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MEMO

TO: Dredging Project Advisory Committee
Common Council

FROM: Lisa Nicholas, Senior Planner

DATE: August 14, 2009

RE: Dredging Project Update

We are still working on the final draft of the Site Reconnaissance (inventory) Report and Dredge Materials Siting Report (the first draft was completed in late March and sent it to the Department of State for preliminary review). We are now revising the reports based on their feedback to include a legal analysis section and economic profile of the waterway. This summer we had a very competent intern, Dan Cerqueira, a Cornell Politics major, who has done a tremendous amount of research for background to the legal analysis. The legal analysis is under contract and is scheduled to be completed by early September.

Once completed, the final drafts will be available for your review on the website at <http://www.ecologicllc.com/ithacadredging.html> . I will notify you when they are posted. Please note that additional information regarding the project history and background has also been posted on the website.

Below is a revised basic schedule for completing the inventory and being in a position to develop a recommendation for a dewatering site.

Work Item	Estimated date
Final Draft Inventory	Sept. 2009
Post on Website	Sept 2009
DEC/DOS review	Sept.-Oct. 2009
DPAC Review and Meeting	Late Sept 2009
Public Information meeting	Oct. 2009
Revise Reports based on comments form DEC/DOS/ DPAC/Public	Oct.- Nov. 2009
Final Report	Nov. 2009
Presentation to Planning Committee/ Common Council	Dec. 2009
Begin process to finalize Dewatering Site Recommendation	Dec. 2009