



FACT SHEET

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MENTOR MARSH, MENTOR - OH
Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration

Section 206 of the 1986 Water Resources Development Act of 1986, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- Mentor Marsh is located in the city of Mentor, Lake County, Ohio

Project Description

- Mentor Marsh is one of the largest natural marshes remaining along the Lake Erie shoreline and became Ohio's first state nature preserve in 1971. The marsh is an important breeding and nursery area for several fish species that live in Lake Erie. Great numbers of waterfowl also stop at the marsh during seasonal migrations
- Mentor Marsh is being jeopardized by salt leaching into Mentor Marsh from old salt mine tailings
- Feasibility phase is cost-shared 50% Federal and 50% non-Federal

- Design and Implementation is cost-share 65% Federal and 35% non-Federal

Importance

- One of the few significant Lake Erie Coastal wetlands remaining east of Cleveland. A major fish nursery and important part of the migratory bird flyway along the Lake Erie shore. The marsh is an important breeding and nursery area for several fish species that live in Lake Erie

Consequence

- Salt intrusions will continue to destroy the ecological value of this important Coastal wetland

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY15	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Budget	FY17 Requirement	FY17 Budget
Feasibility ¹	TBD	\$69.3K*	\$30K	\$0	\$30K	NA

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

*Funded through Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Program

Project Sponsor/Customer

- The city of Mentor provided a Letter of Intent in June 2011
- The Cleveland Museum of Natural History has also expressed interest in non-Federal sponsorship

Congressional Interests:

- Representative David Joyce R-OH-14
- Senator Rob Portman R-OH
- Senator Sherrod Brown D-OH

Current Status

- The initial report justifying a positive Federal interest was approved in July 2011
- Work is ensuing to prepare cost estimate and to execute Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement

Issues

- None



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