



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Ottawa River, OH

Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration Habitat Focus Area

Project Location: The project is adjacent to the Ottawa River in the City of Toledo, Ohio and is within the Maumee River Area of Concern (AOC).

Project Description: Industrialization and urbanization has resulted in a high degree of modification to the riparian corridor of the Ottawa River. In many locations, the banks of the Ottawa River have been hardened and riparian areas have been converted to urban and industrial development. This has diminished both wildlife habitat and ecosystem functions associated with the Ottawa River. The project site, formerly a parking lot for a Jeep manufacturing facility, is adjacent to the Ottawa River at river mile 7.2. The project proposes to restore approximately 18 acres of floodplain wetlands and riparian habitat adjacent to the Ottawa River. The wetlands will serve a dual purpose accepting both flood waters from the Ottawa River and storm water from the surrounding area providing wildlife habitat and contributing to improved conditions within the Ottawa River.

Non-Federal Partner: Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority

Project Benefits: Benefits include the restoration of approximately 18 acres of riverine wetlands that will provide habitat for aquatic species of the Ottawa River while also absorbing and filtering both flood and storm water. By proposing to restore wetland and riparian habitat connected to the Ottawa River, this project supports goals and objectives of the GLRI focus area for Habitat and Wildlife Protection and Restoration and also contributes to resolution of the Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Beneficial Use Impairment listed for Maumee River AOC.

Project Status: A Determination of Federal Interest was completed in June of 2013. Currently negotiation of a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement is underway. Additional FY13 GLRI funds will be necessary to complete the Feasibility Study and negotiate and execute a Project Partnership Agreement. FY14 or FY15 GLRI funds will be used to construct the project.



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Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	\$1,560,000
Non-Federal	\$840,000
Total	\$2,400,000

Project Milestones	
Complete DFI	JULY 2013
Complete Feasibility Study	JULY 2014
Construction	MAR 2015

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