



Buffalo District, Lake Erie/Ontario Sediment Budgets Weston Cross

BLUF: Study of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie sediment transport processes has resulted in a treasure trove of data. Refinement of data and ease of access to interested parties is the next step in communicating with stakeholders and landowners



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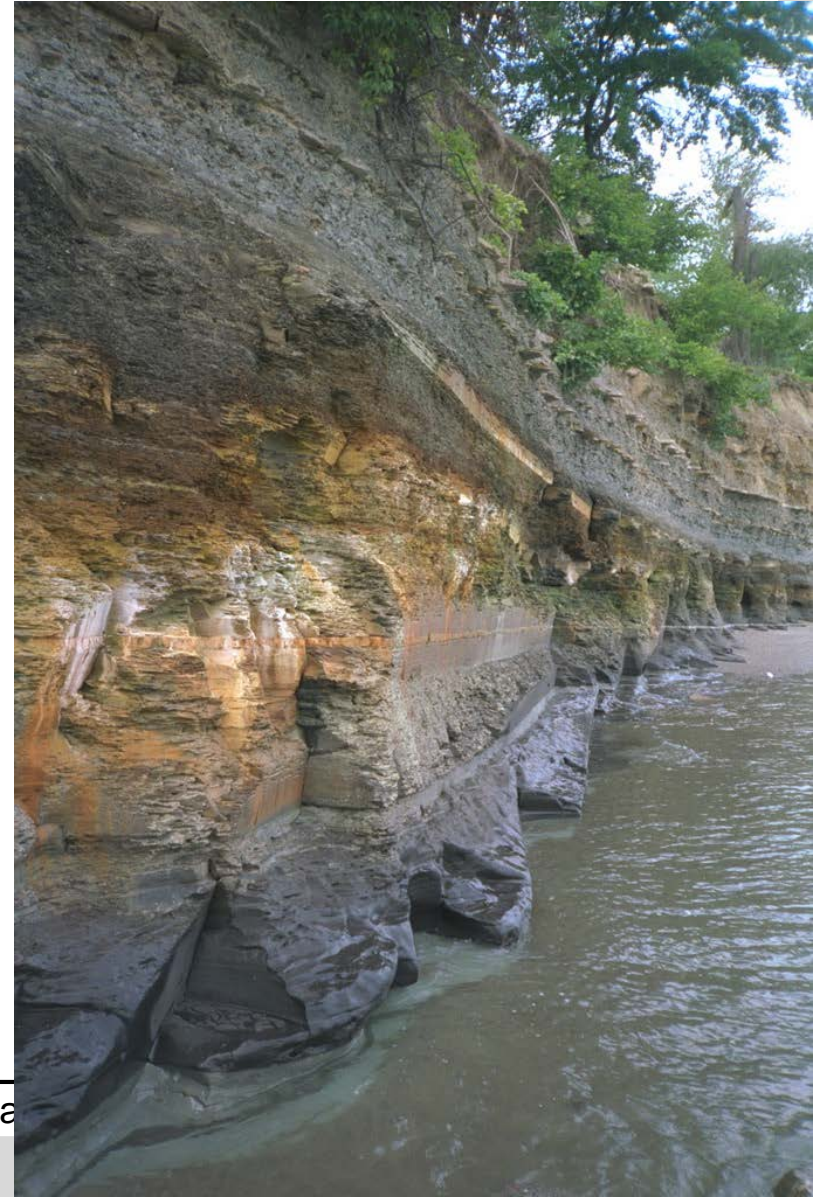


Challenges:

- Multiple states/municipalities/landowners across 3 states
- Differing levels of complexity to existing dataset and methods of handling results
- Complex and varied system

Objectives:

- Consolidate varying datasets into centralized format and location
- Improve output resolution to make data more meaningful on a local basis
- Roll the data out where it can be utilized by those involved in land use and coastal planning



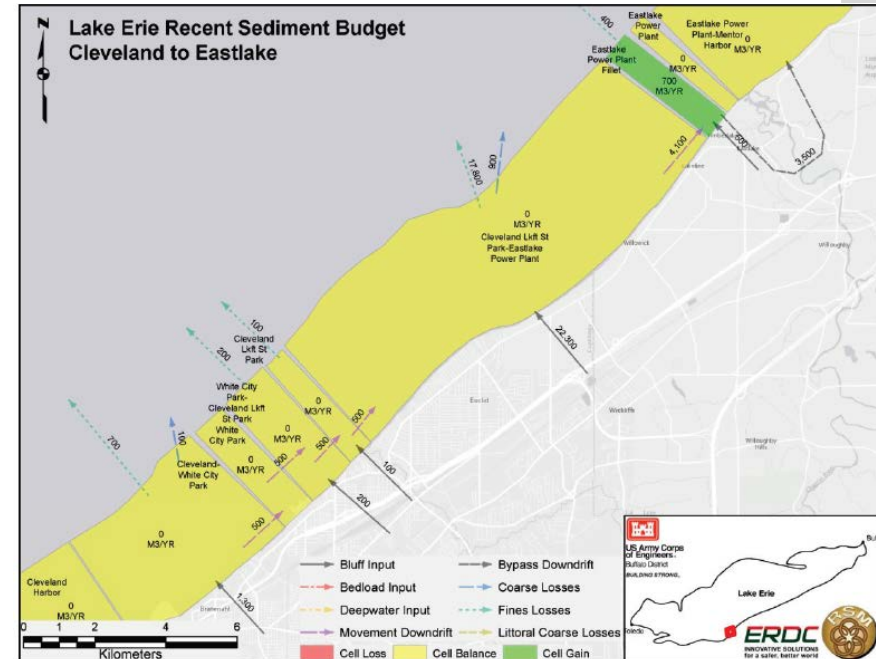
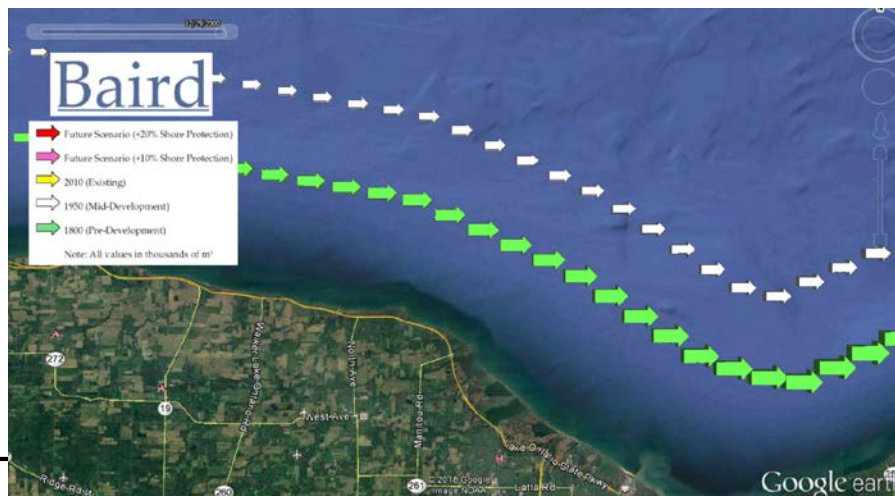
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Approach:

- Assess current datasets for accuracy and completeness
- Modify datasets as necessary to fit into 1-km resolution
- Coordinate with ERDC/Bowhead to modify SBAS to store necessary data types



Tools/Data Used:

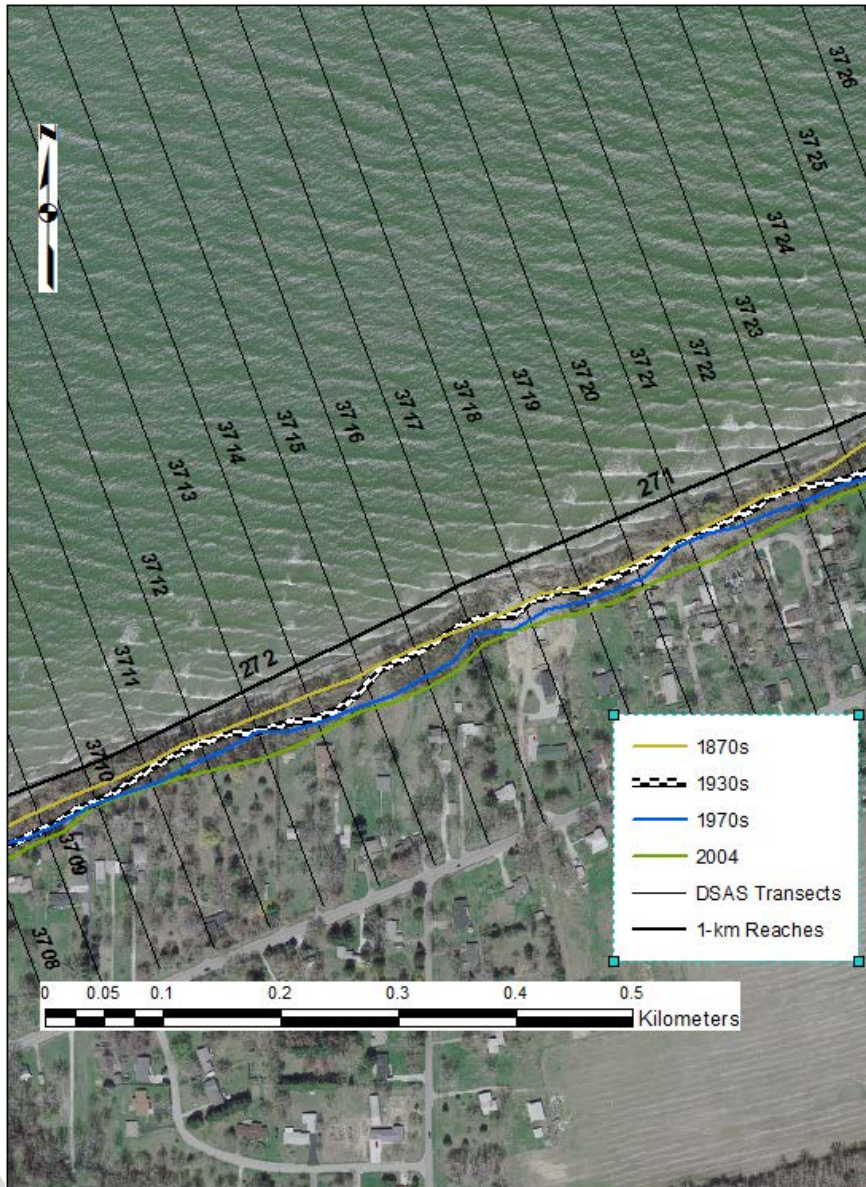
- 2011 Lake Ontario Sediment Budget by Baird & Assoc.
- 2016 Lake Erie Sediment Budget by USACE
- SBAS



Sediment Source: Bluff Recession

Approach

- The Digital Shoreline Analysis System (DSAS) run to compute transects spaced 50m and determine retreat rates
- Shoreline divided into a series of 1-km reaches (Stewart 1999)
- Bluff erosion rates overlain with 1-km reaches to determine an average retreat rate for the reach



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Sediment Sink: Trapping at Harbor Mouths



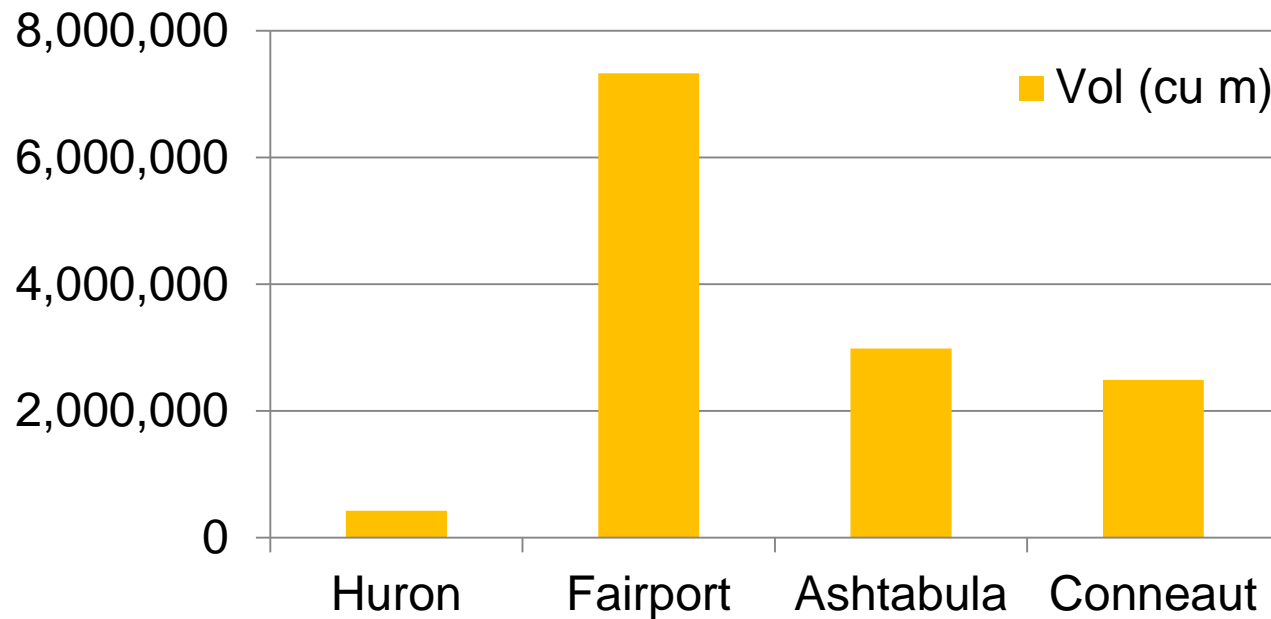


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- Greatest loss of sed. from littoral system over 150 years
- 27 harbors, power plants with structures

Harbor Fillets



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District/Other USACE PDT Members

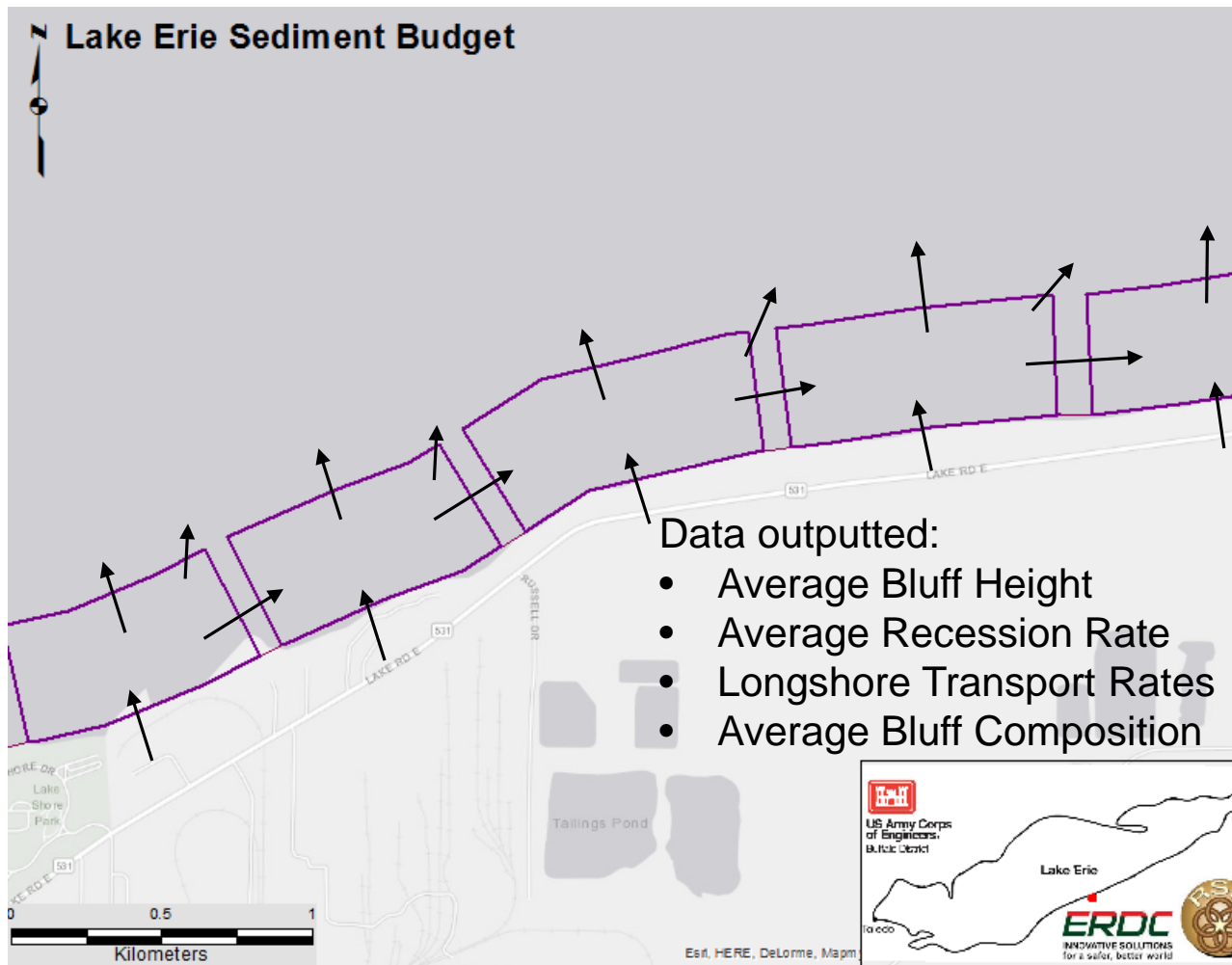
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Leveraging/Collaborative Opportunities

- **Expansion to the wider Great Lakes Sediment Budget work**
- **Coordination with stakeholders for expansion of data coverage**

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LAKE ERIE WATER LEVELS - MAY 2018

Stakeholders/Partners

PADCNR

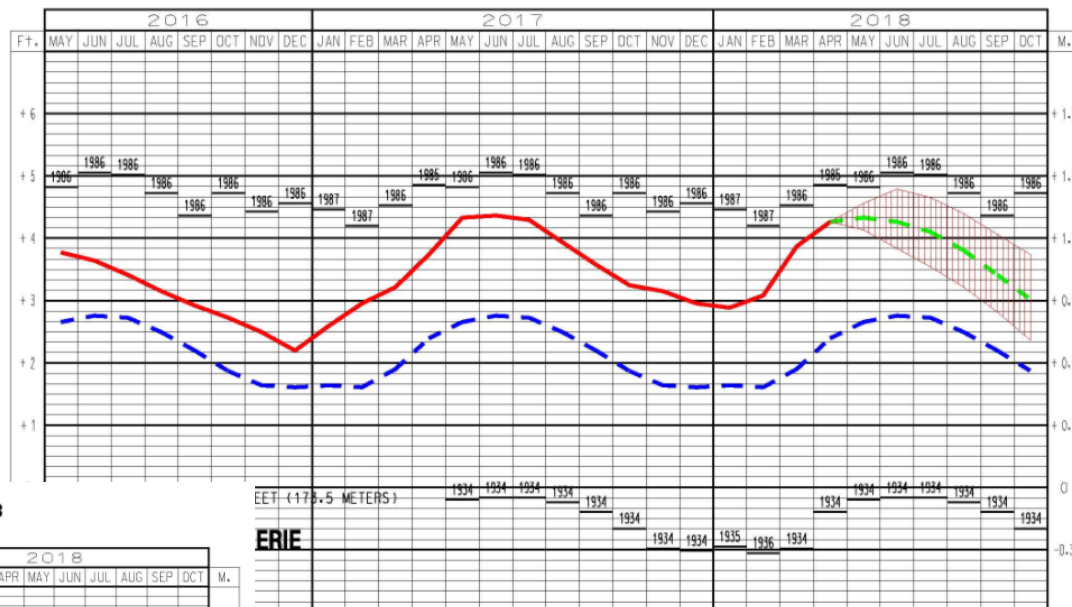
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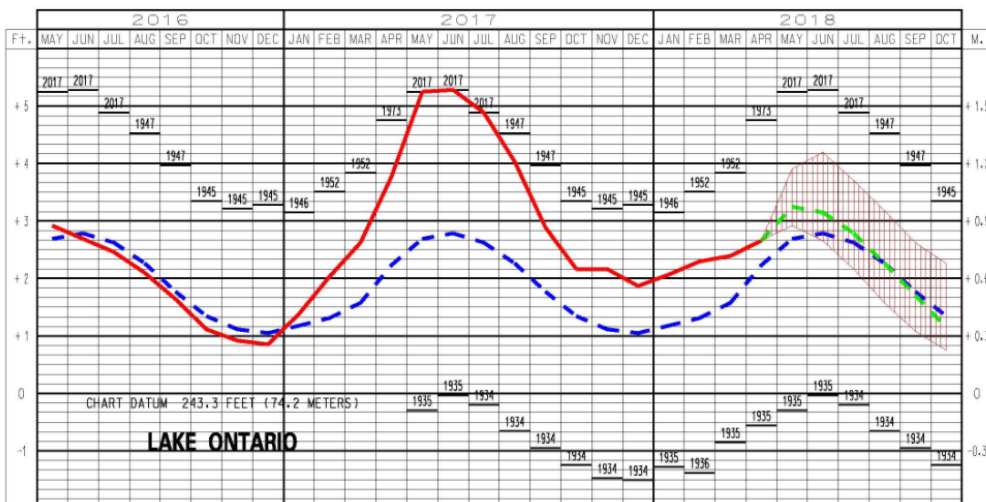
The Nature Conservancy

Local governments

Property owners/users



LAKE ONTARIO WATER LEVELS - MAY 2018



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Accomplishments/Deliverables

Lessons Learned

- 2016 Lake Erie Sediment Budget widely used in coastal planning
- Great interest in data availability from stakeholders/USACE



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**How is this project benefiting the USACE and Nation?
(efficiency, monetary, technical, relationship building, outreach, etc.)
(Volume of sediment to be managed, Acres created, etc)**

- Increased awareness among stakeholders about coastal design parameters
- Identification of sources of sediment for bypassing/beneficial reuse
- Use in USACE coastal design

