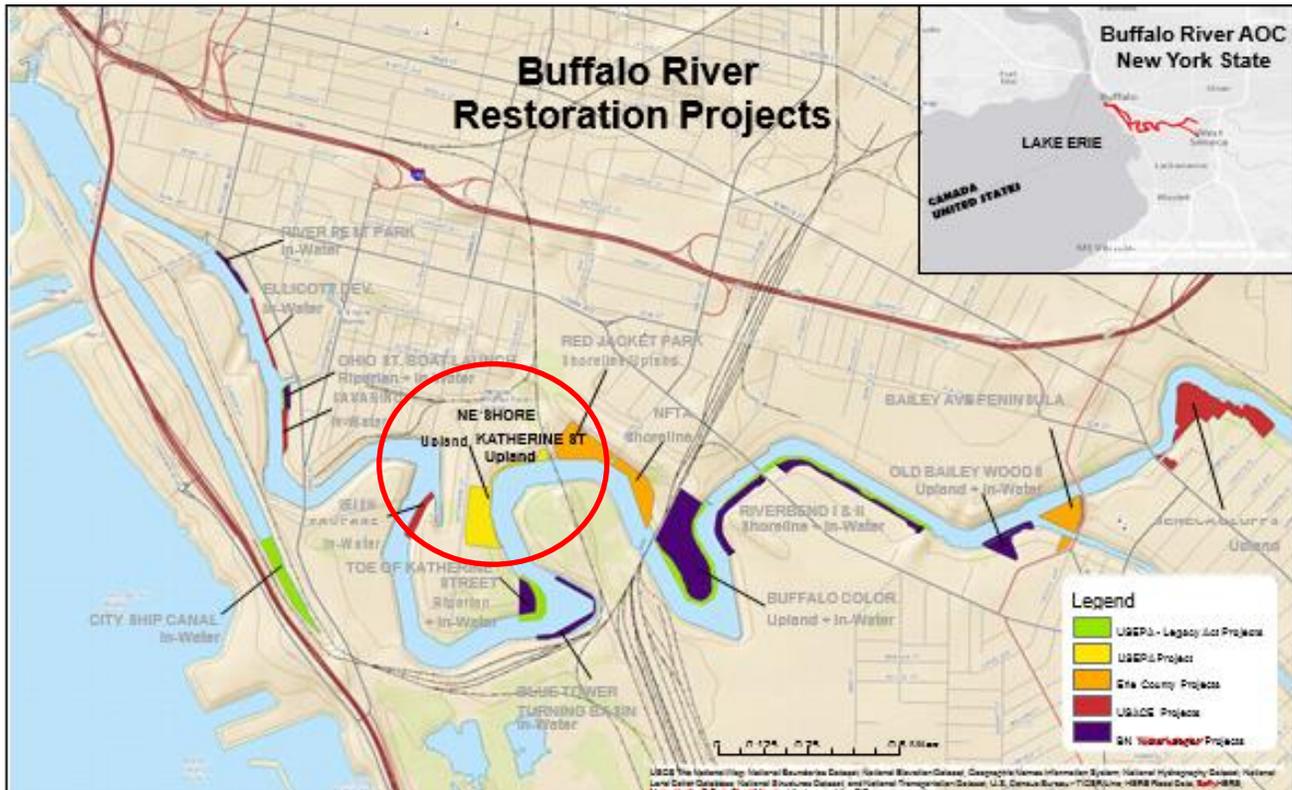




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Katherine Street, Buffalo, NY Habitat Restoration

Project Location: The Katherine Street peninsula shoreline lies within the Buffalo River Area of Concern (AOC) in Buffalo, NY.



Description of Problem: Natural habitats along the Buffalo River AOC have been lost or degraded as a result of development supporting industrial and commercial activities. Much of the shoreline’s natural cover and vegetation have been removed, bank slopes have been altered or eliminated, and aquatic plant beds and wetland habitat have been reduced.

Proposed Project: The scope of this project is to develop and implement a habitat restoration design for the shoreline that will contribute to re-establishment of fish and wildlife in the Buffalo River AOC. Targeted for habitat restoration is approximately 1,900 feet of shoreline along the northeastern portion of the peninsula (Figure 1). The property is owned by Messer Group GmbH, a manufacturer of nitrogen, oxygen, and argon atmospheric gases. The river bottom is owned by the City of Buffalo.

Partners and Collaboration: There is no cost share sponsor for the project’s design and implementation. The City of Buffalo, the property owner, and New York State Department of Conservation all support implementation.

Project Benefits: The project was identified by USEPA as an area of concern for remediation, restoration, and AOC delisting. It is anticipated that restoring habitat at this location will contribute to improvements in the other areas in the Buffalo River AOC.

Project Status: Project is currently being implemented, with the structural work completed by the end of September \ early October 2019. Invasive species control will occur for five more seasons and plantings will occur for three more seasons.



Project Milestones	
Complete Phase 1 Investigation	Fall 2017
Complete Design	Summer 2018
Elimination of BUIs	Summer 2018
Design Advertisement	Spring 2019
Contract Award	June 2019
Structural Implementation	October 2019

Estimated Project Costs	
Federal	\$2,500,000
Non-Federal	\$0
Total	\$2,500,000

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