

Summary of Randle Reef Project

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Total estimated project cost: \$138.9 million

Contributing Partners

ECCC - \$46.3 million

MOECC - \$46.3 million

Hamilton Port Authority - \$14 million (cash and in kind lease of land for construction staging area)

City of Hamilton - \$14 million

Region of Halton - \$2 million

City of Burlington- \$2.3 million

U.S. Steel \$14 million (in-kind fabricated steel)

Hamilton Harbour Port Authority

Hamilton Harbour Port Authority (HHPA) owns the land affected by the contaminated sediment at Randle Reef in Hamilton Harbour.

HHPA is a member of the Bay Area Restoration Council.

http://hamiltonharbour.ca/who_we_are:

The Bay Area Restoration Council (BARC) is a registered charitable non-profit organization that represents the public interest in the restoration of Hamilton Harbour and its watershed. BARC is responsible for community engagement and educational activities in the implementation of the Hamilton Harbour Remedial Action Plan.

HHPA is also a member of the Bay Area Implementation Team (BAIT), along with a number of other stakeholders who are representatives of the community that report on the condition of the Harbour and prepare action plans for its recovery.

http://hamiltonharbour.ca/bait_stakeholders

Benefits of carrying out the project on Randle Reef

The following was summarized from the Benefits Assessment: Randle Reef Sediment Remediation report produced by York University, 2006:

Environmental Benefits:

- Preserving the health of the harbour
- Improving fish and wildlife habitat
- Reducing the spread of contaminants through the harbour
- This project is essential to delisting Hamilton Harbour as an Area of Concern

Economical & Social Benefits:

- Estimate of \$151 M (2015\$) in economic impact to the community (job creation, business development, tourism)
- Enhancing recreational opportunities (beaches, boating, fishing, hiking)
- Enhancing shipping and port facilities
- Promoting a positive image of the harbour and increasing community pride and promoting the area as a place to live and work

Clean-up Costs

- Some stakeholders expressed concerns about the environmental costs of clean-up and the social equity of the economic costs of clean-up being borne primarily by taxpayers.

Critical Success Factors

- A key success factor for harbour remediation is establishing public access and encouraging people
- Re-engaged with the harbour as part of their community.
- Social marketing is essential to build social goodwill to maintain community support.