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Application of Geospatially Enabled Geographic Response Plans to Oil Spill Response in the Western Basin of Lake Erie

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MTRI Overview

- Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI)
 - Located in Ann Arbor, MI
 - Research Center of Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI
- Dr Robert Schuchman and Dr Nikola Subotic Institute Co-Directors
- Full time staff ~40
 - as many as 20 interns over the summer
- Applied research focus
 - environmental, transportation, signals and sensors







Abstract / What is a GRP?

- Area Contingency Plans (ACPs) and their associated Geographic Response Plans are site-specific documents designed to outline steps to be taken in response to an oil or chemical spill.
- Designed to improve the speed and efficiency of a response during the critical first few hours after an incident, when quick action on the part of responders can keep a small incident from becoming much larger or limit the damage caused by the incident while a broader response is initiated.
- Western Lake Erie contingency plans old, on paper, difficult to update, not very flexible.







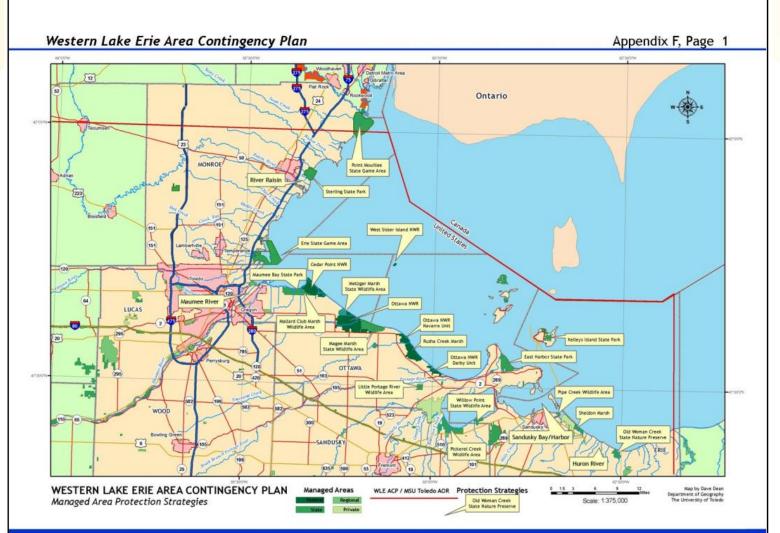
Project genesis:

- Whole project began as a result of a chance meeting with Herb Oertli (USCG) at my parents' neighbors' 100th birthday party
- Discussions became topic for Masters thesis.
 Focus evolved over time with input from Area Committee members.
- Eventually settled on applying geospatial technology to Geographic Response Plans





Study Area



WESTERN LAKE ERIE PROTECTION STRATEGY INDEX MAP



Existing GRPs in Western Lake Erie

- Geographic Response Plans (GRPs or protection strategies) are the local component of the contingency planning process. Mandated by OPA 90.
- Existing paper based plans and their associated maps, tables and graphics can be difficult to update and can be expensive to distribute on paper.
- The result can be response maps and supporting data tables that may not be kept up to date, potentially leaving response and command personnel with an incomplete picture of conditions during an incident.





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Existing GRPs in Western Lake Erie

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USCG Environmental Sensitivity Maps

POINT MOUILLEE STATE GAME AREA

Pt Mouillee State Game Area 37205 Mouillee Road Rockwood, MI 48173 Point of Contact: Rex Ainslie 734-379-9692 800-292-7800 (24 hour)

Location/Directions: 1-75 N to Rockwood (34 miles) Exit 27 to N. Huron River Drive (2 miles) to South (Right) on Suricher Road (1.5 miles) to right on W. Jefferson (1 mile) to left on Campan Rd. (1 mile) to right on Point Mouiller Rd. to HQ Bildy.

Type of Shoreline/Habitat: Diked Coastal Wetlands.

Wildlife/Resource at Risk: Waterfowl - King Rail (Wading-Bird)

First Priority Boom Location: 100' down at South causeway and north end of the game area covering the Huron River including Jocks Creek.

Other Shore Access: Boat ramp at Campau Road and several marinas on the Huron River.

Staging/Recovery Area: Parking lot at waters edge with boat ramp (200' x 300').

Local Resources:

Boom: N/A, Sorbent: N/A Boats: 2 Jon 12/17", Trailers equip: 20" flatbed Trucks: 3 Dump Trucks, 1 Front-end loader, several portable pumps Radios: 2 Portable Number of Personnel: 4 Boat Ramy: Yes

Additional Significant Information: Additional ramp at Estral Beach is 1/2 mi from south end tubes. Directions: 1-75 north to Swan Creek Rd. Exit (25 mi) right on Swan Creek Rd. (1 1/2 mi) left on N. Dixie Hwy. (2 1/2 mi) to right on Port Sunlish Rd. (1 1/2 mi) to left on Lakeview Blvd. (1/2 mi) to right on Lakeview St. (1/4 mi to Left on Lakeshore Dr. (3/4 mi) to ramp. The northern 2/3 of the game area lie within the MSO Deuroit zone, contact MSO Detroit in the event of a spill in this area.

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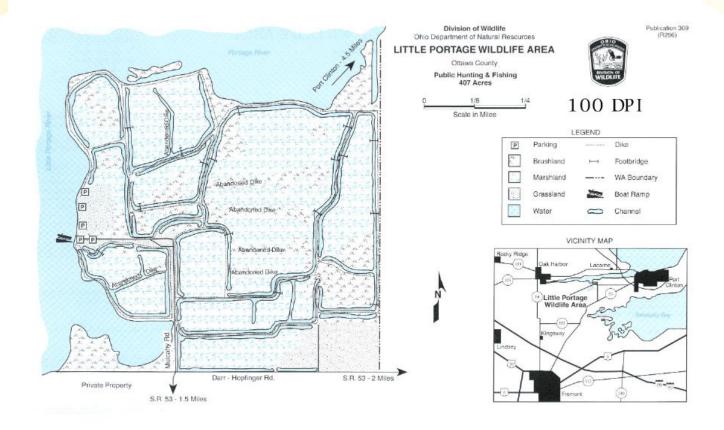




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LITTLE PORTAGE RIVER WILDLIFE AREA



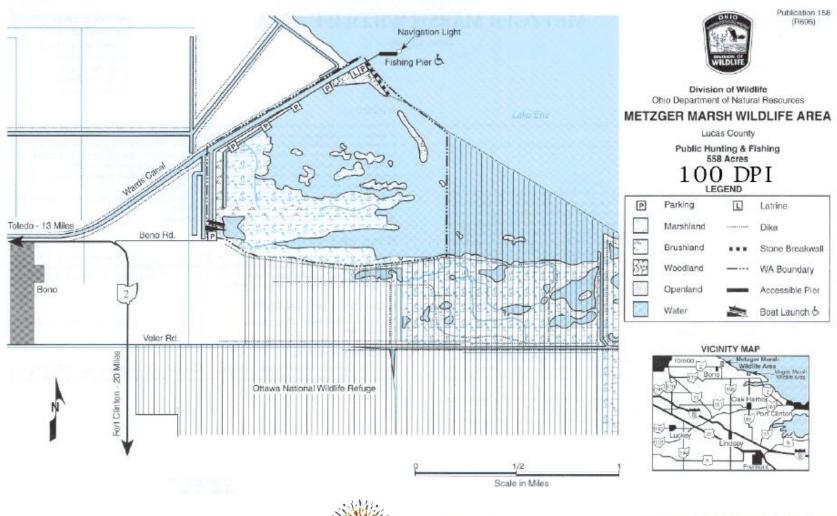
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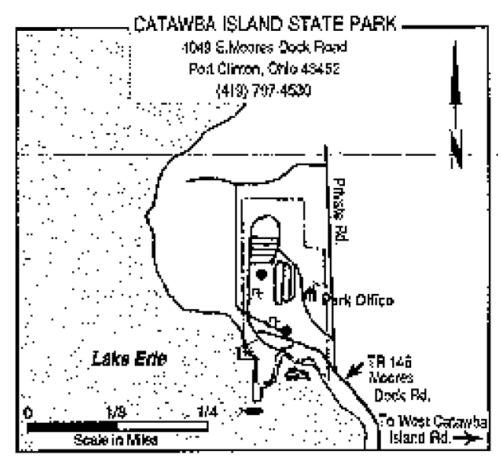
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Existing GRPs in Western Lake Erie



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Other approaches to GRPs

- Reviewed GRPs from:
 - San Francisco
 - Buzzards Bay MA
 - Central Puget Sound & Snohomish River
 - Tampa FL
 - Jacksonville FL
- Presented different mapping approaches to Area Committee at a regular meeting for evaluation
- Consensus was the Northwest Area Committee approach was preferred





Northwest Area Committee Response Plan Map Samples – Marine





Northwest Area Committee Response Plan Map Samples - Marine

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4.5 Proposed Booming and Collection Strategies - Matrices

Table 4-21: Proposed Booming Strategies and Resources Targeted (Cont)

Strategy	Current Status	Location (NAD83 HARN)	Response Objective	Feet of Boom	Strategy Implementation	Shoreline Oblique Photo	Resources Targeted
		IF FIELD CONI	DITIONS RE	QUIRE MO	ODIFICATION NOTIFY CO	MMAND	
CPS-21	Visited and Not Tested 05/01/2006	Lagoon near Clear Creek N 47° 38.847' W 122° 41.021' map page 4-24	Exclusion - Prevent oil from entering lagoon.	100ft Contractor Boom	Close off small lagoon to SE of Clear Creek.	http://apps.ecy. wa.gov/shoreph otos/scripts/bigp hoto.asp? id=KIT0175	sensitive habitat, waterfowl
CPS-22	Visited and Not Tested 05/01/2006	Strawberry Creek	Exclusion - Prevent oil from entering creek estuary	200ft Contractor Boom	Close off flat in front of creek; High water deploy from boat, Low water from road.	http://apps.ecy. wa.gov/shoreph otos/scripts/bigp hoto.asp? id=KIT0173	salmonids (anadromous)
CPS-23	Visited and Not Tested 05/01/2006	Fletcher Bay N 47° 38.609'	Exclusion - Keep oil out of Fletcher Bay	600ft Contractor Boom	Deploy boom in a chevron configuration across the entrance to the bay.	http://apps.ecy. wa.gov/shoreph otos/scripts/bigp hoto.asp? id=KIT0578	sensitive habitat, salmonids (anadromous)
CPS-24	Visited and Not Tested 05/01/2006	Eagle Harbor N 47° 37.178' W 122° 30.586' map page 4-25	Exclusion - Keep oil out of harbor.	3000ft Contractor Boom	Close off harbor at ferry dock; deploy boom from west side of ferry dock to pilings just west of old creosote plant.	http://apps.ecy. wa.gov/shoreph otos/scripts/bigp hoto.asp? id=KIT0635	sensitive habitat, baitfish, marine birds, waterfowl

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Central Puget Sound (CPS) GRP, Version 2.01 **Overview Map** Priorities General

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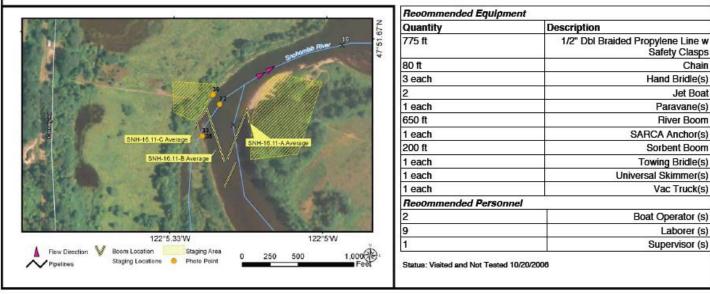
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Northwest Area Committee Response Plan Map Samples - Riverine

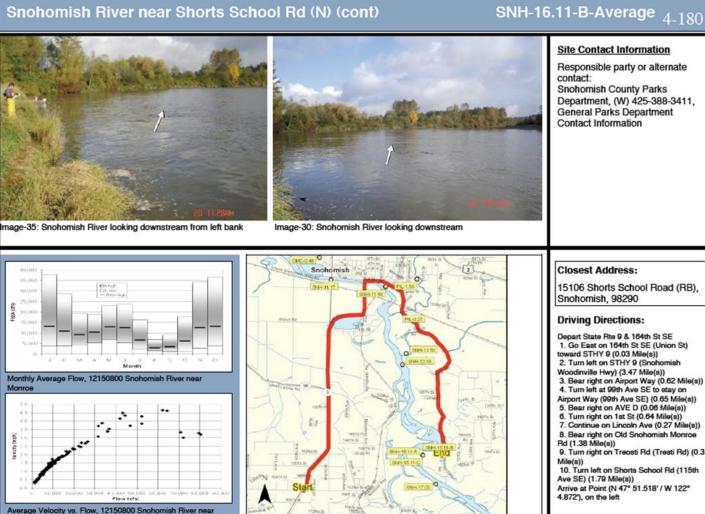
Snohomish Rive	r near Shorts School Rd (N)	SNH-16.11-B-Average 4-179				
Site Lat/Long:	N 47° 51.518' / W 122° 4.872', Sector Map 7-6					
Strategy Objective:	Collection - Collect product at LB.					
Implementation:	Use in stream SARCA anchor, bring boom back to shore, anchor protection in collection area. Use lines to maintain maximum boo control. Use in conjunction with SNH-16.11-A to cover entire river 16.11-C.	m angle. Use sorbent boom downstream of river boom for sheen				
Site Safety Note:	Other boats, steep and slippery bank at LB, slippery cobbles at R	B, fast current.				
Staging Area:	Boat and operator go to (BL-339) SNH-11.99-staging, laborers an and left bank. Stage from Shorts School Road on RB, from Conn	nd equipment go to site. Snohomish County owns property on right helly Rd. on LB. Stage equipment for 16.11 A, B, and C together.				
Fleld Notes:	Jet boat required to access site from BL-339.					
Resources Targeted:	salmonids (anadromous)					
Wateroourse Desoription: Snohomish River, Field Visit Width ~ 450.00ft, Field Velocity ~ 2.40MPH						





Northwest Area Committee **Response Plan Map Samples - Riverine**

Snohomish River near Shorts School Rd (N) (cont)

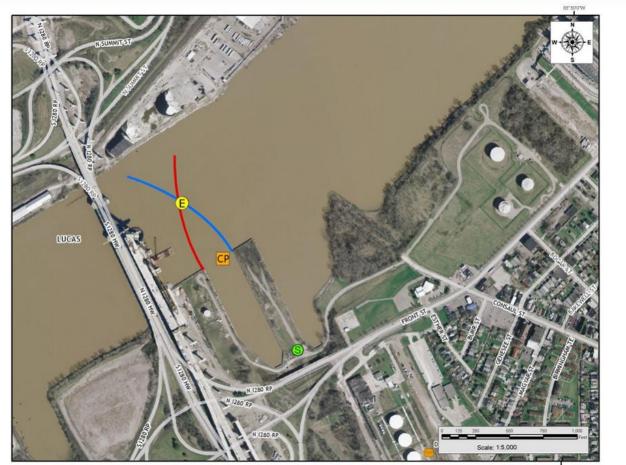




Proposed WLE GRP Layout

Western Lake Erie Area Contingency Plan

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83°300'W

MAUMEE RIVER BOOM DEPLOYMENT-E: Sun Oil Docks

Map Layout and design by: Dave Dean Department of Geography, The University of Toledo



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		Required Re	sources:
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		2 ea.	Boats
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KIA ANT		XX ea	laborers
S FOURT		XX ea	Supervisors
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Location/Directions to site	East side of the Maumee River		
Strategy Objective/First Priority Boom Location	1500' cascade boom to divert oil in	to Sun Oil dock collection p	point whether movement is upstream or downstream
Type of Shoreline/Habitat to be pro- tected	Sheet pile shoreline,		
Wildlife/Resources at risk			
Shoreline access/Backshore access	access to Sun docks from end of Cor	nsaul Street; contact Sun O	bil for access to docks
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Staging/Recovery Area			

MAUMEE RIVER BOOM DEPLOYMENT STRATEGY E: Sun Oil Docks

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ERMA:

A geospatial framework for the project

- ERMA Environmental Response Management Application
- Developed by NOAA Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R) in Seattle, WA and UNH Coastal Response Research Center (CRRC) with USEPA, USCG
- Regional focus
 - Great Lakes, New England, Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, Southwest (CA), Pacific Northwest (WA, OR), Caribbean (PR, USVI) Pacific Islands, Arctic (AK)
 - Each region requires locally generated fine resolution data for stakeholders to take advantage of ERMA's analysis and data management capability





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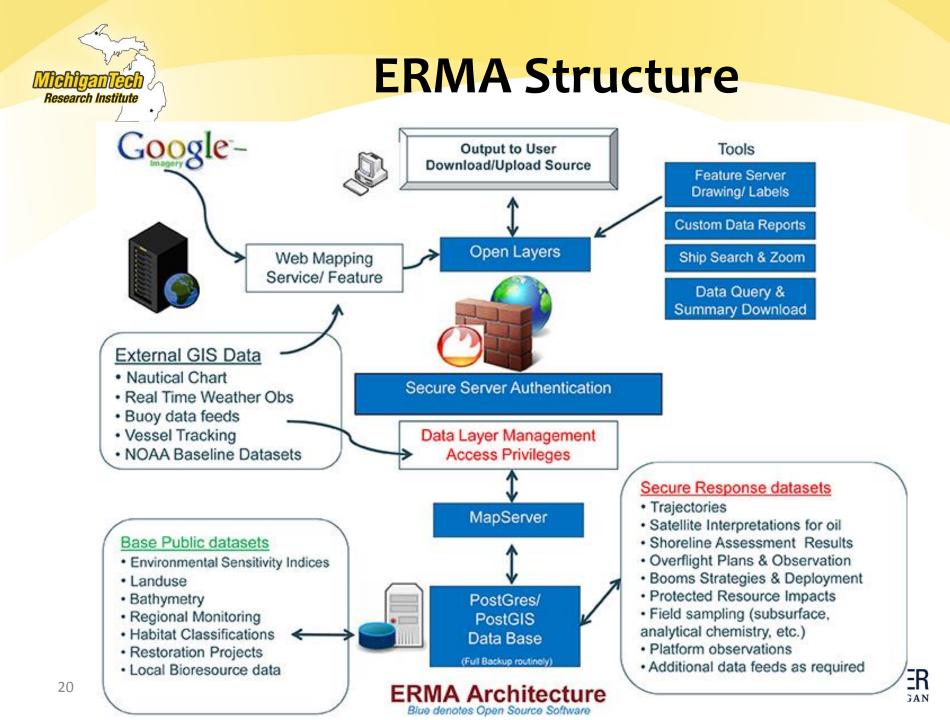
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A geospatial framework for the project

- ERMA :
 - Designed as an aid in spill preparedness and planning
 - Can assist in coordination emergency response efforts and situational awareness
 - Support NRDA process, recovery and restoration efforts postincident.
 - Great Lakes ERMA went live 7-10-13
 - Base layers only in application at this time







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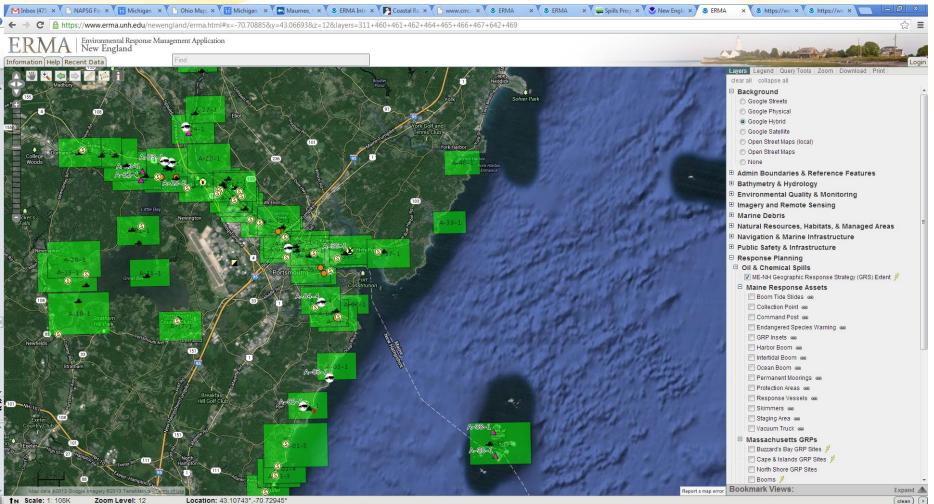
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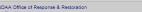
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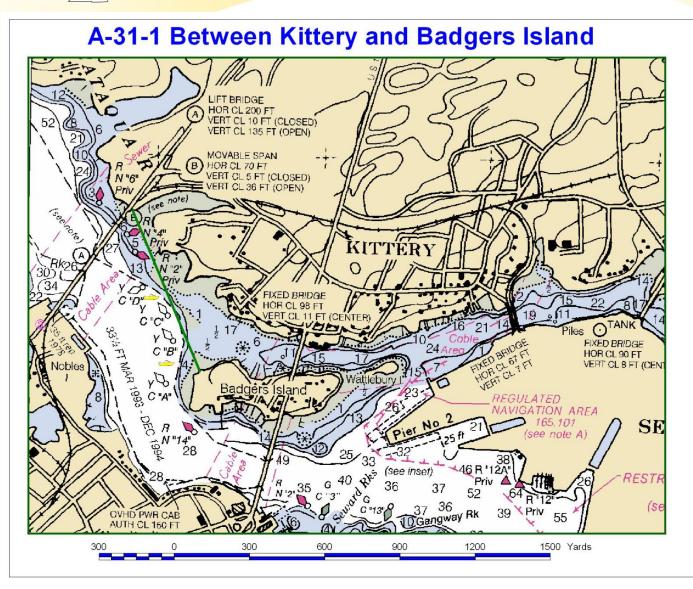


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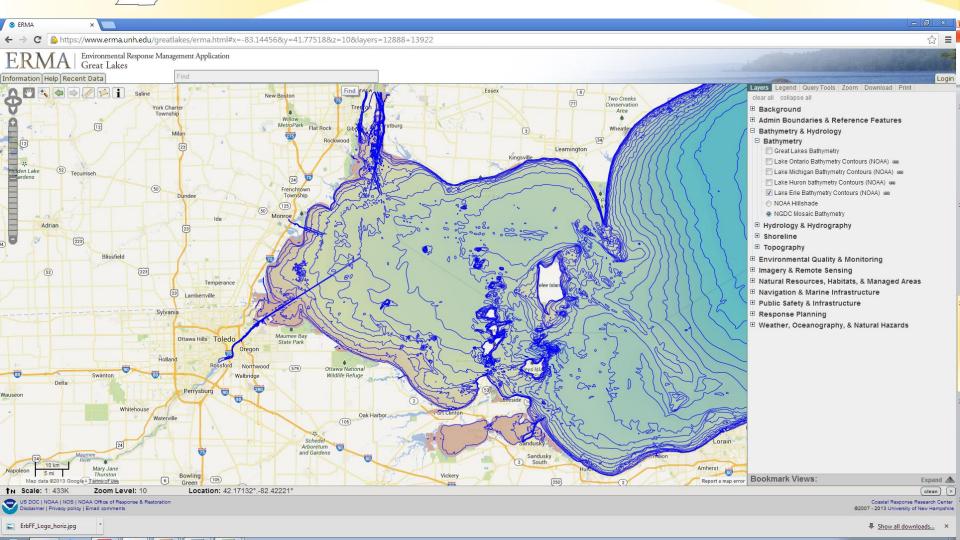
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Between Kittery and Badgers Island

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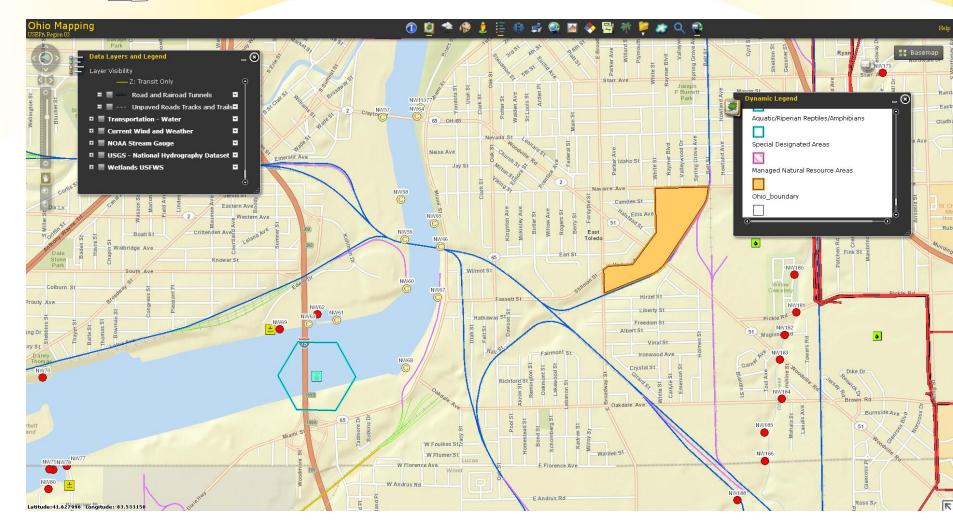
Existing GIS framework

- Ohio Mapping Project
 - developed by US EPA/Ohio EPA
 - Demonstrated by Jon Gulch and Mike Gerber at PREP TTX 7-10-13
 - Has inland response focus
 - Lots of useful response data layers
 - GRPs developed at some locations
 - Cooperative project between Ohio EPA, US EPA and potential responsible parties
 - Substantial amount of data developed for Ohio, need Michigan data





Ohio Mapping Project

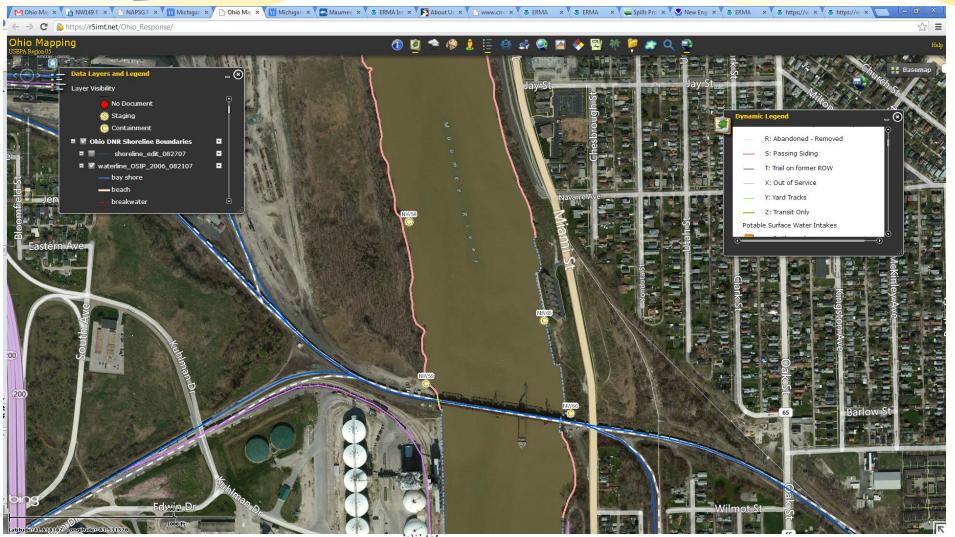




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Ohio Mapping Project





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Ohio Mapping Project Sample Response Sheets

PHYSICAL LOCATION INFORMATION
Location ID NW58 Location Name Metro Park Property West Bank - Maumee River
Location Description ☐ Coastal ☐ Open Water ☐ Harbor / Bay ☐ Open Channel or Culvert ☐ Small Stream or Creek ⊠ Riverine ☐ Inland/Upland ☐ Sewer <u>Choose Sewer Type</u> ☐ Other (describe)
Property Type Private
Detailed Location Description Fire District Toledo
Downstream side of Norfolk Southern Rail Bridge on west bank. Note property is located along Toledo Metro Park Property with poor access, but open space for staging equipment. Field data collected by WLEA.
Location County Lucas Location Township Location City/Town/Village Toledo
Adj. Property Ownership Name (1) Metropolitan Park District 1110ttawa St. Rear Name (2) Ownership Mailing Address Mailing Address City/State/Zip Toledo, Ohio 43602 City/State/Zip Phone 419-407-9700 Phone 24 hr Phone 24 hr Phone Parcel ID # 18-99221
Access to property off of Ottawa Street and Williams Street north of Union Rail Station. Any containment actions are by use of boats for installation of boom sections to anchor points in the river. Note; River is affected by Lake Erie seich. Property is owned
by Norfolk Southern and you must also pass through Metroparks property to access the river. The point is located on NS parcels 1899227 and 1899223. No address is listed for Norfolk Southern so it must be combined somehow with other parcels, but the Metroparks property is listed as 101 Emerald Avenue.
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Describe access to location from major landmarks, roads, bridges, etc. Land access off of Ottawa St. and Williams St. north of Union Rail Station/Norfolk Southern property. There is fence at Ottawa Street and Williams Street then a wire barrier farther into the property so vehicle access will not be possible without removal by the Metroparks. Beyond the fence and barrier there is a dirt pathway and plenty of grassy areas for staging. The path goes all the way along the river and directly out to the stone wall we saw from the boat.
Describe parking access, staging access, etc. at location Large open area
List Structures and/or Utilities in Area
Upstream of Containment Location Average Depth of Water 40 Feet Average Width of Water 695 Feet
Downstream of Containment Location Average Depth of Water 40 Feet Average Width of Water 695 Feet
Upstream Risks Other (describe) Fixed Facility Railroad Choose Upstream Risk Other: Hwy I-75 & Ohio Tumpike Overpasses & releases from ships
Upstream Concerns Debris Other (describe) Choose Upstream Concern Other Shipping channel & recreational boating area. Also note major fish spawn migration in spring season upstream. Location Purpose Containment Booming (for recovery) Skimming Monitoring

Other: Also direction of water flow can change due to seich effected of Lake Erie.

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Photograph #1	Direction	Photograph Taken

Photograph #2 Direction Photograph Taken

Upst. #1



North Date Photograph Taken 6-27-2013





Site Location#3



Site Watershed Map





Ohio Mapping Project Sample Response Sheets

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** NOTE: Right bank or left bank orientation is determined by looking downstream. **

Substr	ate	
	Waterway Bo	
		Upstream of Containment Location: <u>Muck</u> Downstream of Containment Location: <u>Muck</u>
	Bank Type	Upstream of Containment Location:
	Right Ban	nk: Choose Bank Type Left Bank: Vegetative
	Bank Profile Right Bar	
		Downstream of Containment Location:
	Right Ban	nk: Choose Bank Type Left Bank: Vegetative
	Bank Profile Right Bar	
	Quality (Silta	ation) Upstream of Containment Location: Moderate Silt
		Downstream of Containment Location: Moderate Silt
Substra	ate Comments:	Note due to wide width of river at this location, there is no right bank information provided.
In Stre	am Cover	Upstream of Containment Location: Logs or Woody Debris
		Downstream of Containment Location: Logs or Woody Debris
Instrear	m Cover Comme	ents: deep water.
Amour	nt of Instream	Cover Upstream of Containment Location: Moderate (25% - 75%)
		Downstream of Containment Location: Moderate (25% - 75%)
Habitat	Type (NOAA)	Large River Shoreline Type (NOAA) Choose Shoreline Type
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4. points (50' to 100'): Containment and deflection booming is the only option to collect spilled product. Collection v accessed and able to accommodate product and equipment staging. Debris management will also be
		has a low API (>10), oils will sink and structures (gabion baskets, fencing, skirt, etc.) will need to be place
		River to stop the movement of oil along the bottom. For polar solvents in Rivers, downstream monitoring d to be used to determine impact on potential downstream water users and sensitive populations.
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Moving forward with the project

- ERMA likely to provide GIS framework for this project
 - Share data between Ohio Mapping project and ERMA
- What functions/focus for GIS?
 - Identify datasets for
 - Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, Recovery
- Provide Common Operating Picture at CP
- Provide multiple options for GRP data display and distribution (GRP as pdf, etc.)
- Initial collection of GRP data for sensitive habitat in WLE basin
 - Identify data to be included in GRPs
 - Ohio Coastal Atlas useful for base data
 - Find Michigan data
 - Ohio Mapping project data a good place to start
 - Start with data for strategies at locations identified in existing WLE Area Contingency Plan





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Moving forward with the project

- Integrate existing data, work with WLE Area Committee, other stakeholders (USFWS, ODNR, to identify/collect response data
 - Data sharing as appropriate between Ohio Mapping Project and GRPs
- Maintain communication with stakeholders
 - Regular reporting of progress to sponsor and Area Committee
 - Input from stakeholders to ensure the final result is useful to the response community
- Make framework available to others who may be able to use it (USFWS, ODNR etc...) within their operations







Thank You!

Questions, Comments, Suggestions?



