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FACT SHEET

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BLACK RIVER WETLAND — LORAIN, OHIO

Regional Sediment Management - Beneficial Use of Dredged Material
Section 204 of the 1992 Water Resources Development Act, as amended
Construction General (Continuing Authorities Program)

Location

- Lorain Harbor is located at the mouth of the Black River and Lake Erie in Lorain, Ohio, in Lorain County.

Project Description

- To utilize dredged material from Lorain Harbor to construct coastal wetland habitat near the river.
- Create critical wetland habitat used by native fish species and migratory birds.

Importance

- To date, more than 90 percent of Lake Erie's original coastal wetlands have been lost due to land development and shoreline hardening. Coastal wetlands are vital to supporting a large variety of animal and plant species.

Consequence

- Coastal wetland habitat will continue to be scarce.
- Fish spawning, nursery and refuge habitat will remain limited.

Project Phase	Est. Fed. Cost of Phase	Federal Funding through FY18	FY19 Requirement	FY19 Budget	FY20 Requirement	FY20 Budget
Feasibility Study	\$890k	\$186.1k	\$50k	\$50k	\$100k	TBD

Feasibility study is 100% Federally funded. Project construction will require a 65/35 cost share.

Project Sponsor/Customer

- City of Lorain letter of intent on August 15, 2016 and May 1, 2018.

Congressional Interests

- Representative Marcy Kaptur D OH-09
- Senator Sherrod Brown D OH
- Senator Rob Portman R OH

Current Status

- Study team has developed alternatives for the project which was presented to stakeholders at the end of FY19.
- Team will develop these alternatives further and evaluate them in FY20.

Issues

- None

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