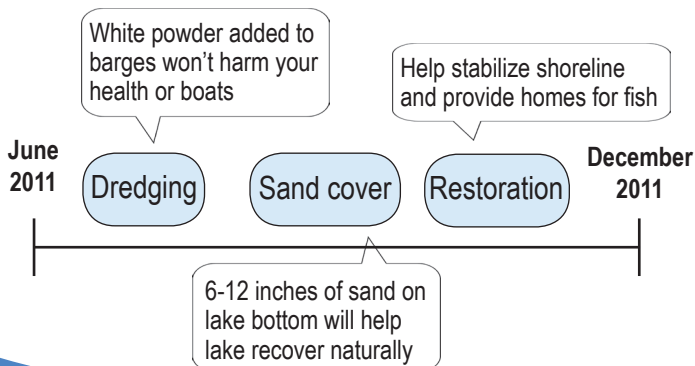
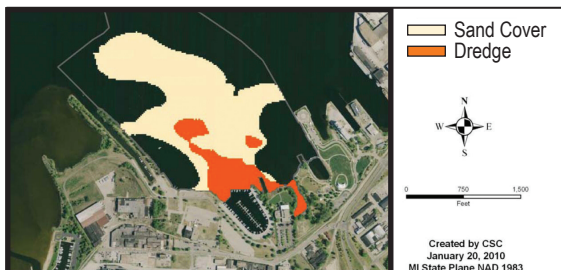


# Why is Muskegon Lake being dredged?

Muskegon Lake is getting cleaned up. Dredging will remove 41,000 cubic yards of sediment that is contaminated with mercury and polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The \$12 million cleanup is a Great Lakes Legacy Act project by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. The current dredging project, along with past cleanup activities in the lake, are part of a larger strategy to keep the contaminants out of not only Muskegon Lake, but also the Lake Michigan food chain.



## Boater Tips

- Reduce speed near dredge
- Watch for the bright yellow curtain attached to the dredge
- Watch out for barges
- Navigate Hartshorn Marina area with caution

## Questions?

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You may wonder what's in the water when you consider whether the fish you catch are clean enough to eat, but sediment at the bottom of a lake is just as important to consider. Sediment cleanups help remove contaminants like mercury (Hg) from the food chain, making the water a safer, cleaner place for fish to live and grow.

To learn more about which fish are safe to eat, check your local fish advisories at [www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish](http://www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish).



# Contaminated sediment can lead to contaminated fish

Hg indicates mercury

