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FACT SHEET

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LITTLE CUYAHOGA RIVER - AKRON OH

Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

Section 206 of the 1996 Water Resources Development Act, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- The project is located between River Miles 2 and 10 in the city of Akron, Summit County, Ohio

Project Description

- Ecosystem restoration feasibility study which will address restoring an eight-mile section of degraded riverside habitat along the Little Cuyahoga River
- Several possible measures including streambank erosion control measures and restoration measures have been identified. Possible alternatives could include the expansion of the riparian buffer, the removal of understory growth, and placement of structures in portions of the river which would provide fish refuge and spawning areas

- Design and implementation costs would be cost-shared 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal

Importance

- Current riparian habitat in this area of the river is scarce and only provides limited suitable habitat for fish and terrestrial animals
- This project would amplify efforts already underway by the local sponsor to restore ecosystems in other nearby areas

Consequences

- If restoration is not accomplished, the river will continue to degrade and riparian habitat will continue to diminish

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY14	FY15 Requirement	FY15 Budget	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget
Feasibility ¹	TBD	\$851k*	\$100k	\$100k**	\$194k***	\$0

(1) First \$100k is at 100% Federal expense.

*\$771k funded through Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Program

**\$31k funded through GLRI Program

***\$194k funds are expected through GLRI Program

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Sponsor - city of Akron, OH through a letter of request on August 27, 2009

Congressional Interests

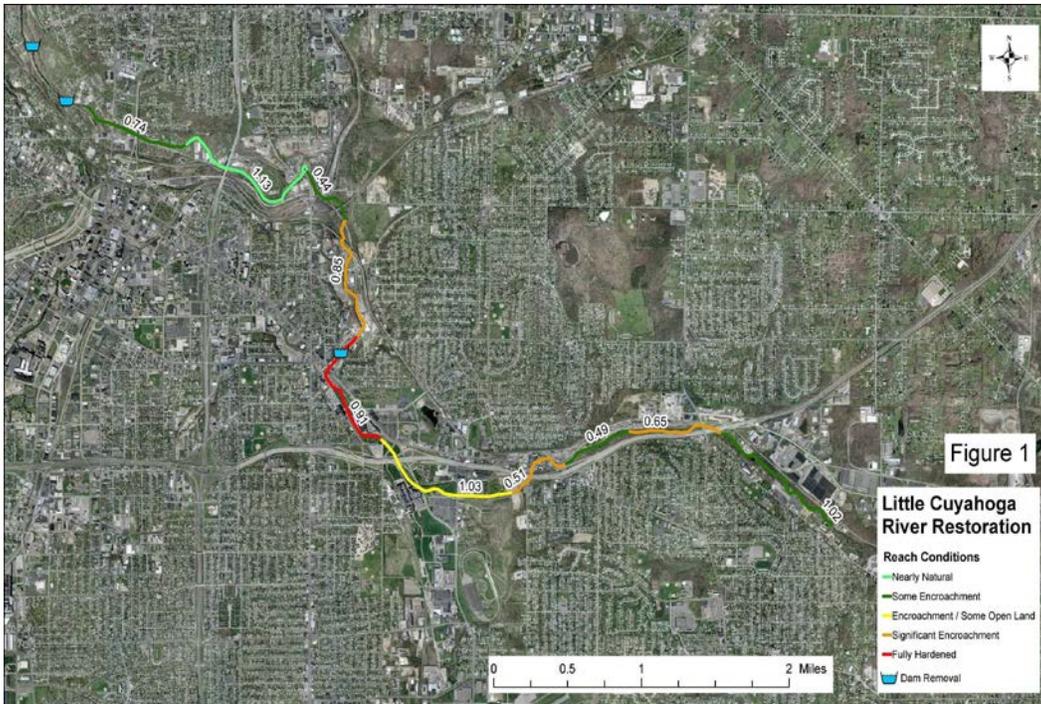
- Representative Marcia Fudge D-OH-11
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH

Current Status

- The final Detailed Project Report/ Environmental Assessment (DPR/EA) is scheduled for completion in FY15
- A Feasibility Cost Sharing agreement has been executed for the completion of the Feasibility Study 14 October 2014.

Issues

- Awaiting receipt of non-Federal funds



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