

Dzus OU5 Ecological Evaluation Summary

Ecological Sampling Summary

- Surficial sediment samples (0-6 inches) were collected in September 2019 from 45 locations within the tidal area of Willetts Creek (OU5; **Figure 1**), and from four reference locations (**Figure 2**).
 - Per the NYSDEC-approved Work Plan Addendum¹, sample locations were chosen based on previous observations of cadmium concentrations in the top 6-inches of sediment that were in the Class B saltwater SGV range (1.2 - 9.6 mg/kg).
 - The goal of the supplemental sampling and analysis was to eliminate samples that fall within the Class B range and reclassify them as either acceptable (Class A) or toxic (Class C).
 - Samples were analyzed for cadmium, total chromium, acid volatile sulfide/simultaneously extracted metals (AVS/SEM), total organic carbon (TOC), moisture content, and grain size.
 - Toxicity Testing was performed on each sample using the estuarine amphipod *Leptocheirus plumulosus*.
- Seven hard shell clam (*Mercenaria mercenaria*) tissue samples were collected from OU5 with two additional samples collected from a reference location. To the extent practicable, clam sample locations were co-located with sediment sampling locations (**Figure 2**). Tissue was analyzed for cadmium, chromium, and percent moisture.

Sediment Analytical Results

- Cadmium: One sample (location WT-52) exceeded the Class C saltwater SGV (9.6 mg/kg) with a reported concentration of 15 mg/kg. Twenty-four samples were in the Class B saltwater SGV range of 1.2 - 9.6 mg/kg (**Table 1**).
- Chromium: One sample (location WT-62) was in the Class B saltwater SGV (81 - 370 mg/kg) with a reported concentration of 100 mg/kg. No samples exceeded the Class C SGV (370 mg/kg).
- All reference sediments had concentrations of cadmium and chromium below Class A SGVs.
- TOC content was similar in OU5 and reference locations, falling generally between 1 and 8%.
- Grain size in both OU5 and reference locations is dominated by fines (silt + clay) and sand.
- AVS/SEM results suggests limited bioavailability of metals (all SEM:AVS results < 1 and \sum SEM- AVS/f_{oc} < 130 μ mol/g).

Toxicity Results

- Survival endpoints in 89% of the samples from Willetts Creek were not statistically different than the lowest reference survival.
- Survival endpoints in all reference samples (55% - 72% survival) were statically lower than the laboratory control (93% survival).
- Toxicity results did not correlate with cadmium or chromium concentrations in sediment. The sample with the highest cadmium concentration (15 mg/kg) did not show impacts to amphipod

¹ EA. 2019. *Operable Unit 5 Remedial Investigation Work Plan Addendum*. September.

survival or reproduction. The next two highest concentrations (7.1 and 5.6 mg/kg) did not show any impacts to any amphipod endpoints. The sample with the highest chromium concentration (100 mg/kg) also did not show impacts to any amphipod endpoints.

- There were no impacts to reproduction on any of the samples.
- Toxicity impacts may be due to other physical and/or chemical factors associated with the sediments off southern Long Island.

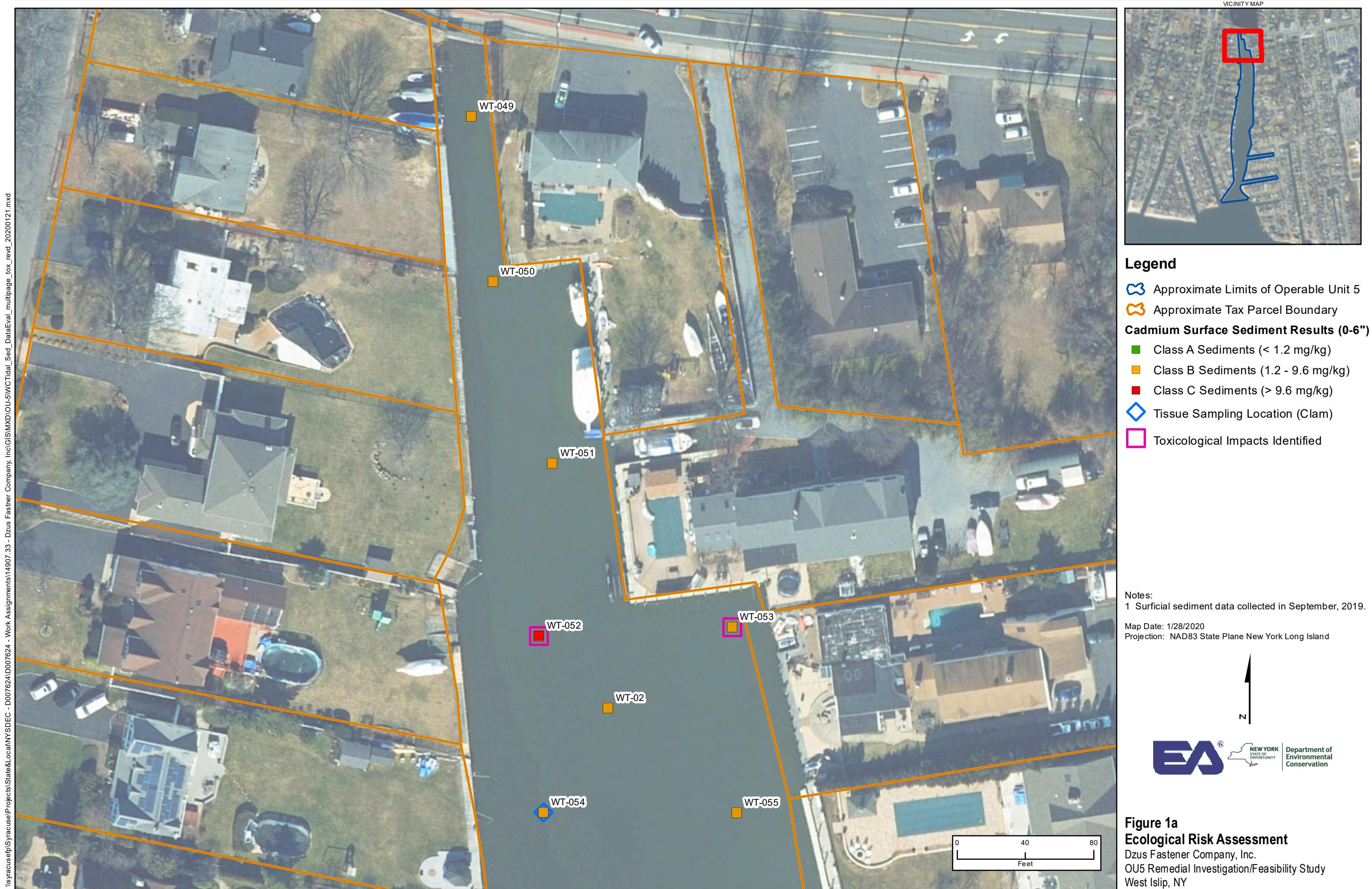
Clam Tissue Results

- Clam tissue sample cadmium concentrations in Willets Creek are consistent with samples from the reference location and do not correlate to metals results from associated sediments.
- Tissue sample chromium concentrations are lower than reference area locations.

Conclusion

- Concentrations of cadmium and chromium observed in sediments from the tidal portion of Willets Creek present a low risk to aquatic life.









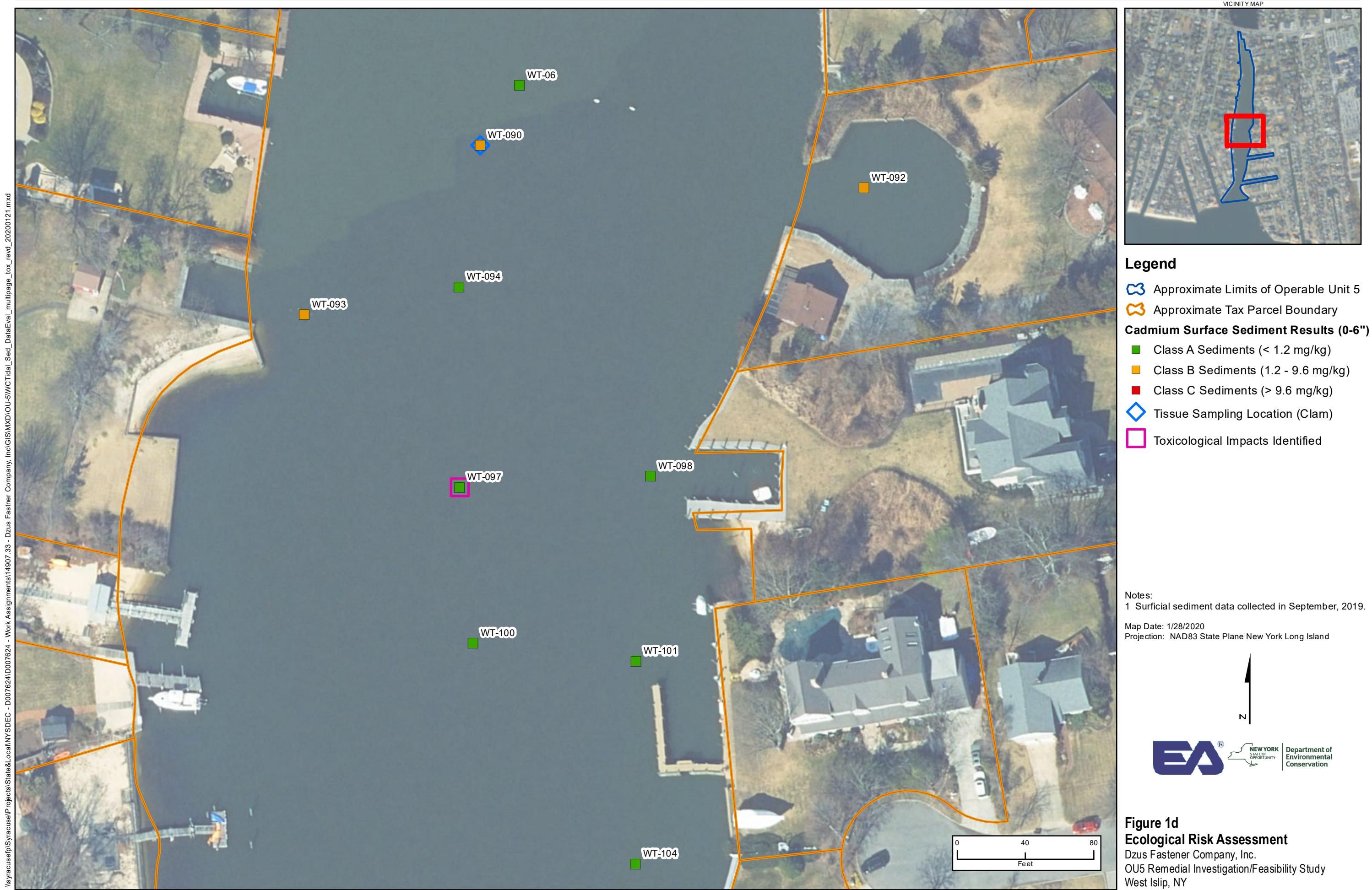




Table 1 Cadmium and Chromium Ecological Evaluation

Location	Sample ID	Sample Date	Sample Depth (in)	Result (mg/kg)	Qualifier	Chromium	(>SEM-AVS) / loc	SEM-AVS	Grain Size (%)				TOC (%)	Toxicity			In Situ Tissue (<i>Mercenaria mercenaria</i>)		
														Survival (%)	Growth (mg dry weight)	Reproduction (#neonates per adult)			
									Cobble	Gravel	Sand	Fines (Silt + Clay)							
WT-02	152033-OU5-SD-WT-02-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	3.5	J	72	J	-5744	0.014	0	0	1.8	98.2	6.3	-	-	-		
WT-03	152033-OU5-SD-WT-03-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	2.6	J	51	J	-4302	0.028	0	0	23.1	76.9	4.0	-	-	-		
WT-04	152033-OU5-SD-WT-04-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	2	J	63	J	-2058	0.030	0	0	2.4	97.6	5.7	-	-	-		
WT-04	152033-OU5-HSC-REP8	9/20/2019	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.144		
WT-05	152033-OU5-SD-WT-05-0006	9/17/2019	0-6	1	J	25	J	-3306	0.032	0	0	35	65	2.9	-	+	-		
WT-06	152033-OU5-SD-WT-06-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.14	J	6.4		-2299	0.042	0	16.6	45.6	37.8	0.7	-	-	-		
WT-100	152033-OU5-SD-WT-100-006	9/17/2019	0-6	0.72	J	54	J	-5345	0.025	0	0	0.7	99.3	4.8	-	-	-		
WT-101	152033-OU5-SD-WT-101-006	9/17/2019	0-6	1	J	63	J	-3975	0.029	0	0.2	1.7	98.1	5.3	-	-	-		
WT-104	152033-OU5-SD-WT-104-006	9/17/2019	0-6	0.77	J	60	J	-5747	0.022	0	0	0.8	99.2	4.1	-	-	-		
WT-105	152033-OU5-SD-WT-105-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	1.6	J	64	J	-1784	0.051	0	0	3.8	96.2	5.0	+	-	-		
WT-106	152033-OU5-SD-WT-106-006	9/17/2019	0-6	0.78	J	59	J	-3955	0.026	0	0	0.5	99.5	4.9	-	-	-		
WT-107	152033-OU5-SD-WT-107-006	9/17/2019	0-6	0.85	J	64	J	-4344	0.051	0	0	0.8	99.2	5.0	-	-	-		
WT-107	152033-OU5-SD-WT-FD-091719-02	9/17/2019	0-6	0.81	J	61	J	-5243	0.025	NA	NA	NA	NA	4.5	NA	NA	NA		
WT-108	152033-OU5-SD-WT-108-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	1.3	J	51	J	-3824	0.025	0	0	4.3	95.7	5.2	+	-	-		
WT-112	152033-OU5-SD-WT-112-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	1.6	J	64	J	-1152	0.064	0	0.1	9.0	90.9	7.8	+	+	-		
WT-113	152033-OU5-SD-WT-113-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	1.3	J	62	J	-5324	0.024	0	0	4.9	95.1	5.3	-	-	-		
WT-116	152033-OU5-SD-WT-116-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	1.1	J	65	J	-2512	0.038	0	0	3.1	96.9	4.9	-	-	-		
WT-117	152033-OU5-SD-WT-117-006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.73	J	58	J	-2839	0.032	0	0	0.9	99.1	5.9	+	+	-		
WT-117	152033-OU5-SD-WT-FD-091819	9/18/2019	0-6	0.72	J	60	J	-3233	0.028	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.5	NA	NA	NA		
WT-118	152033-OU5-SD-WT-118-006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.42	J	28		-2283	0.049	0	33	38.3	28.7	3.5	-	+	-		
WT-118	152033-OU5-HSC-REP2	9/18/2019	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.115		
WT-128	152033-OU5-SD-WT-128-006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.031	J	3.1	J	-1029	0.136	0	14.5	81.1	4.4	0.2	-	-	-		
WT-23	152033-OU5-SD-WT-023-006	9/17/2019	0-6	0.19	J	3.1	J	-13076	0.025	0	21.1	77.5	1.4	0.4	-	-	-		
WT-37	152033-OU5-SD-WT-037-006	9/16/2019	0-6	1.8	J	24	J	-2360	0.050	0	25.6	41.0	33.4	3.5	-	-	-		
WT-42	152033-OU5-HSC-REP6	9/20/2019	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.208		
WT-42	152033-OU5-SD-WT-042-006	9/16/2019	0-6	0.39	J	10		-2324	0.088	0	1.6	78.4	20	0.4	-	-	-		
WT-49	152033-OU5-SD-WT-049-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	2.8	J	46	J	-5423	0.020	0	0.7	67.8	31.5	3.0	-	-	-		
WT-49	152033-OU5-SD-WT-FD091919	9/18/2019	0-6	2.4	J	51	J	-4989	0.020	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.3	NA	NA	NA		
WT-50	152033-OU5-SD-WT-050-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	4	J	60	J	-1550	0.042	0	0	34.1	65.9	3.4	-	-	-		
WT-51	152033-OU5-SD-WT-051-0006	9/17/2019	0-6	3.5	J	66	J	-5866	0.017	0	0.1	11.6	88.3	5.8	-	-	-		
WT-52	152033-OU5-SD-WT-052-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	15	J	46	J	-1302	0.060	0	0	8.2	91.8	7.0	-	+	-		
WT-53	152033-OU5-SD-WT-053-006	9/17/2019	0-6	3.2	J	68	J	-1742	0.031	0	0	13.2	86.8	7.9	-	+	-		
WT-54	152033-OU5-SD-WT-054-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	3.9	J	63	J	-2495	0.028	0	0	17	83	5.3	-	-	-		
WT-54	152033-OU5-HSC-REP7	9/20/2019	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.085		
WT-55	152033-OU5-SD-WT-055-006	9/17/2019	0-6	4.2	J	59	J	-3403	0.023	0	0.1	11.6	88.3	6.4	-	-	-		
WT-56	152033-OU5-SD-WT-056-006	9/17/2019	0-6	0.15	J	3.8	J	-5850	0.032	0	37.1	62.6	0.3	0.5	-	-	-		
WT-58	152033-OU5-SD-WT-058-006	9/17/2019	0-6	7.1	J	55	J	-3541	0.027	0	0.2	30.9	68.9	4.7	-	-	-		
WT-61	152033-OU5-SD-WT-061-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.28	J	8		-1138	0.116	0	1.3	72	26.7	0.6	-	-	-		
WT-62	152033-OU5-HSC-REP9	9/20/2019	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.105		
WT-62	152033-OU5-SD-WT-062-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	5.6	J	100	J	-2326	0.037	0	1.4	23.9	74.7	5.3	-	-	-		
WT-64	152033-OU5-SD-WT-064-006	9/17/2019	0-6	2	J	68	J	-2078	0.037	0	0	4.3	95.7	5.7	-	-	-		
WT-65	152033-OU5-SD-WT-065-006	9/16/2019	0-6	0.9	J	22	J	-3554	0.046	0	15	38.6	46.4	2.9	-	-	-		
WT-67	152033-OU5-SD-WT-067-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	1.5	J	61	J	-4189	0.025	0	0	3.3	96.7	5.1	-	-	-		
WT-70	152033-OU5-SD-WT-070-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	1.6	J	58	J	-3750	0.031	0	0	4.9	95.1	4.6	+	-	-		
WT-76	152033-OU5-SD-WT-076-0006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.091	J	6.1		-212	0.368	0	27.2	62.9	9.9	0.3	-	-	-		
WT-83	152033-OU5-SD-WT-083-006	9/17/2019	0-6	1.3	J	50	J	-4798	0.024	0	0	1.5	98.5	4.7	-	-	-		

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								< 1.2		< 81					Cobble	Gravel	Sand	Fines (Silt + Clay)	Survival (%)	Growth (mg dry weight)	Reproduction (# neonates per adult)			
								1.2 - 9.6		81 - 370					NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
								> 9.6		> 370					NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			
WT-86	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-086-006	9/17/2019	0-6	0.43	J	13	-3041	0.037	0	15.3	35.6	49.1	1.9	-	+	-								
WT-86	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-FD-091719	9/17/2019	0-6	0.44	J	13	-2948	0.036	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.176	0.259	J				
WT-86	1520333-OU5-HSC-REP1	9/17/2019	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA							
WT-90	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-090-006	9/17/2019	0-6	2.2	J	57	-4110	0.025	0	0	2.1	97.9	4.6	-	-	-	-							
WT-90	1520333-OU5-HSC-REP3	9/20/2019	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.164	0.2	J				
WT-92	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-092-006	9/17/2019	0-6	1.5	J	79	J	-3400	0.029	0	0.3	2.4	97.3	5.8	-	-	-							
WT-93	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-093-006	9/17/2019	0-6	1.3	J	21	J	-4470	0.045	0	2.1	58.1	39.8	2.5	-	-	-							
WT-94	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-094-006	9/17/2019	0-6	1	J	58	J	-4032	0.024	0	0	0.7	99.3	5.4	-	-	-							
WT-97	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-097-006	9/17/2019	0-6	1.1	J	65	J	-4345	0.037	0	0	0.8	99.2	4.9	-	+	-							
WT-98	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-098-006	9/17/2019	0-6	1.1	J	57	J	-2495	0.039	0	0.1	6.3	93.6	6.2	-	-	-							
WT-98	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-FD-091719-01	9/17/2019	0-6	1.3	J	67	J	-2662	0.042	NA	NA	NA	NA	5.4	NA	NA	NA							
Reference Samples (sediment and tissue)																								
BG-01	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-BG-01-006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.48	J	31	J	-2546	0.030	0	0.1	3.2	96.7	6.4	70	0.025	0.45							
BG-02	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-BG-02-006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.28	J	24	J	-3859	0.035	0	0	44.1	55.9	2.2	55	0.018	0.15							
BG-03	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-BG-03-006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.61	J	43	J	-3703	0.027	0	0	4.9	95.1	5.1	72	0.018	0.13							
BG-04	1520333-OU5-SD-WT-BG-04-006	9/18/2019	0-6	0.56	J	40	J	-2552	0.039	0	0	8.3	91.7	5.8	64	0.02	0.15							
BG-04	1520333-OU5-HSC-REP4	9/20/2019	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.083	0.302	J				
BG-04	1520333-OU5-HSC-REP5	9/20/2019	--	--	--	--	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.127	0.319	J				

Notes

in. = inch(es)

mg/kg = milligram(s) per kilogram

NA = not analyzed

NYSDEC = New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

U = Indicates the analyte was analyzed for but not detected.

J = The result is an estimated quantity. The associated numerical value is the approximate concentration of the analyte in the sample.

Result that exceeds the NYSDEC Class C sediment guidance value for saltwater bold red.

Results that meet the NYSDEC Class B sediment guidance values for saltwater are shaded gray.

Toxicity Results

+ = unacceptable risk; statistically different from lowest reference

- = no unacceptable risk; not statistically different from lowest reference

Pink station IDs correspond to locations with one or more toxicological impacts as noted on Figures 1 and 2.