

204 Black River Wetland Creation, Lorain OH

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AUTHORIZATION:

Section 204 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended, authorizes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to implement projects for the protection, restoration and creation of aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands, or to reduce storm damage to property, in connection with dredging for the construction or operations and maintenance of an existing authorized Federal navigation project.

PROJECT SPONSOR:

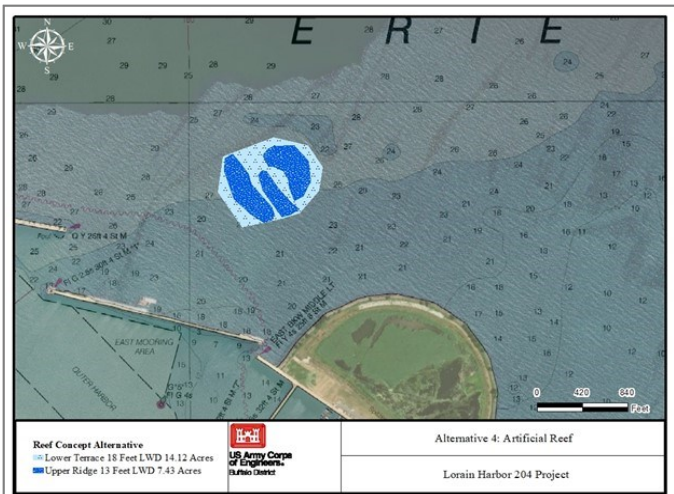
- Project is on hold pending availability of non-federal funding. Potential sponsors include the City of Lorain or Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

LOCATION:

Located on Lake Erie in the City of Lorain, Lorain County, Ohio

Photo (L): Graphic image showing proposed reef with fish habitat created through the beneficial use of dredged material.

Photo (R): Overhead view of the proposed artificial reef site outside Lorain Harbor.



Congressional Member Interest	Key Stakeholder Interest
Representative Robert Latta (R) OH-5	Ohio EPA
Senator Sherrod Brown (D) OH	Ohio DNR
Senator J.D. Vance (R) OH	City of Lorain

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND:

- This authority evaluates the use of dredged material from new or existing Federal projects to protect, restore, or create aquatic and ecologically related habitats, including wetlands; to reduce storm damage to property, in connection with dredging for construction, operation, or maintenance of an authorized navigation project.
- This project will create spawning habitat for walleye and other fish species that use submerged aquatic habitat.

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- Restore historic spawning grounds, specifically expansive gravel/cobbles shoals, that once existed at the mouths of the tributaries to Lake Erie prior to the construction of Federal harbors and shoreline development.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Authorized Total Project Cost	\$905,419.73
Non-Federal Sponsor Cost	\$0
Federal Cost	\$905,419.73
Federal Funding Received Prior to FY24 President Budget	\$905,419.73

CURRENT STATUS:

This project is pending completion of the divisional validation review, at which point the project will be suspended pending the lack of an non-federal funding necessary to proceed into cost shared design phase. A project AAR will be completed and all feasibility documents will be archived for future access. This project will be incorporated as an alternative into the Lorain Harbor Dredge Material Management Plan.

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