



## MARITIME & PORT OPERATIONS

### Port Of Baltimore Dredged Material Management Program

#### CLIENT SITUATION

Located in the Mid-Atlantic region of the United States, the Port of Baltimore is a multi-billion dollar economic engine for the State of Maryland. Its in-land location offers strategic advantages but operating in the world-renowned Chesapeake Bay presents significant environmental challenges. Among other challenges is the maintenance of 128 miles of approach channels and the management of dredged material. The Port's Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) has struggled with adversarial stakeholder relationships and the time and financial budgets have routinely suffered the consequences.

#### ECOLOGIX ROLE

EcoLogix has been retained by the Port to transition its activities, including the DMMP, into a sustainable operation. To make strides in that direction, EcoLogix has been tasked with numerous activities including stakeholder outreach, communications planning, and operational assessments.

#### ACTION TAKEN

1. EcoLogix has prepared and is assisting with the implementation of a strategic communications plan to convey the Port's sustainability objectives and efforts.
2. EcoLogix is assisting the Port in developing a 20-year strategy for managing dredged material that includes:
  - \* Establishing a multi-level stakeholder structure focusing on community input, education & partnering opportunities
  - \* Facilitating numerous committees comprised of community representatives, government officials, environmental groups & business interests
  - \* Developing placements options, beneficial use projects & innovative reuses
  - \* Forging new relationships to foster community redevelopment projects

#### RESULTS ACHIEVED

The Port's DMMP has seen tremendous strides since EcoLogix involvement with a greatly-expanded network of participants in DMMP committees, a unanimous report from stakeholders on placement options for dredged material, and a sharpened focus on opportunities for beneficial projects for the Port and its surrounding communities. The communications planning and operational assessments are also leading to improvements in those sectors.