



**US Army Corps
of Engineers**

Port Clinton Coastal Restoration, OH

Great Lakes Fishery & Ecosystem Restoration

Nearshore / Non-Point Focus Area

Project Location: The project is located on the south shoreline of Lake Erie in the City of Port Clinton, Ohio east of the mouth of the Portage River.

Project Description: Due to raising lake levels, shoreline erosion, and sedimentation issues, the quality of the coastal wetlands has deteriorated over the past 50 years, putting a strain on many of fish populations of the Lake. Wetlands of Lake Erie are important to fish production because they provide spawning and nursery habitat for many wetland dependent species, cover for juvenile and forage fish, and feeding areas for predator fish. This project will restore approximately 15 acres of coastal wetlands along the existing shoreline of a shallow bay in the Western Lake Erie basin, which has been identified as a prime fish spawning habitat.

Non-Federal Partner: City of Port Clinton, Ohio

Project Benefits: The proposed project has benefits that extend beyond the addition of as much as 15 acres of Coastal Wetlands. Several recreational and commercial fish species will benefit from the proposed project, as well as native plant species. In addition, the project will result in increased habitat quality, native fish species richness and abundance, and improved water quality. Secondary benefits can be attributed to education, recreation, and safety.

Project Status: Project has received \$250,000 in FY12 GLRI funds to perform Feasibility Study to a 75% Detailed Project Report. Additional FY13 GLRI funds will be necessary to complete the Feasibility Study and negotiate and execute a Project Partnership Agreement. FY14 GLRI funds will be used to construct the project.



| Estimated Project Costs | |
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| Federal | \$780,000 |
| Non-Federal | \$420,000 |
| Total | \$1,200,000 |

| Project Milestones | |
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| Complete feasibility study | DEC 2013 |
| Award construction contract | JUL 2014 |
| Complete construction | MAR 2015 |

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