of ODMDS (Cut 3-13)	609,306	\$18.68	-\$6.58	\$12.10	\$2,000,000	\$3.28	\$15.38
11.2	Expanded Use of ODMDS (Cut 14-42)	609,306	\$21.42	-\$3.41	\$18.01	\$2,000,000	\$3.28	\$21.30
11.3	Expanded Use of ODMDS (Cut 43-49)	609,306	\$14.41	\$11.23	\$25.64	\$2,000,000	\$3.28	\$28.92

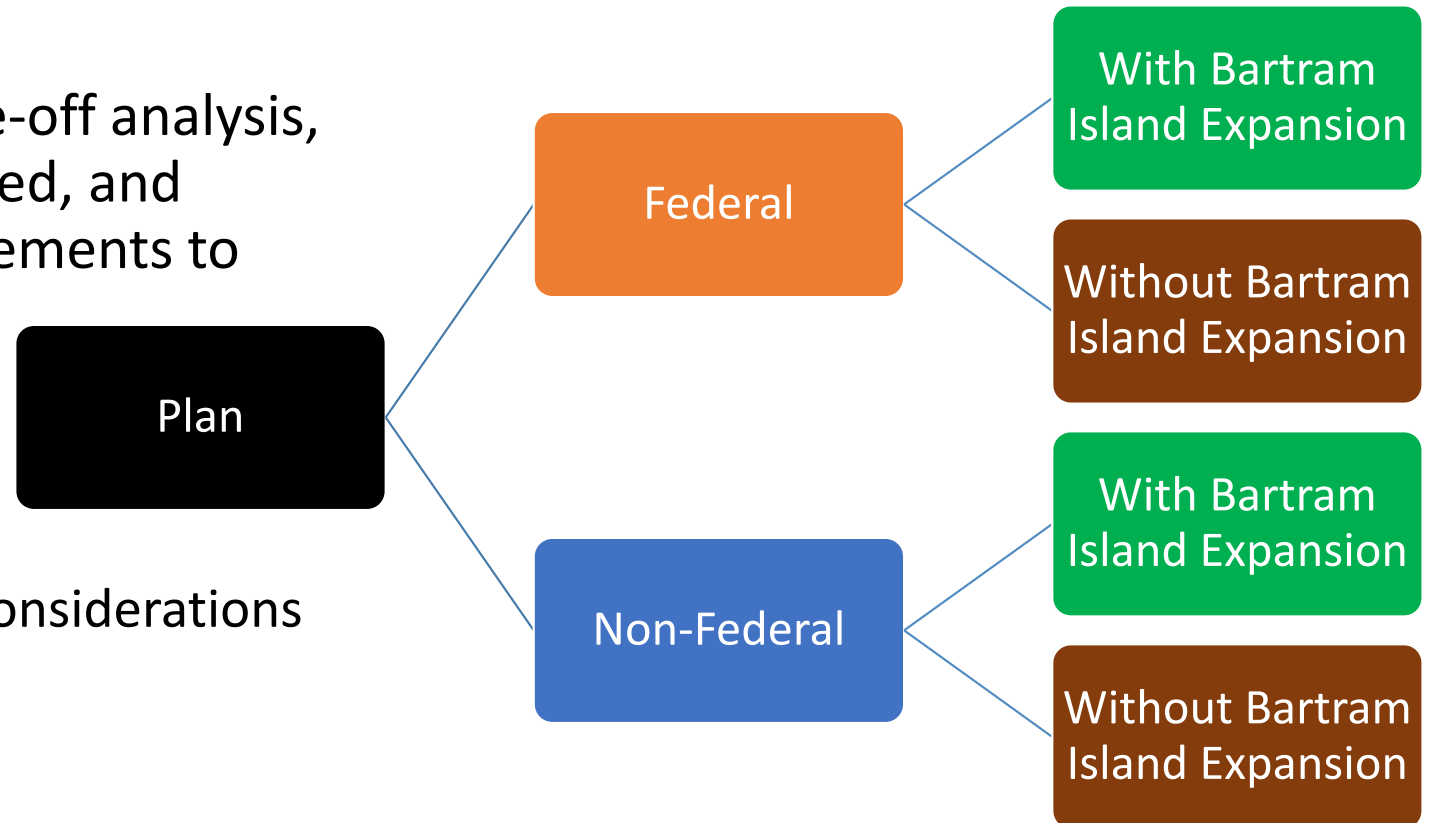
## Tradeoff Analysis Results

Plan Element #	Description	20-year Capacity Gain (CY)	True Unit Cost (\$/CY)	Permitting Feasibility	Timeline Duration (Yrs)
11.1	Expanded Use of ODMDS (Cut 3-13)	609,306	\$15.38	2	1.5
11.2	Expanded Use of ODMDS (Cut 14-42)	609,306	\$21.30	2	1.5
2	Buck Island Cell A Subdivide	1,154,600	\$21.73	3	1.3
4	RSM Nearshore placement	842,388	\$24.20	6	0.7
1	New DMMA (4.1MCY @ \$200k/acre)	4,100,000	\$27.50	9	5.3
9	Bartram Island Expansion	5,965,900	\$27.73	10	7.5
3	Bartram Cell C Dike Raising	1,224,000	\$28.23	5	2.3
11.3	Expanded Use of ODMDS (Cut 43-49)	609,306	\$28.92	2	1.5
7	Bartram Cell B Capping	604,000	\$29.83	4	2.2
5	RSM Mayport Beach	842,388	\$30.38	1	0.4
8	FIND Site DU-6A / DU-6B	982,100	\$43.62	7	3.0
10	Bartram Cell F Dike Raising	982,250	\$45.62	5	3.4
6	RSM Huguenot Park	505,433	\$50.99	8	1.7

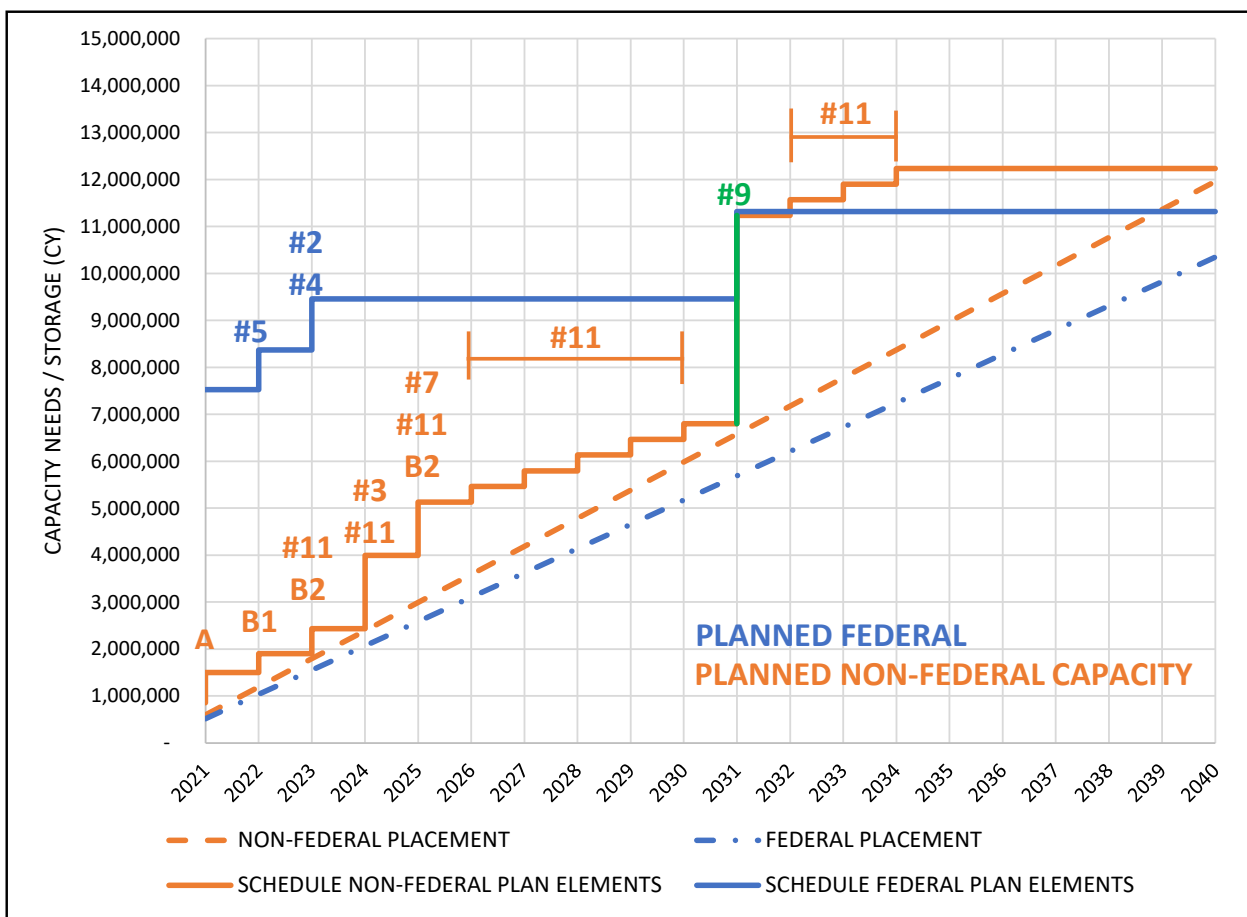
## Plan Development and Selection

- Based on the trade-off analysis, identified, prioritized, and sequenced plan elements to optimize

- Timing
- Capacity
- Cost
- Environmental considerations



# Plan with Bartram Island Expansion

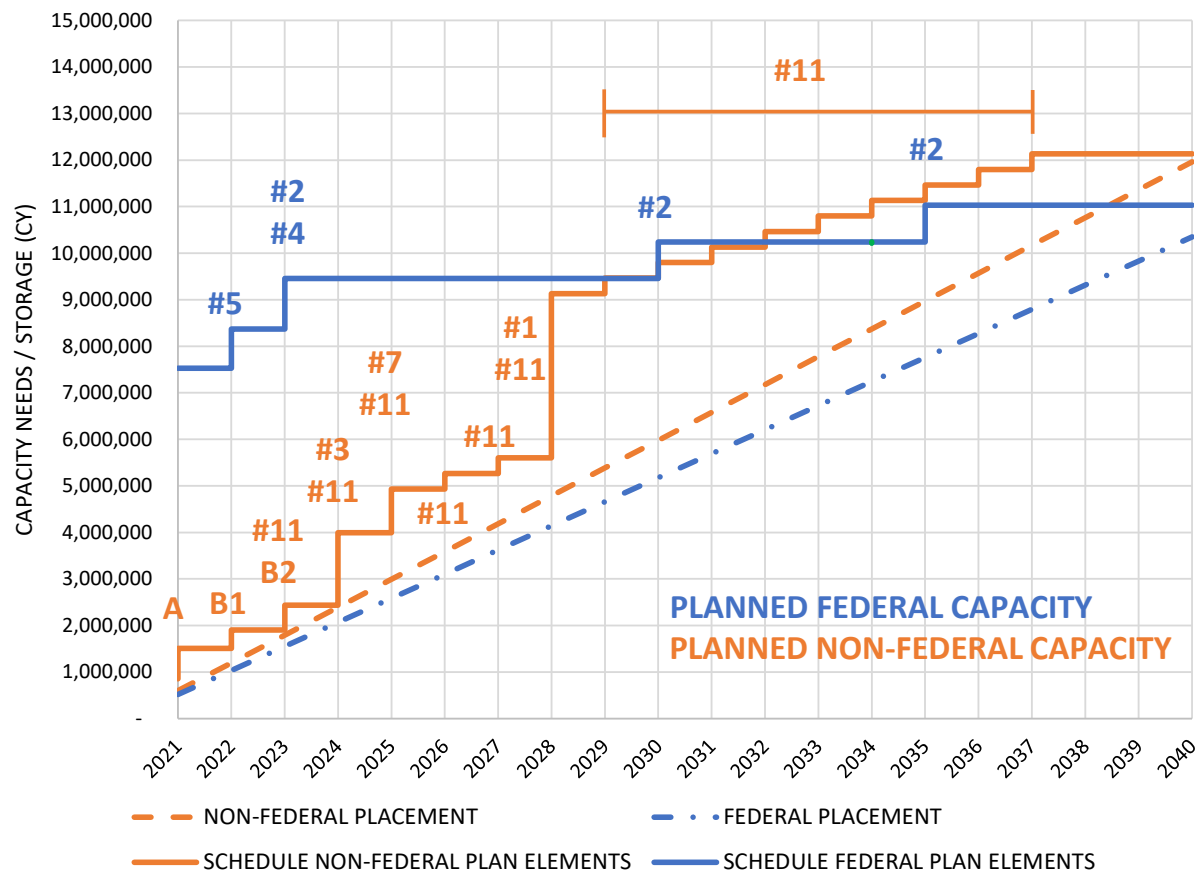


- A - Ongoing Buck B Toe Dike
- B1 - Ongoing Buck B Offloading
- B2 - Stopgap Buck B Offloading
- #11 - Stopgap ODMDS
- #3 - Bartram C Dike Raising
- #7 - Bartram B Capping & Closure
- #5 - RSM Mayport Beach
- #2 - Buck Recycling Cell
- #4 - RSM Nearshore Plcmt
- #9 - Bartram Island Expansion

Plan	Total Cost	Average Annual Cost
Federal	\$287.8 M	\$14.3 M
Non-Federal	\$408.1 M	\$20.4 M



## Plan without Bartram Island Expansion



- A - Ongoing Buck B Toe Dike
- B1 - Ongoing Buck B Offloading
- B2 - Stopgap Buck B Offloading
- #11 - Yearly use of ODMDS
- #3 - Bartram C Diike Raising
- #7 - Bartram B Capping & Closure
- #1 - New DMMA (3.2 MCY)
- #5 - RSM Mayport Beach
- #2 - Buck Recycling Cell
- #4 - RSM Nearshore Plcmt

Plan	Total Cost	Average Annual Cost
Federal	\$194.5 M	\$9.7 M
Non-Federal	\$327.8 M	\$16.4 M

## From Planning to Execution

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- Planning study resulted in a comprehensive understanding of the alternatives, costs, and tradeoffs associated with dredged material management for the Jacksonville Harbor
- With execution of the selected plan, Jacksonville Harbor stakeholders should be well prepared to manage dredged material over the next 20 years in a responsible, environmentally acceptable, and cost-effective manner
- Execution requires:
  - Action: JAXPORT and USACE are in various stages of implementing plan elements including:
    - Bartram Cell C Dike Raising – Completed
    - Expanded Use of ODMDS – Expected complete 2025
  - Flexibility: “Plans change at the point of departure, and every plan requires branches and sequels.”

# Bartram Cell C DiKE Raising

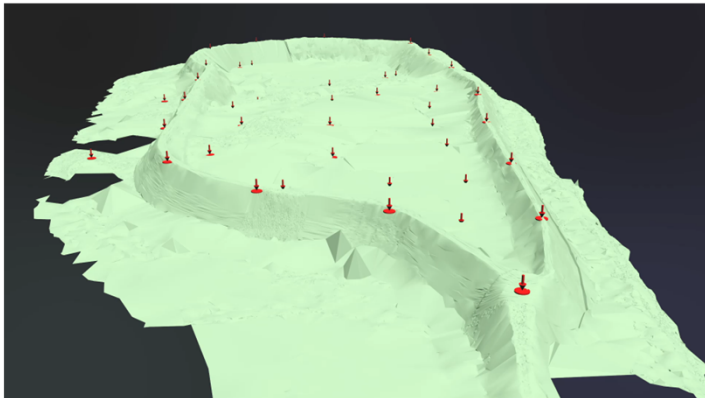
## History and Context

- Cell C was originally constructed as a single-use DMMA to manage materials dredged during construction of new Dames Point Marine Terminal
  - Relatively low containment dikes offer opportunity for capacity gains
  - Reasonable expectation of quality material for dike construction



# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Design and Permitting

- Topographic survey
- Geotechnical investigation
- Environmental considerations and permitting
- Engineering design





# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Geotechnical Investigation



- 20 FT VIBRACORE
- 20 FT SPT
- 40 FT SPT
- 60 FT SPT
- 90 FT SPT
- ✕ 20 FT AUGER

## Vibracores: Example of Suitable Material (V-1)





# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Geotechnical Investigation



- 20 FT VIBRACORE
- 20 FT SPT
- 40 FT SPT
- 60 FT SPT
- 90 FT SPT
- ✕ 20 FT AUGER

## Vibracores: Example of Unsuitable Material (V-11)



# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Geotechnical Investigation

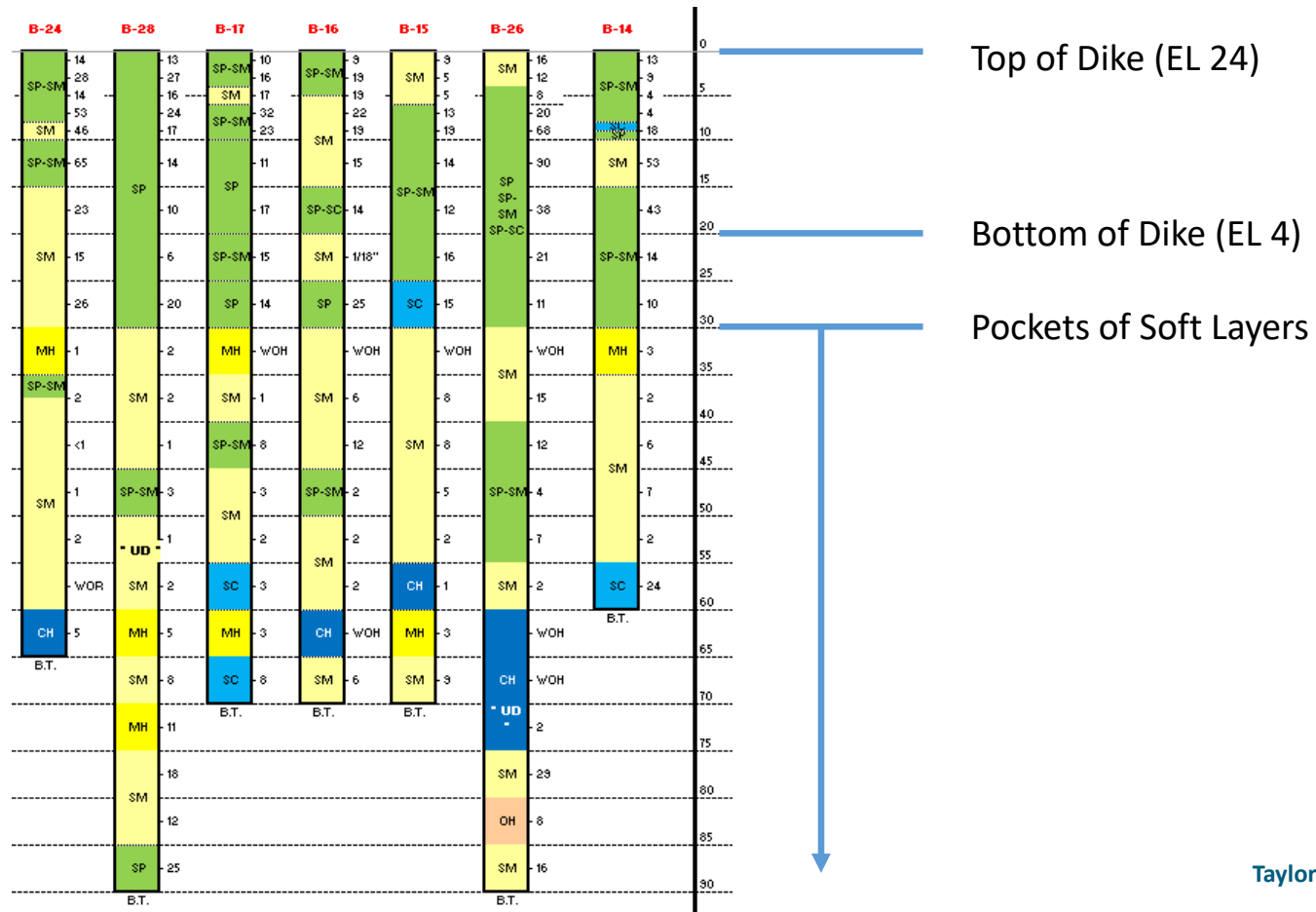


## Vibracores: Stratigraphy (V-10)





## Standard Penetration Tests (SPT): Dike Crest



# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Environmental Considerations

## Wetland Impact Avoidance



## Gopher Tortoise Relocation



# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Engineering Design

## Seepage and Slope Stability Analysis

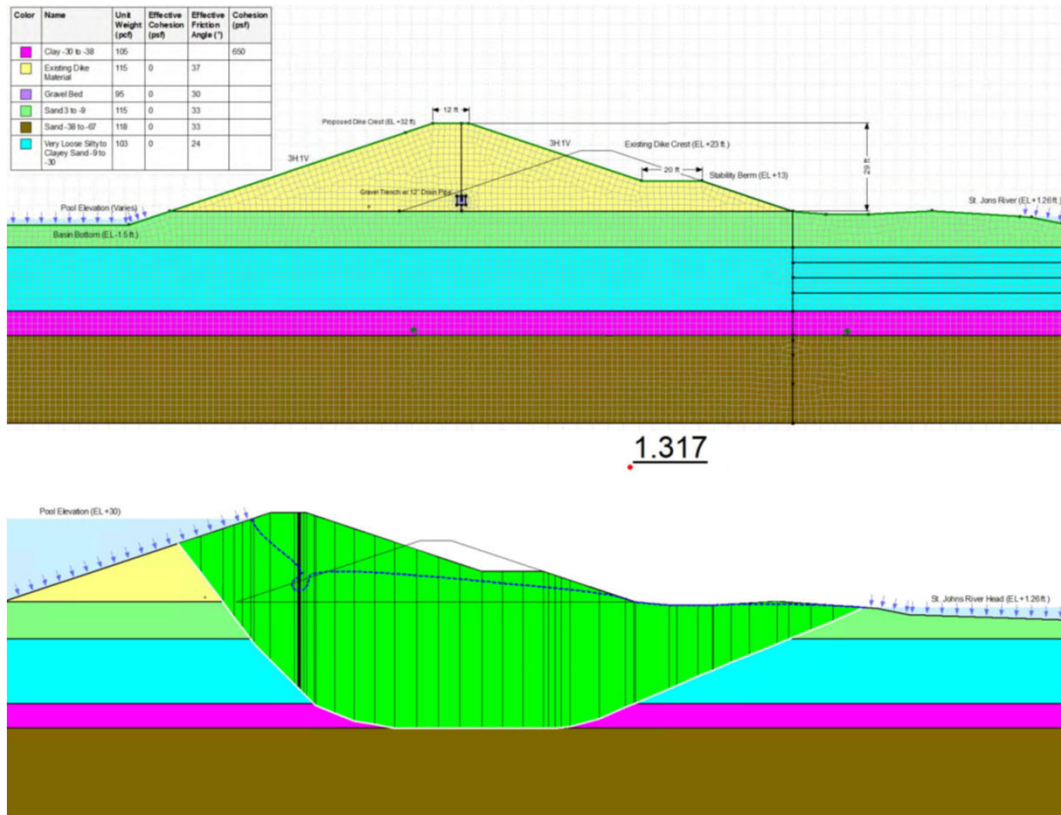
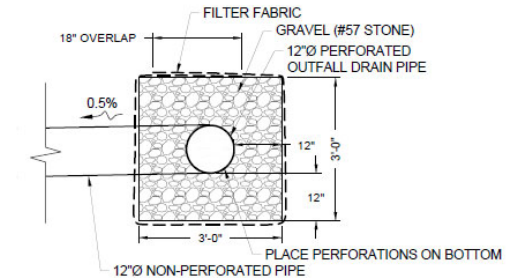


Table 1. Recommended Minimum Factors of Safety and Slope Stability Analysis Results

Condition	Minimum FOS USACE	Resultant FOS from GeoStudio Analyses
End of Construction	1.3	1.35
Steady Seepage	1.3	1.32
Rapid Drawdown	1.0	1.03*



E6 TYPICAL DIKE GRAVEL DRAIN DETAIL

22x34: 1" = 2'  
11x17: 1" = 4'

0 2' 4'

# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Engineering Design

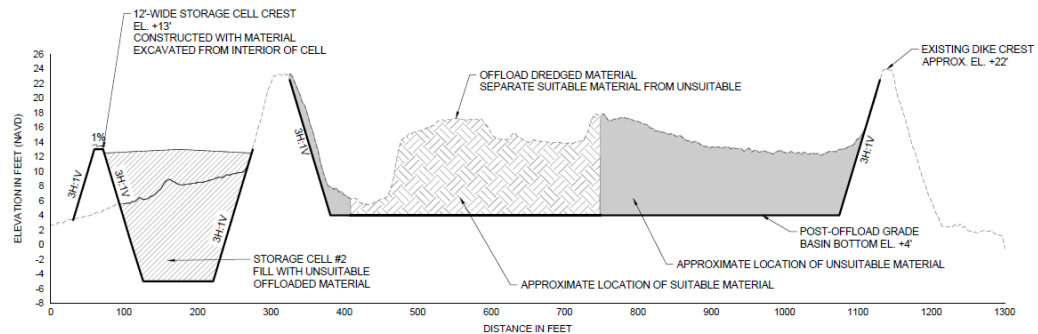
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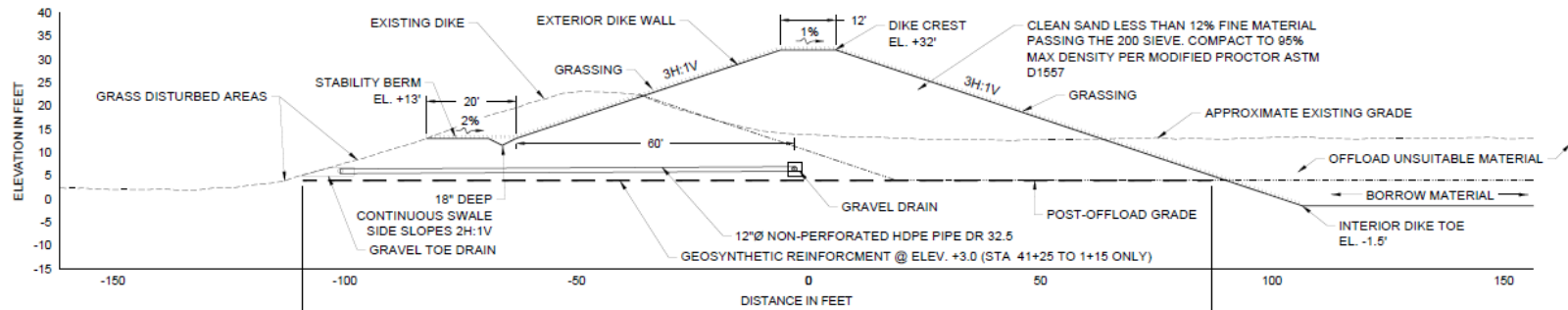


# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Engineering Design

## Engineering Details



**C4** DIKE OFFLOAD AND STORAGE CELL SECTION 2  
22x34: 1" = 100'  
11x17: 1" = 200'



**G4** DIKE TYPICAL SECTION  
22x34: 1" = 20'  
11x17: 1" = 40'



## Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Construction

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Unsuitable Material Offloading/Suitable Material Segregation



# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Construction

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## Geotextile Reinforcement Installation





# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Construction

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## Internal Gravel Drain Installation





# Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Construction

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## Weir Relocation



## Bartram Cell C Dike Raising: Completed 2024

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# Expanded Use of ODMDS: Location and Current Authorization



## Expanded Use of ODMDs: Location and Current Authorization

- Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for expansion completed October 2014
  - Federal Register October 14, 2015
- Sized primarily for Mayport and Federal Harbor
  - Deepening
    - -47' MLLW Expansion
    - Deepening beyond -47'
  - Mayport Maintenance
  - 50-year capacity
- Placement is available for all users meeting criteria
  - Potential to use capacity designated for deepening beyond -47'

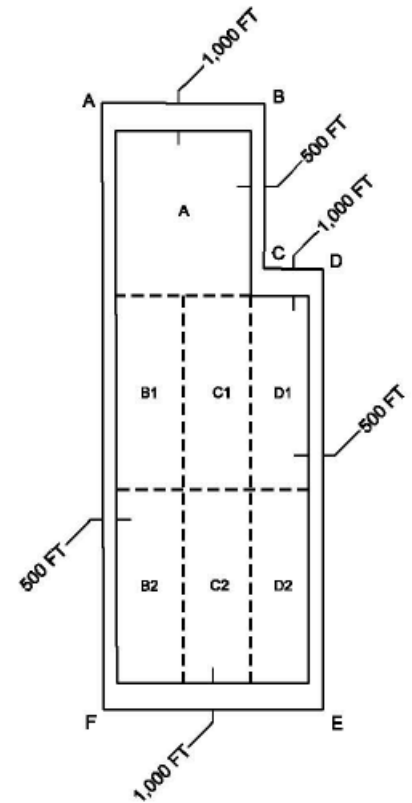


Figure 2: Disposal Release Zones

## Expanded Use of ODMDS: Suitable Material for ODMDS Placement

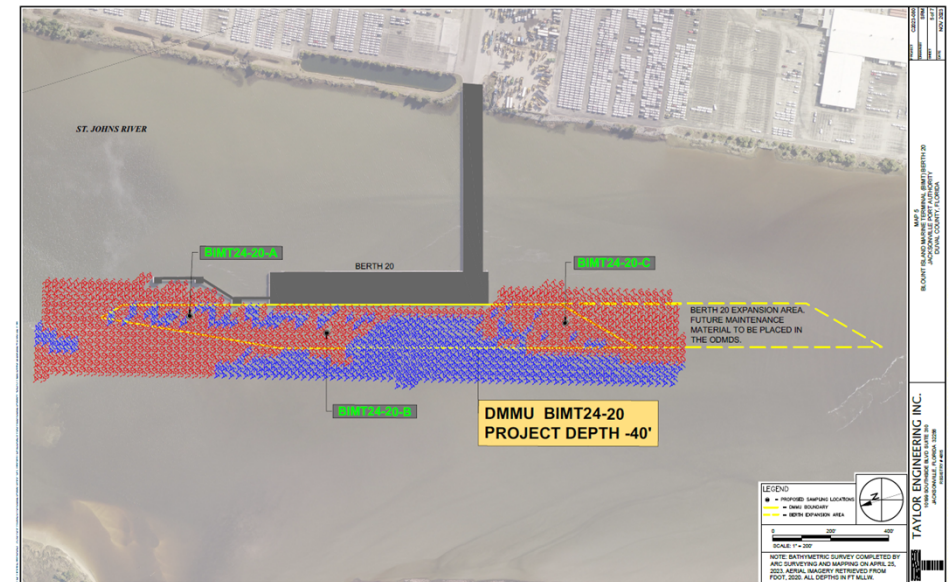
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*Dredged material found suitable for ocean disposal pursuant to the regulatory criteria for dredged material, or characterized by chemical and biological testing and found suitable for disposal into ocean waters, will be the only material allowed to be disposed at the expanded ODMDS. (40 CFR Part 228[EPA-R04-OW-2014-0372; FRL-9934-57-Region 4])*

- Demonstrate acceptability through specified testing
  - Maintenance dredge material
  - New-work dredge material
  - Offloading of previous placed material
- Unacceptable material
  - Material not passing evaluation criteria
  - Trash or debris
  - Material practical for beneficial use

# Expanded Use of ODMDs: Steps for Evaluation of Material

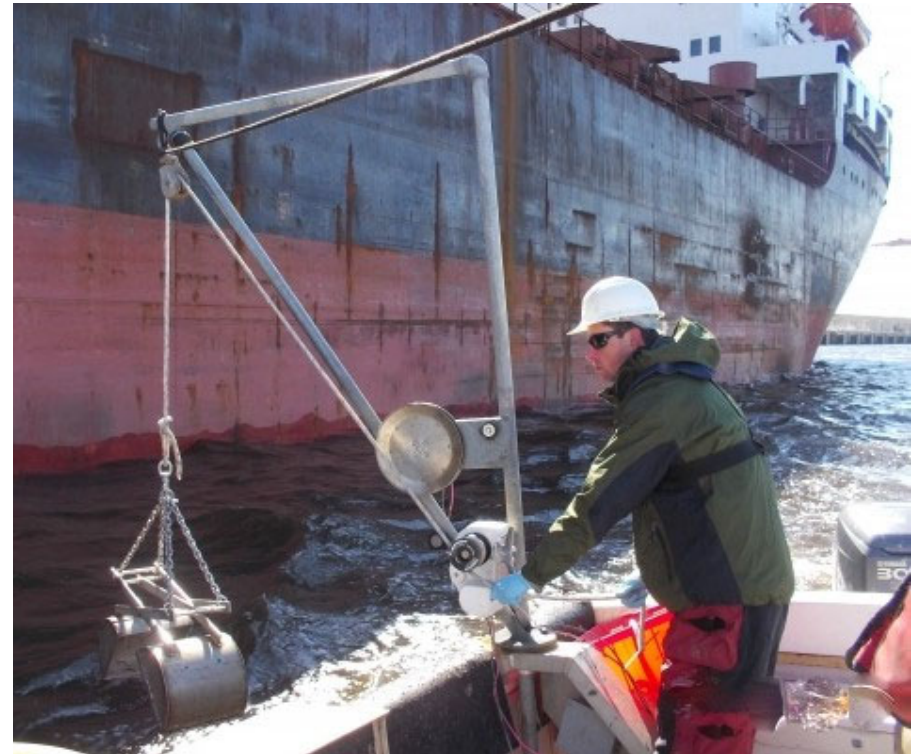
- Coordinate with EPA/USACE
- Develop Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP)
  - Southeast Regional Implementation Manual (SERIM)
  - Review and approval by EPA/USACE
- Execute SAP
  - Sample collection through report delivery
- Submit results for review and approval
- Timeframe: >1 year from start of SAP development





## Expanded Use of ODMDS: Executing the SAP – Sampling

- Material collection
  - Location 3-5 subsamples/DU
  - Develop sample representative of material proposed for ODMDS placement
  - Type of collection (cores or grabs)
- Reference sample
  - Area free of contamination



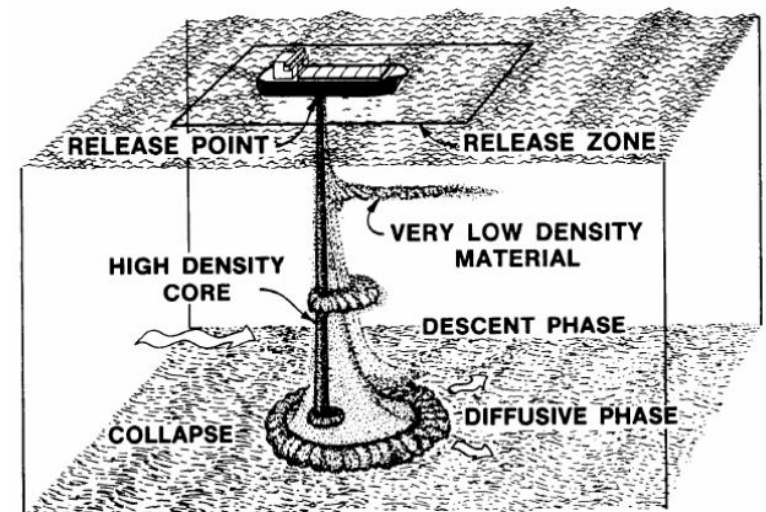
## Expanded Use of ODMDS: Executing the SAP – Lab Analysis

- Sample analysis
  - Physical
    - Grain size, specific gravity, Atterberg limits
  - Chemical
    - Analytes per SERIM and site-specific information
    - Sediment and elutriate
  - Bioassay
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  - Bioaccumulation
    - Two species/5-replicates
  - Tissue analysis

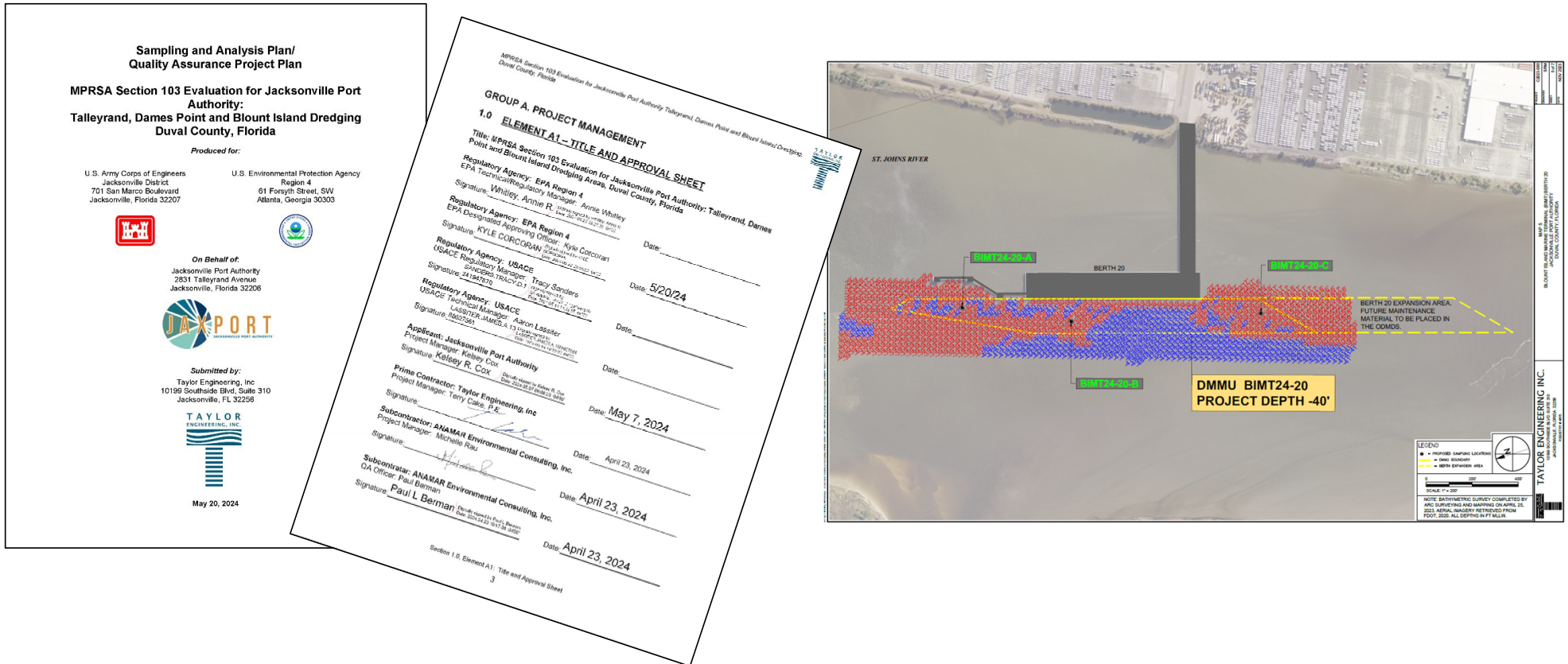


## Expanded Use of ODMDS: Executing the SAP – Data Processing

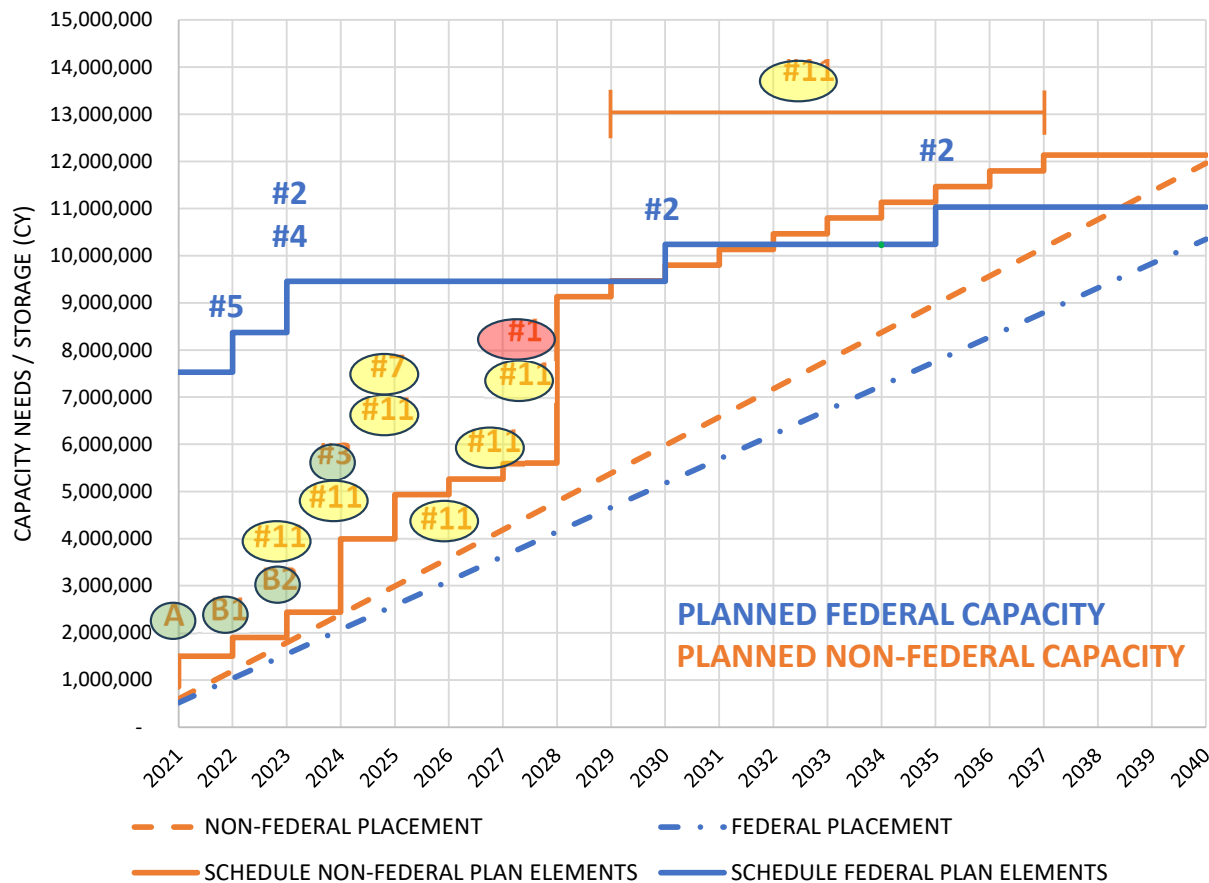
- Organize data into tables
- Statistical analysis of tissue chemistry
  - Are results statistically significantly different from the reference?
- Disposal modeling
  - STFATE
    - Will there be a water quality violation at the ODMDS border?
    - Adjust placement/load size if required
- Prepare and submit final report
- Coordinate with EPA for review and (hopefully) approval



# Expanded Use of ODMDS: SAP Approval



# Status of the Plan

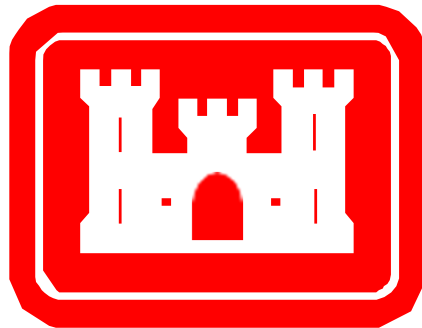


- A - Ongoing Buck B Toe Dike
- B1 - Ongoing Buck B Offloading
- B2 - Stopgap Buck B Offloading
- #11 - Yearly use of ODMDS
- #3 - Bartram C Diike Raising
- #7 - Bartram B Capping & Closure
- #1 - New DMMA (3.2 MCY)
- #5 - RSM Mayport Beach
- #2 - Buck Recycling Cell
- #4 - RSM Nearshore Plcmt

Plan	Total Cost	Average Annual Cost
Federal	\$194.5 M	\$9.7 M
Non-Federal	\$327.8 M	\$16.4 M

## Acknowledgements

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# Thank You!

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## Questions?

