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DuPont Pompton Lake  
Remediation Project :  
RCRA Permit Modification

# GOALS FOR TODAY:

- Review Proposed Remedy Selections for the Acid Brook Delta and Uplands
- Explain the Status of the RCRA Permit Modification Process
- Address Questions on Rationale for Proposed Remedies

# Issues To Be Addressed

- ▣ Permit process and status
- ▣ Objectives of the remediation
- ▣ Scope of the work
- ▣ Scheduling

# Why is a Permit Modification Needed?

- Original permit addressed investigation of site
- Draft Permit Modification will propose remedies
- Provides opportunity for feedback from stakeholders
- Imposes final remedies for the Acid Brook Delta

# What is the Acid Brook Delta?

- ▣ Acid Brook flows from the DuPont site through Pompton Lakes to Pompton Lake
- ▣ The Acid Brook Delta is where the Brook enters the Lake
- ▣ Contamination currently exists in the Lake (sediment contamination) and in the uplands (soil contamination)

# What Caused the Contamination?

- ▣ During operation of the facility, contamination from metals drained from facility processes through the Brook to the Lake
- ▣ All processes have been closed, the buildings torn down
- ▣ The Brook was remediated 15 years ago
- ▣ Sampling is planned to assure that Brook has not been re-contaminated

# Remediation Project Summary

- Remedial approach for sediment is hydraulic dredging and restoration
- Remedial approach for upland soil is conventional excavation and restoration
- DuPont has agreed not to utilize on-site reuse as an option



# Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs)

- ▣ Uplands Soils (Quantitative RAOs)
  - There are numerical human health and ecological standards for soils. So, there are discrete “numbers” that must be achieved for remediation of the uplands soils
  
- ▣ Acid Brook Delta Sediments (Qualitative RAOs)
  - There are no promulgated ecological “numbers” for sediments, only screening benchmark values
  - Qualitative standards were developed to set long term goals to protect human health and the environment



# Upland Soil Remedial Action Objectives

- Removal criteria based on the lower of NJDEP Residential Direct Contact Soil Remediation Standards or ecological benchmarks

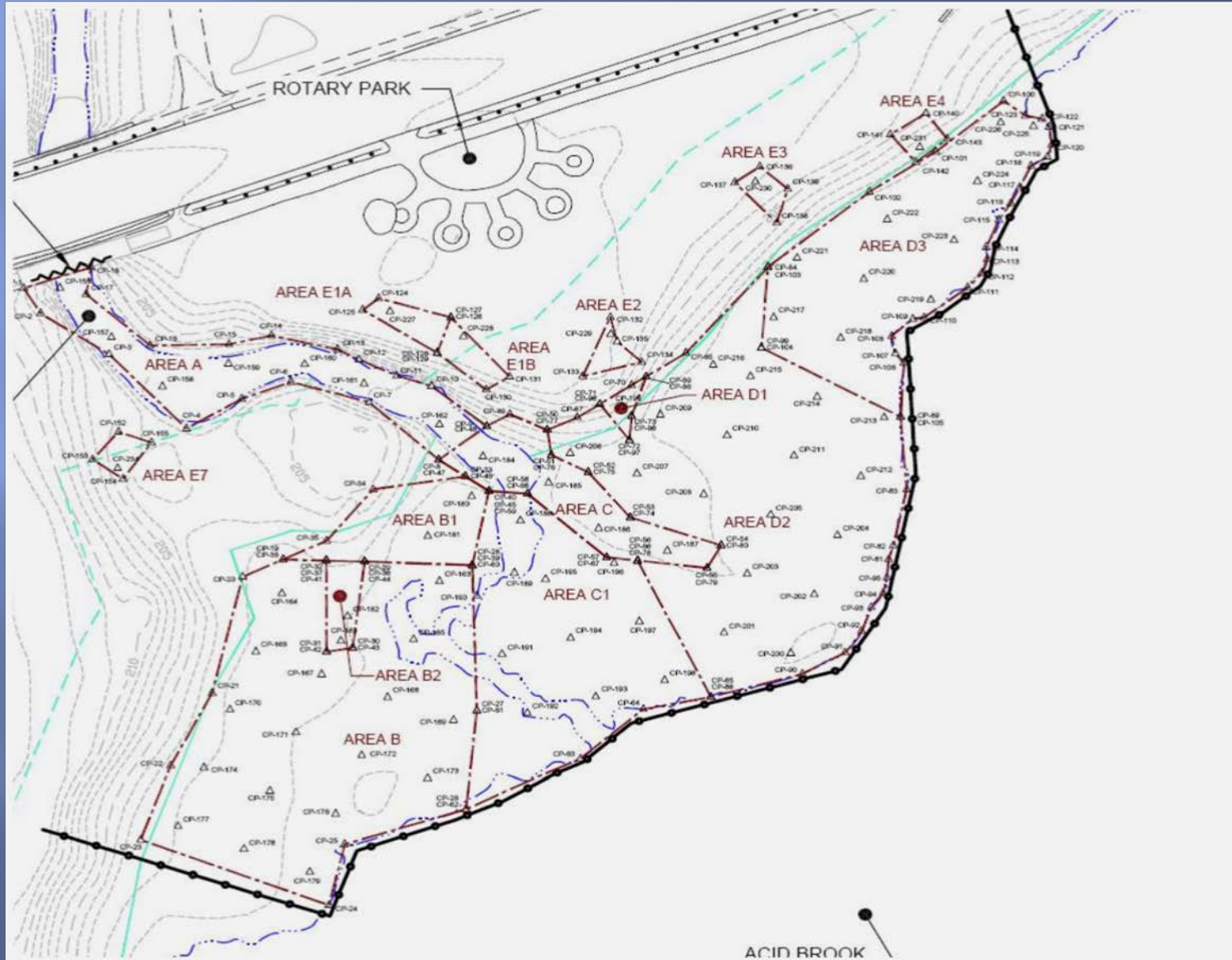
**Table 2-1: Uplands RAOs and Removal Criteria**

Analyte	Surface Soil Criteria (mg/kg)	Subsurface Soil Criteria (mg/kg)
Copper (Cu)	1,100	3,100
Mercury (Hg)	20.5	23
Lead (Pb)	400	400
Selenium (Se)	5.05	390
Zinc (Zn)	1,507	23,000

# Proposed Scope of Work for Pompton Lake Uplands Soil

- Soil will be excavated from 17 specific areas across ~1 acre
- Removal depths range from 0.5 to 8.5 feet
- Approximately 7,800 cubic yards will be excavated
- Excavation using conventional equipment
- DuPont is required to obtain state and local permits necessary to complete remediation

# Extent of Uplands Soil Remediation

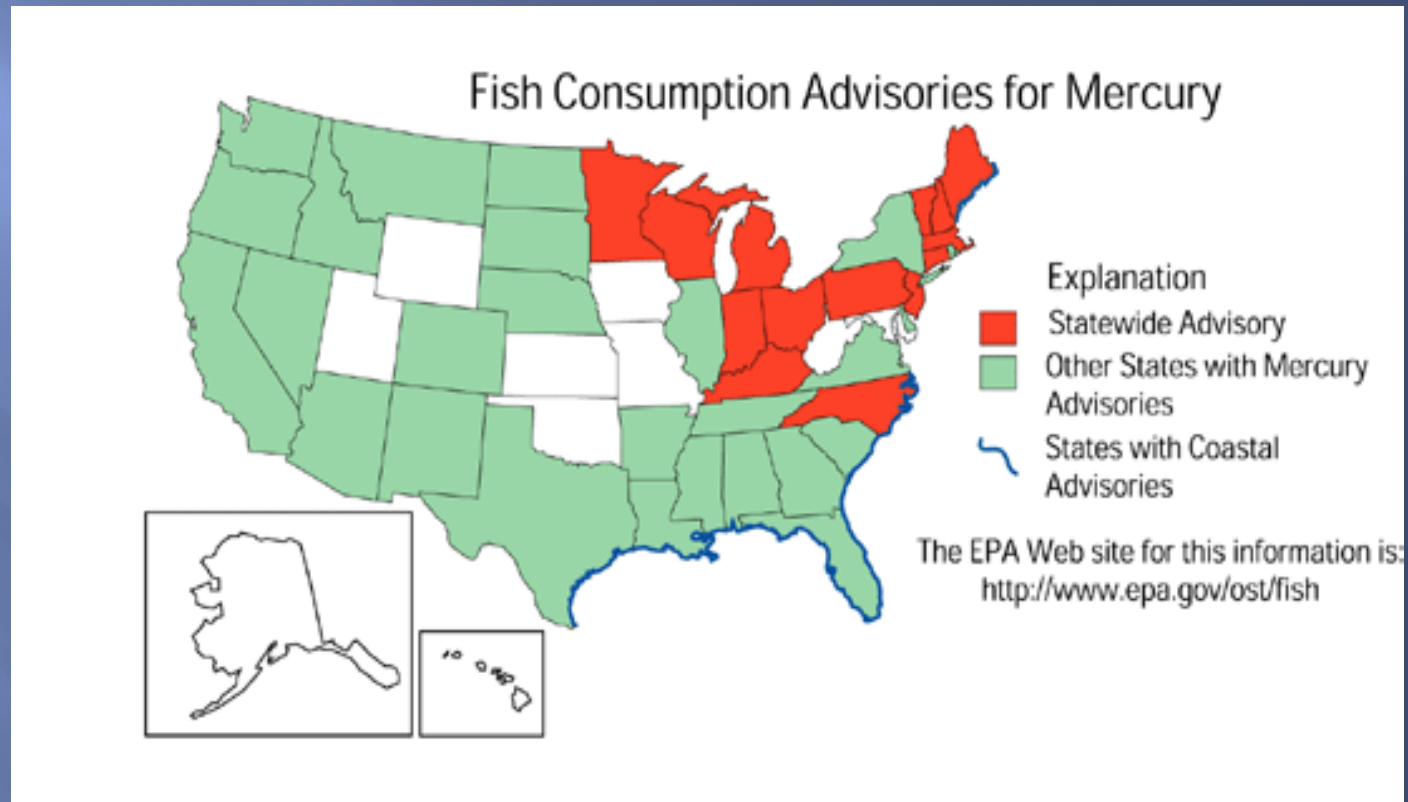


# Acid Brook Delta (Pompton Lake) Dredging

- ▣ DuPont is responsible only for their mercury contribution.
- ▣ There are upstream (background) contributions of mercury from the Ramapo River and air deposition
- ▣ There are state-wide mercury fishing restrictions due to ubiquitous mercury in the environment
- ▣ Volume-Weighted Spatial Averaging
  - ▣ Geostatistical data evaluation technique to map discrete sediment samples

# Additional contributors to mercury in lakes include:

- atmospheric deposition
  - man-made - coal incinerators, medical and municipal wastes
  - natural - volcanoes, forest fires, geologic deposits, ocean volatilization
- point sources (mines, landfills, manufacturers of metals, alkali and cement)
- upstream sources can be transported and deposited downstream
- Information Sources:
  - <http://www.usgs.gov/themes/factsheet/146-00/>
  - <http://www.epa.gov/hg/>



## Fish Consumption Advisories for Mercury

- \* 40 States have issued advisories for methylmercury
- \* 13 states have statewide advisories for some or all sportfish from rivers or lakes
- \* Coastal areas along the Gulf of Mexico, Maine and the Atlantic Ocean from Florida through NC are under advisories for methylmercury for certain fish

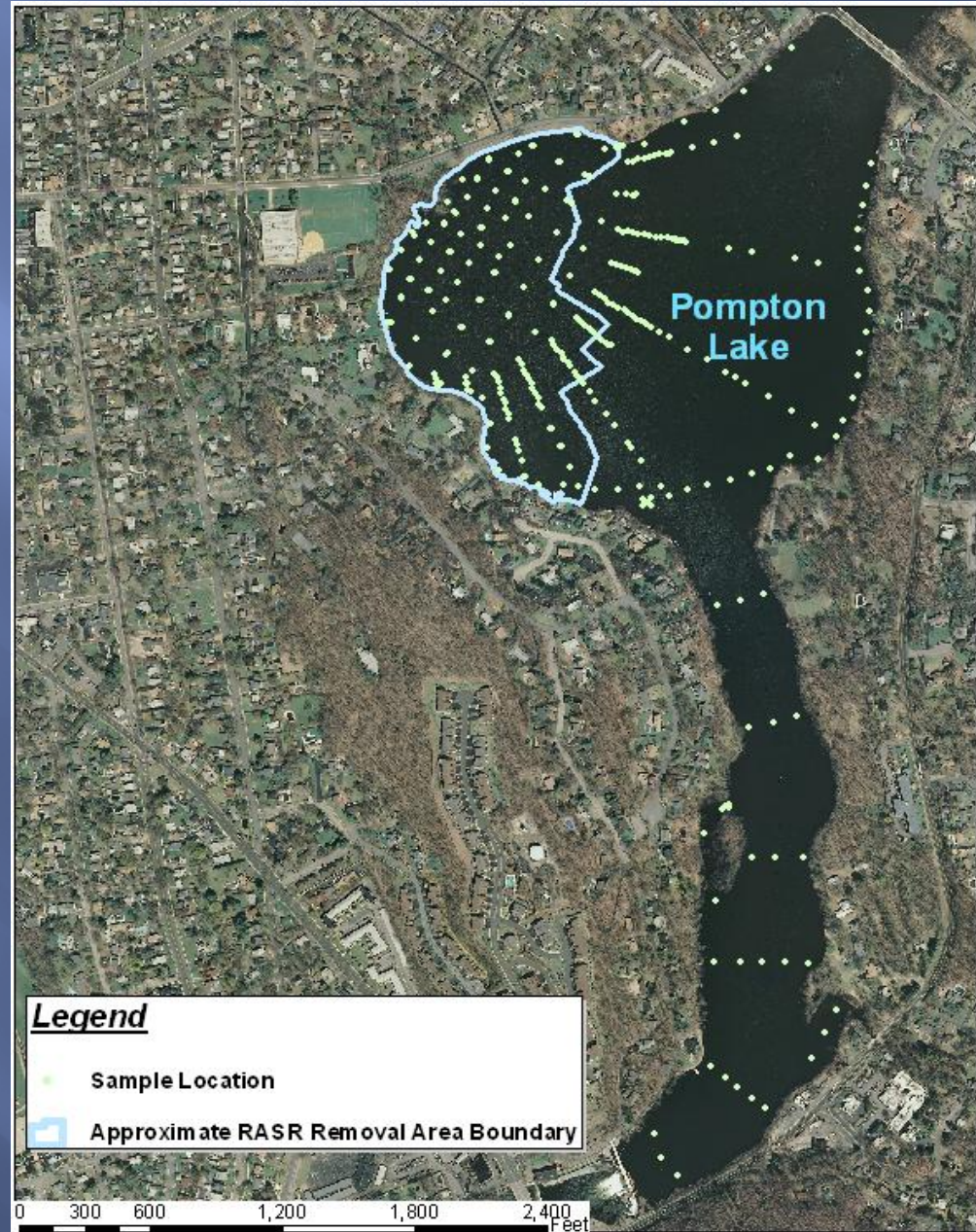


# Assessment of Lake Contamination

- ▣ Ten metals have been evaluated
- ▣ Surface and subsurface sediment samples were taken from the Delta area and Ramapo River Channel
- ▣ Transects were taken radially outward from the Delta
- ▣ Mercury which can methylate is the primary constituent of concern
- ▣ Other hazardous constituents are co-located with mercury and will also be removed



# Sediment Delineation Locations in Pompton Lake



# Mercury Methylation

- ▣ Inorganic mercury “methylates” through interaction with anaerobic organisms into a most toxic form
- ▣ Occurs in near shore sediments in the upper few centimeters
- ▣ Methylmercury can enter the food chain and bioaccumulate in organisms
- ▣ Multiple lines of evidence to support RAO included vertical profiles, biota studies and patterns of methylmercury in surface water and sediment

# Remedial Action Objectives (RAOs) for Pompton Lake Delta Sediment

No numerical ecological sediment standards, so the goals are to:

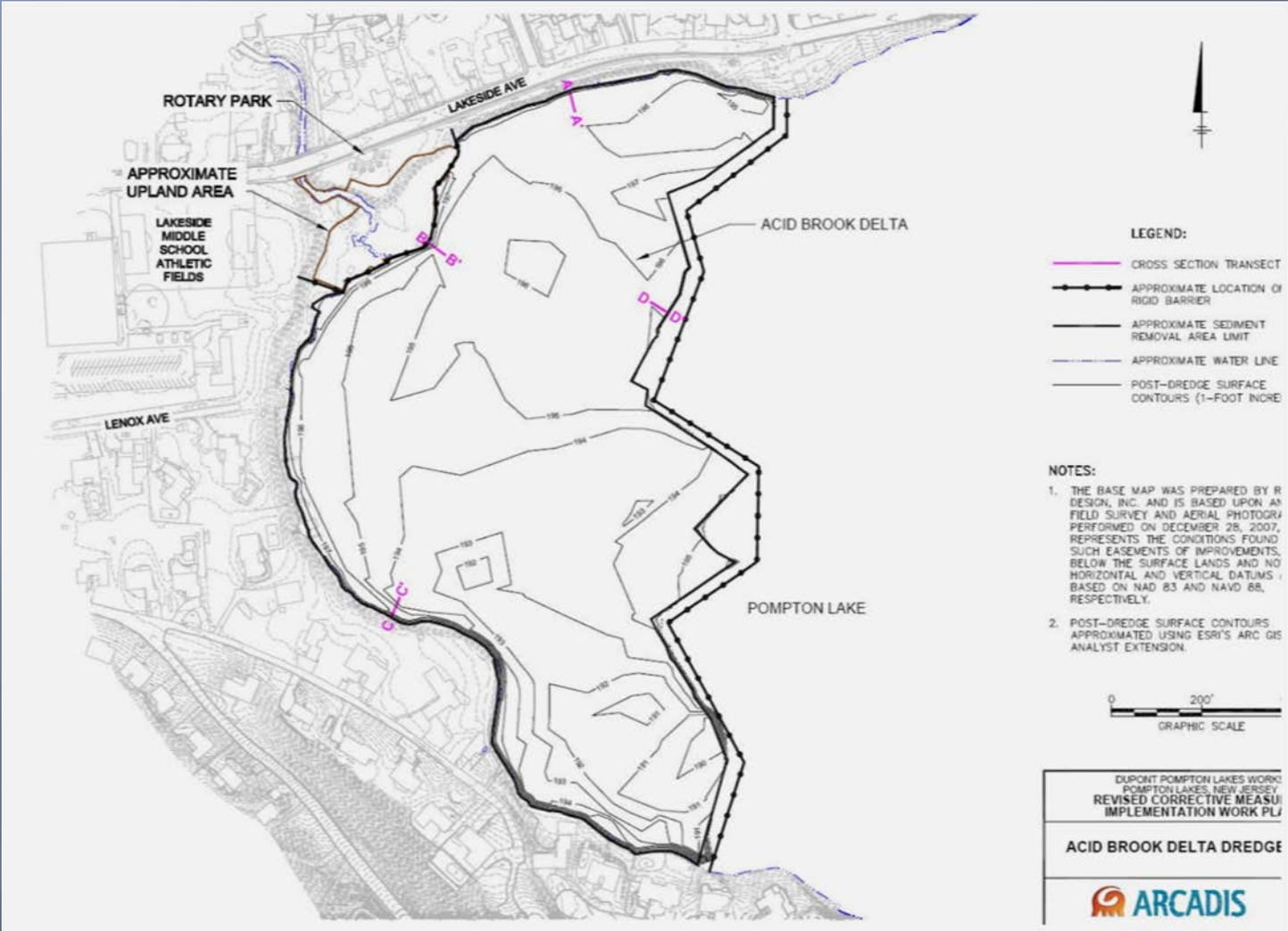
- Remove mercury from near-shore surface sediments so mercury will not be available to methylate
- Reduce the area where organisms can be affected by elevated mercury concentrations



# Proposed Scope of Work for Pompton Lake Delta Sediments

- At least 68,000 cubic yards of sediments to be removed over 26 acres
- Rigid barriers will be installed to isolate area to be dredged to contain sediments during dredging
- Hydraulic dredging
- Draft Project Operations Plan was developed by contractor
- DuPont is required to obtain state and local permits necessary to complete remediation

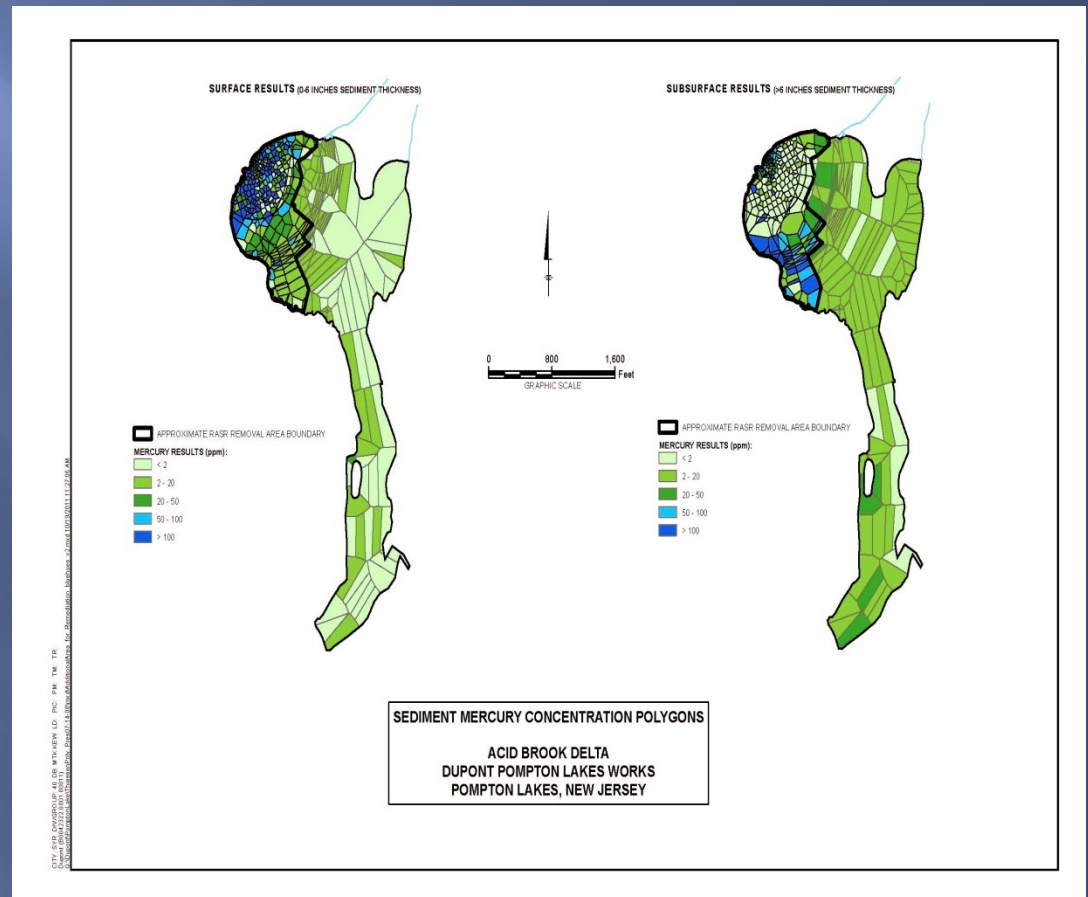
# Extent of Delta Dredging



# Results of Dredging

-All surface and subsurface sediments in the 26 acre area that DuPont is responsible for will be dredged

- It will be replaced with an eco-layer of 6" of clean, sandy soil to enhance the natural recovery of the Lake bottom





# Remediation Elements Addressed in Project Operations Plan

- Dredging and excavation methods
- Material handling and transportation methods
- Where sediment dewatering/solidification will be completed and how
- Final disposition of sediment and soil
- Restoration details

# Current Scope of Work for Restoration

- DuPont has been meeting with Lake Restoration Committee, Shade Tree Committee and the School Board to identify potential restoration elements
  - In-kind replacement with native vegetation
  - Enhancement of aquatic habitat and wetland resources
  - Supplemental upland plantings and erosion control features

# RCRA Permit Next Steps

- Public Notice of the modification to the RCRA Permit to complete lake remediation dredging of sediments and excavation of soil consistent with workplan
- Public hearing to receive comments on the proposed permit modification
- After review and consideration of public comments, issuance of modification to the RCRA Permit
- There will be public input on the conditions in the Project operations Plan as part of the Corrective Measures Implementation Workplan review and approval