



# Former Erie Army Depot

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Defense Environmental Restoration Program – Formerly Used Defense Sites (DERP-FUDS)

### Location

- Carroll Township, Ottawa County, Ohio

### Site Description

- The former Erie Army Depot (EAD) was an artillery and air-defense artillery proving ground facility from 1918 to 1965. Plans for closure of EAD began in 1965 with final base closure in 1967. In 1967, the property ownership was transferred to the Community Improvement Corporation of Ottawa County and has since been subdivided and transferred to several private parties. The former EAD lake impact area that is adjacent to EAD is an active munitions impact area in Lake Erie used by the National Guard facility and private industry.



*Unexploded ordnance technicians ensure the beach is cleared of munitions debris at the former Erie Army Depot in Carroll Township, Ohio.*

### Project Capabilities

- FY10 funding is sufficient for planned activities.

### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Allocated and Projected Project Budget

FY09 Allocation	FY10 Allocation	FY11 Projected Budget	FY12 Projected Budget
\$ 471,000	\$ 267,700	\$ 105,000	TBD

### Program

- The Department of Defense (DoD) delegated the FUDS program to the Department of the Army who designated the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the executing component. The Corps seeks input from regulatory agencies, land owners and the community.

### Congressional Interests

- Rep. Marcy Kaptur D-OH-09
- Sen. Sherrod Brown D-OH
- Sen. George Voinovich R-OH

### Project Status

- Completed Work
  - The Corps completed an ordnance migration study in 2004 to better the understanding of potential ordnance migration patterns in the lake impact area.

- The Corps has completed three removal actions to clear ordnance items from shoreline areas at the former Erie Army Depot (EAD). These actions resulted in more than 8,000 non-explosive ordnance items and more than 1,400 potentially explosive items which were rendered safe and disposed off site by Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams.
- The Corps has conducted numerous public information workshops and educational efforts to ensure public awareness and procedures should ordnance items be found.
- Work in Progress
  - The Corps is executing an ordnance removal action on shoreline areas funded through the Office of Economic Adjustment outside of the FUDS Program. This work started in 2009 and will continue in 2010.
  - The Corps continues public education efforts regarding safety procedures if potential ordnance items are found.
  - The Corps continues to investigate the history of site ownership and operations by DoD and non-DoD parties. The purpose of the investigation is to establish a full understanding of all potential sources of ordnance fired into Lake Erie and on the former EAD site.
  - The Corps is initiating an investigation of the nearby Locust Point Firing Area to determine the history of DoD operations, historical land use, and any potential impacts to this site.

#### Issues

- Munitions migrating off the active site are not a FUDS responsibility.
- The site has been used by the National Guard and private companies who share in the responsibility for the site. The Corps and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency are discussing how these other parties should be involved with any cleanup activities associated with non-DoD impacts at the site.
- The Corps periodically dredges the Toussaint River federal navigation channel. Ordnance has been previously encountered during dredging operations and properly disposed. The Corps has no current plans or funding to conduct future dredging which requires a 28 percent local cost share contribution.

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