# **Preview to Activities**

**Grasse River Remediation Project** 

January 16, 2019







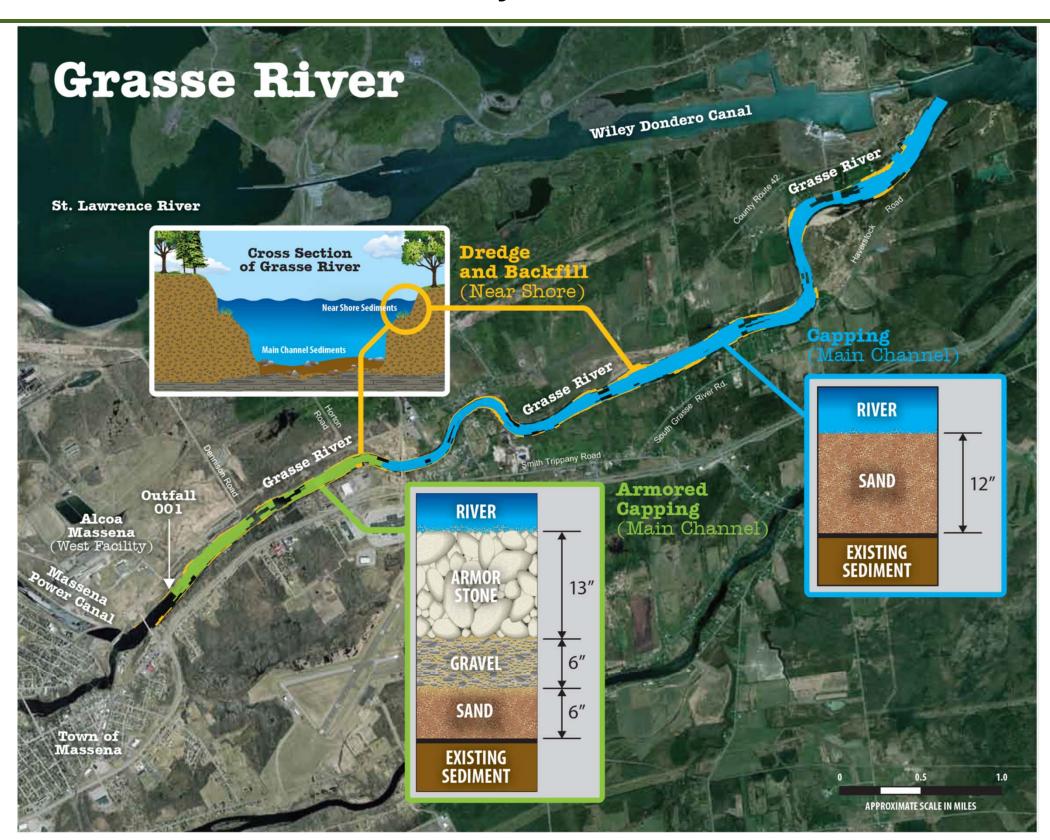
## **Topics to be Covered**

#### Meeting agenda

- □ Introductions
- Project overview
- What to expect during in-river work
- Monitoring
- Boating and swimming safety
- Question and answer



# **USEPA Selected Grasse River Remedy**



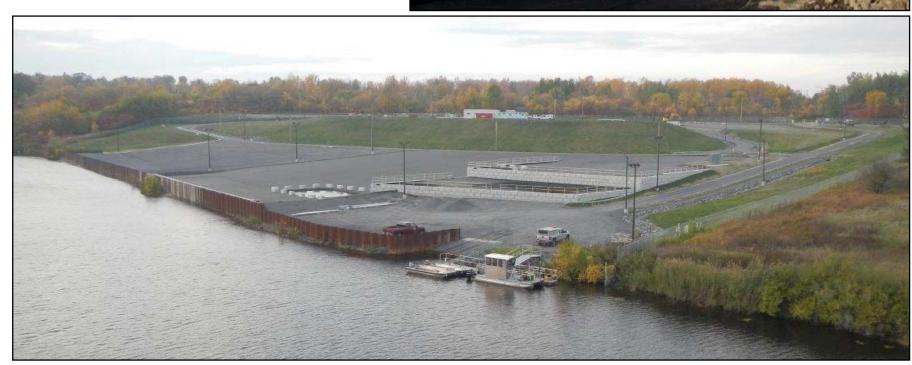


#### Already Completed: 2017-2018 Remediation and Support Work

Work performed to prepare for in-river remediation work

- Expanded the secure landfill on the Arconic Massena West property
- Constructed staging area on the north shore near the Route 131 bridge
- □ Remediated the Unnamed Tributary









#### Already Completed: 2017-2018 Remediation and Support Work (Cont'd)

Work performed to prepare for in-river remediation work (cont'd)

- □ Remediated soil areas along north shore just downstream of Alcoa Road Bridge
- □ Performed in-river capping test to verify construction sequencing





#### What's Next: Grasse River Remediation Project Activities

Limited winter preparation work and other activities

- ☐ Tree trimming
- Contractor/equipment mobilization and dock removal
- □ Remediate soil area along north shore just upstream of Alcoa Road Bridge





#### What's Next: Grasse River Remediation Project Activities (Cont'd)

#### *In-river remediation tasks*

- Near shore sediment and floodplain soil removal
- Material processing at the staging area
- Dispose materials at the secure landfill

- □ Cap material handling area construction
- Near shore backfill and restoration
- Cap material placement



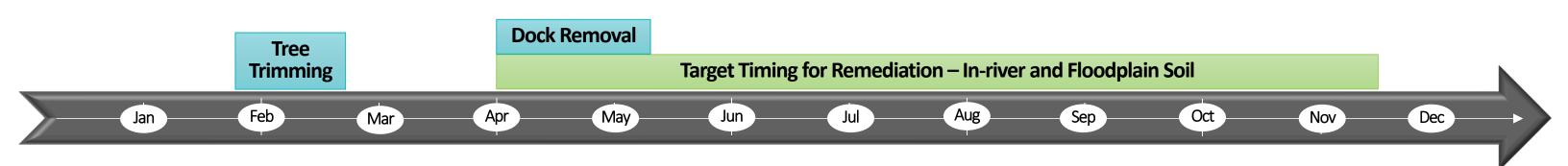






#### What to Expect During In-river Work: Schedule

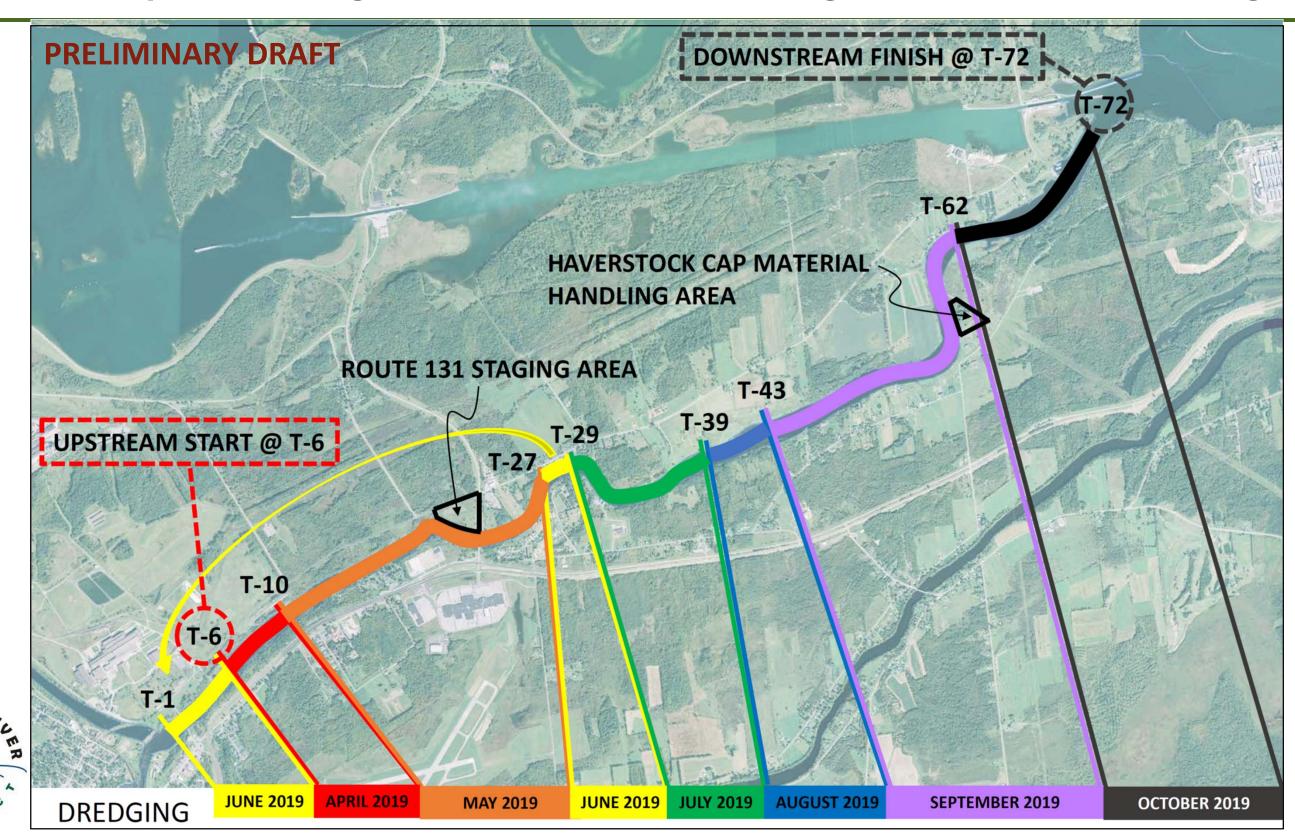
Schedule to be confirmed based on ongoing Agency coordination and weather conditions



- Work targeted for 6 days per week, 12 hours per day on river
  - Night work at staging area
  - Work planned for 24 hours per day on river in future years
- Work to generally be performed upstream to downstream
  - Most upstream area work will not start until mid-June to protect lake sturgeon



## What to Expect During In-river Work: 2019 Target Schedule for Dredging



#### What to Expect During In-river Work: Along/On River Properties

Arconic to work with individual affected property owners to provide additional details on work and coordinate efforts

- □ Tree trimming and chipping
  - Current plan is to access trees from river on the ice
- □ Dock removal if located in remediation areas
  - Request docks not be placed in river if removed for winter
- ☐ Floodplain soil removal in limited areas
- □ Near shore sediment removal







#### What to Expect During In-river Work: Other Things to Note

Working with the contractor and local authorities to limit the impact to residents

- Possible noise and associated controls and monitoring
- Lighting for worker safety and controls
- □ Site security
- □ Vehicle and boat traffic plans



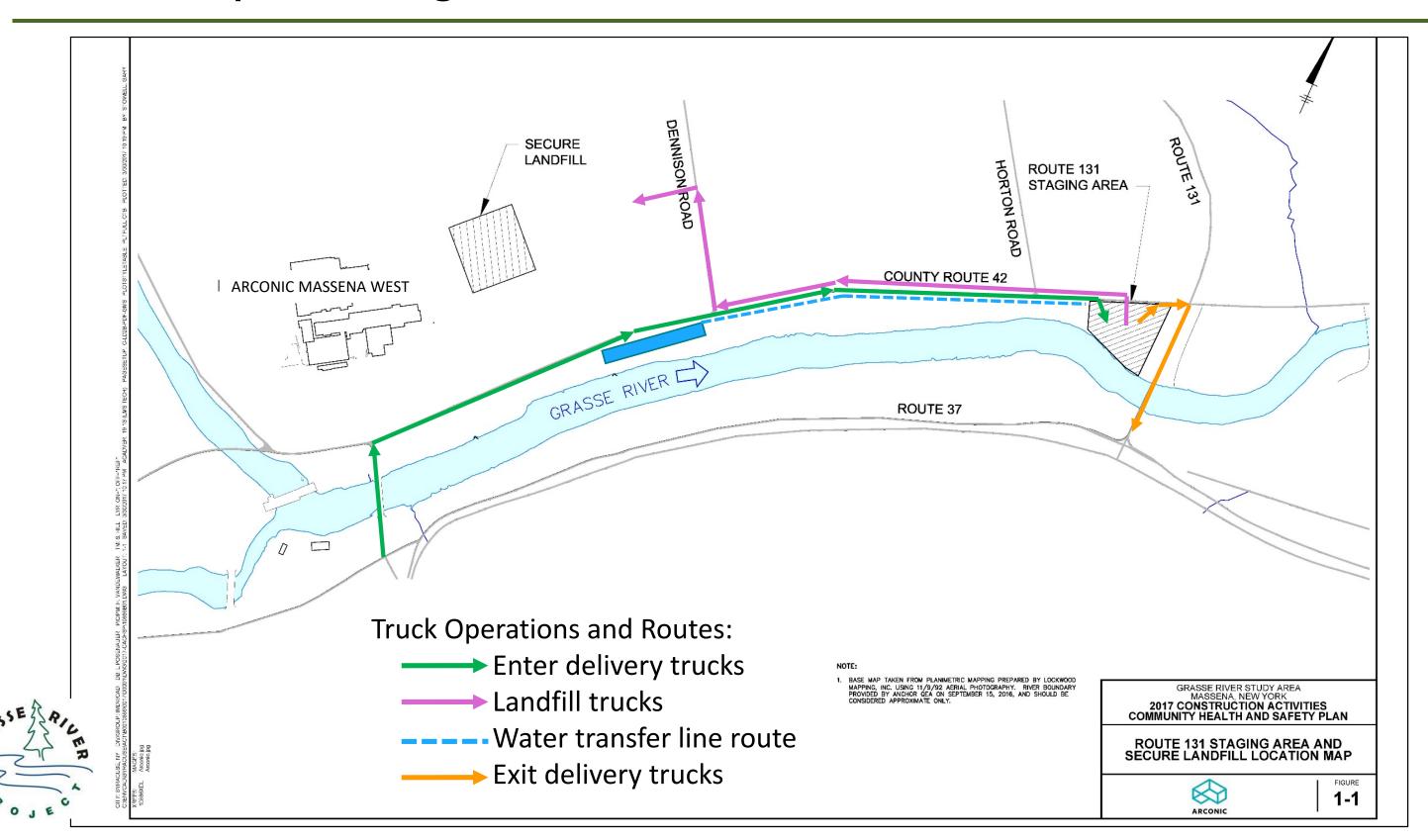








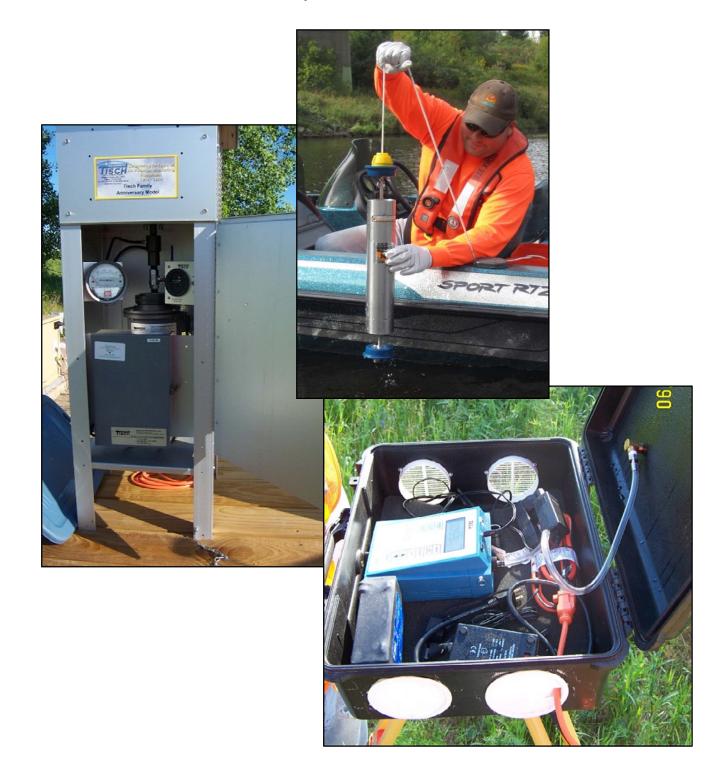
#### What to Expect During In-river Work: Truck Traffic Routes



#### What to Expect During In-river Work: Monitoring

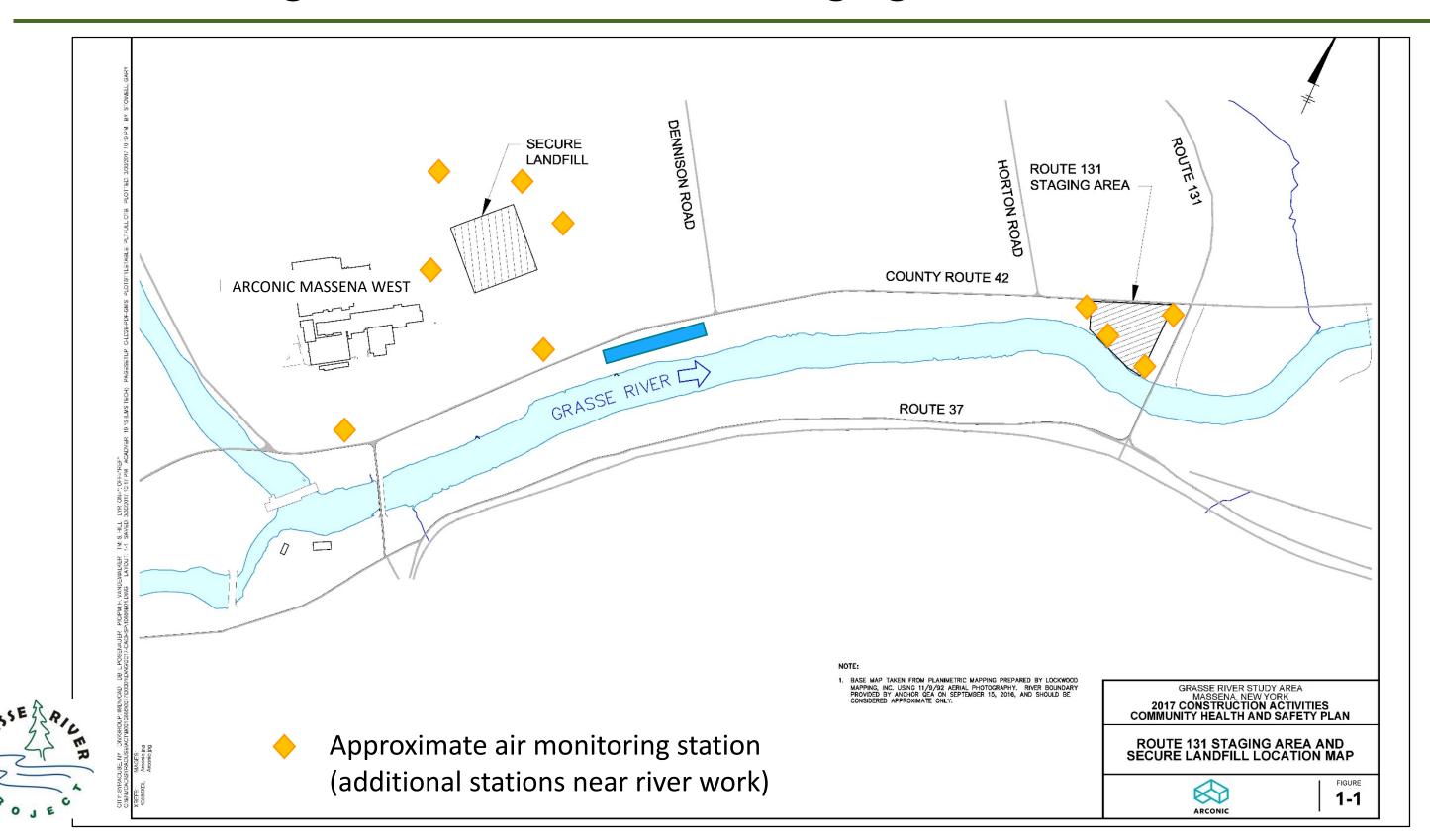
Working with the contractors and local authorities to limit the impact to residents

- Community health and safety plan outlines measures to protect the surrounding community
- Air monitoring
  - PCBs, dust, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs)
- Water monitoring
  - PCBs and turbidity
- Corrective action levels

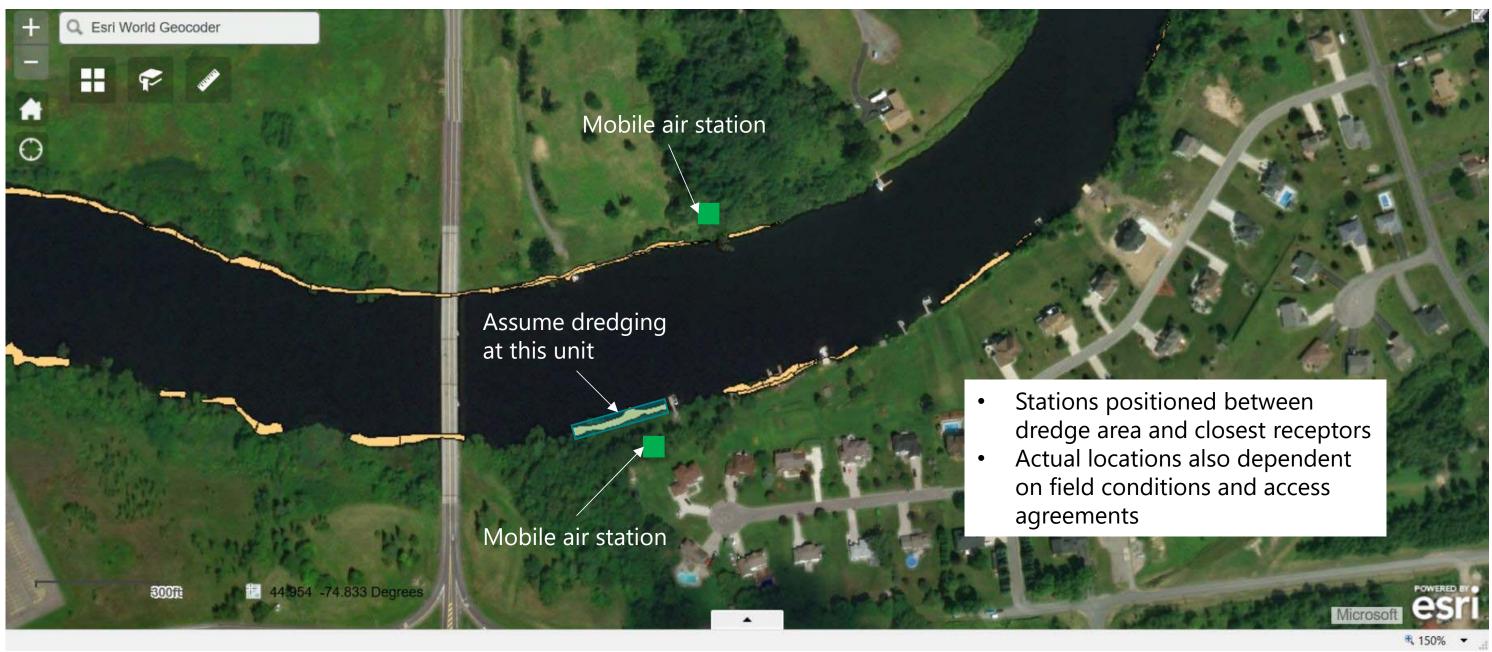




## Air Monitoring Stations at Landfill and Staging Area



## Typical Air Monitoring Stations Near Dredge Work (Example Only)





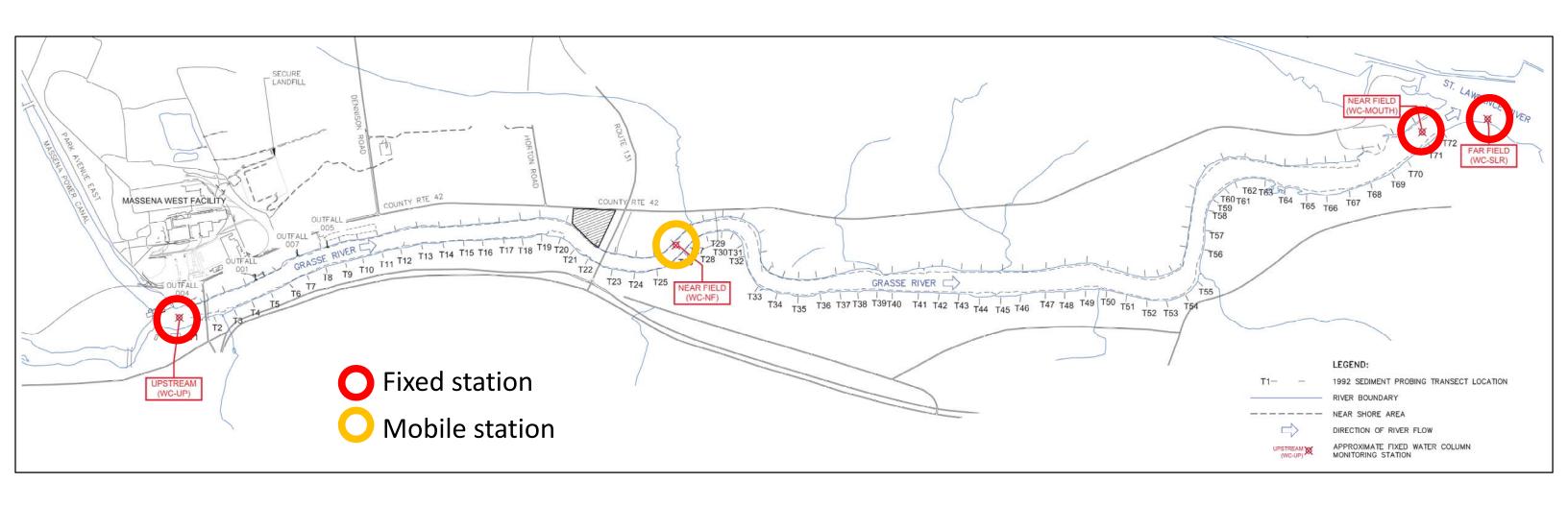
#### What to Expect During In-river Work: Turbidity

Turbidity expected during material placement in the river

- What is turbidity?
  - Measure of water clarity and how much the material suspended in water decreases the passage of light (USEPA)
  - Increased turbidity (cloudiness) expected
- □ Does it pose a concern?
  - Removal will likely suspend target sediment
  - Materials to be placed are clean
  - Monitoring and corrective action levels will be in place
- □ How much is expected?
  - Visible impacts expected and will return to natural conditions following work



# Water Column Monitoring Planned Locations





# Water Intake Monitoring Locations





#### **Boating and Swimming Safety**

Please take precautions near active work areas and stay clear to keep safe

#### Boating

- Requesting reduced boat speed and safe distance near active work areas
- Work areas will be identified with floating signs

#### Swimming

- Avoid swimming near or immediately downstream of any active work areas
- Refer to guidance contained in NYS Department of Health swimming factsheet









#### For More Information on the Grasse River Remediation Project

#### USEPA and Arconic will be reaching out in various ways

- □ EPA community meetings and Arconic mailers/communications
- Visit the project website: <u>www.thegrasseriver.com</u>
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