WRDA 2016 Section 1122 authorized 10 pilot projects to use dredged material from Federal navigation projects by covering 100% of the additional costs related to transportation and placement in excess of the Federal Standard.

These 10 projects exhibit multi-beneficial qualities and an opportunity to explore regional sediment management solutions.

**EXPAND the Beneficial Use of Dredged Material by:**
- Appropriating $15 million for Regional Sediment Management and Beneficial Use of Dredged Material in FY20 & FY21
- Choosing an additional 10 projects as authorized in Sec. 1130 of WRDA 2018
- Streamline the process for non-federal interest to implement BUDM projects that mimic federally authorized projects.

**Why support Beneficial Use of Dredged Materials?**
- Reduce storm damage to property and infrastructure
- Promote public safety
- Protect, restore, and create aquatic ecosystem habitats
- Promote recreation
- Stabilize stream systems and enhance shorelines
- Support risk management adaptation strategies; and
- Reduce the costs of dredging and dredged sediment placement
Understanding Regional Sediment Management

Sediment can be adaptively managed as a **RESOURCE** through a **WIN-WIN** collaboration

- Regional Sediment Management (RSM) is a systems approach using best management practices for more efficient and effective use of sediments in coastal, estuarine and inland environments.
- Through an improved understanding of operational efficiencies and natural exchange of sediments, projects can be linked and leveraged across authorities and business lines.
- Managing sediment as a resource to benefit a region potentially lowers costs, allows use of natural processes to solve engineering problems and improves the quality of the environment.
- RSM has been shown to lead to significant cost savings, value, and benefits. All U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Districts should adopt RSM practices and budgeting.
- Breaking barriers in bureaucratic policies to allow for the beneficial use of dredged material can be integral to economic and environmental vitality.

(Learn more at: http://rsm.usace.army.mil/)

**Often, the most cost-effective way to restore a beach or coastal system is to use the dredged sediment from a navigation project**