Maumee Area of Concern

2023 End of Year Update

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Maumee AOC - BUI Status

BUI #	BUI Name	Target Current Status	MA Completed	Projected BUI Removal
1a	Restrictions on Fish &	 ✓ Reduced Ottawa River "Do Not Eat" advisory (2017) & Maumee R. Channel Catfish (2018); target is met 	Complete	REMOVED 8 22
1b	Wildlife Consumption	 ✓ Snapping Turtles in Ottawa R do not meet target; sampled in Aug. 2017 & June 2018; target is met 	Complete	RL 8 22
3a	Degradation of Fish &	Management Action Project list approved; projects are being funded and implemented	2026	2027
3b	Wildlife Populations	 ✓ Sentinel species target is met (2017) 	Complete	
4	Fish Tumors &Other Deformities	 Bullhead tumors are impaired in 2 assessment units: Toussaint/Packer (2021-5.9%) and Otter (2013-17.1%) HUCs → Toussaint/Packer re-sampled by FWS in May 2023 → Otter not sampled due to FWS boat issues, to be sampled May 2024 DELTs are impaired in 2 of 31 assessment units: Sibley (lower Ottawa R) and Turtle HUCs → FWS sampled both HUCs in September 2023 	Complete	2025
6	Degradation of Benthos	Management Action Project list approved; projects are being funded and implemented	2026	2027
7	Restrictions on Dredging Activities	US ACE collected sediment in navigation channel during summer 2021; Ohio EPA reviewed data and found the BUI to no longer be impaired. A removal document is in development for submission in FFY24.	Complete	2024

Maumee AOC - BUI Status

BUI #	BUI Name	Target Achieved	Current Status	MA Completed	Projected BUI Removal	
8a			\checkmark	D.O condition of target is met (2014)	Complete	
8b	Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae		Watersheds sampled summer 2020; Persistent growth condition could be considered Not Impaired; Ohio EPA collected water chemistry data in Maumee R./Bay in summer 2021	Complete	2025	
10a			Management Action Project list approved; project funded (2021) and being implemented	2024		
10b	Beach Closings (Recreational Use)	•	\checkmark	Paddling Stream (Maumee R. in AOC) not on 303(d) list, target is met (2014)	Complete	2024-25
10c		~	Ottawa River "No Contact Advisory" for PCBs was rescinded (2018); Hecklinger Pond (Duck Crk.) sign removed (2019)	Complete		
11	Degradation of Aesthetics✓Otter Creek GLLA project completed in Sept. 2021		2021	REMOYED 7/23		
14a			Management Action Project list approved; project are being funded and implemented	2026	2027	
14b	Wildlife Habitat		Local target of 3427 acres set in late 2016; Management Action Project list approved; projects are fully funded (2020) and being implemented	2025	2027	

Maumee AOC - MAP Distribution



- Over 80 MAPs plus 20 GLLA cost-share projects
- >\$89.3M in projects funded since 2018
- \$45M in MAPs are currently in progress

All Management Action Projects

WildMAP	AquaMAP	SedMAP	MiscMAP
Project Completed - AOC GLRI Funding	Project Completed - AOC GLRI Funding	Project Completed - AOC GLRI Funding	🖈 Project Completed - AOC GLRI Funding
Project Funded - AOC GLRI Funding	Project Funded - AOC GLRI Funding	Project Funded - AOC GLRI Funding	🔶 Project Funded - AOC GLRI Funding
Funding Needed - AOC GLRI Funding	Funding Needed - AOC GLRI Funding	Funding Needed - AOC GLRI Funding	🔶 🛛 Funding Needed - AOC GLRI Funding
	Project Completed - Other Funding	💠 Project Completed - Other Funding	Maumee AOC
	Project Funded - Other Funding	🕂 🛛 Project Funded - Other Funding	
	🔺 Funding Needed - Other Funding	🕂 🛛 Funding Needed - Other Funding	

<u>Wildlife MAP Updates</u> (BUI 14b) (target = 3427 acres)

- All 20 projects are funded
- 19 completed totaling ~3325 acres
- Only 1 projects left (152 acres) to be completed
 OWIIdMAP 28-17: Maumee State Forest Expansion (expected complete in 2025)



Howard Marsh Phase 2 (WildMAP 25-17)

Cedar Point NWR Pool 2 (Gradel Marsh) (WildMAP 14-16)

Aquatic MAP Updates (BUI 3a, 6, 14a)

- Funding allocated in <u>FFY21</u> (12 full/2 partials) (\$11.8M)
 - Most are working on field data collection, design, construction RFPs
 - 7 of 9 GLNPO-funded projects have completed Tribal consultation
 - \odot 3 projects under construction now
 - 1 partial (acquisition only) complete
 - 1 partial (FS only) expected complete soon
 - 2 full projects are completed



Collins Park Stream Restoration (AquaMAP OC-5.0)

Aquatic MAP Updates (BUI 3a, 6, 14a)

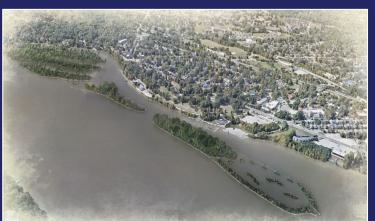
- Funding allocated in <u>FFY22</u> (14 full/2 partial/3 with NOAA) (\$15.9M)
 - Most are working on RFPs, contracting, QAPPs, field data collection, design
 - $\odot~$ 6 GLNPO-funded projects expected to go to Tribal consultation this winter
 - 1 partial (E&D only) was completed in June
- Funding allocation in <u>FFY23</u> (1 partial/1 with NOAA) (\$6.7M)
 - Implementation funding for 1 project, E&D funding for 1 project
 - $\odot~1$ GLNPO-funded project completed Tribal consultation



Renderings of Delaware Islands Complex Restoration (AquaMAP MR-14.2)

🗲 Pre-project

Post-project 🚽



Aquatic MAP Updates (BUI 3a, 6, 14a)

- Expect a funding request in <u>FFY24</u> (1-2 full/2 with NOAA) (\$4.5M)
 - Implementation funding for 2 projects (via NOAA)
 - Only 1 TBD remaining lower Ottawa River projects (1-2)
 - MAAC recommendation to state after today's Dec. meeting
 - Expect to send to GLNPO this month
 - Funding for Eng/Design to be requested in early 2024



Draft Concept Plans for TBD Ottawa River project(s)

🗲 Hoffman Rd

Kessler Park 🗲



Misc. MAP Updates

(BUI 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11)

- BUI 10: Beach Closings
 - Waterfowl Deterrent at Maumee Bay State Park
 - Began planting in May 2023
 - Treating invasives during establishment
 - Plan to plant 10-15 trees and reseed bare areas in Spring
 - Expected complete 2024
- No MAPs for other listed BUIs



Planting seed





Native and Pollinator plant establishment around inland lake

Maumee AOC - MAPs Timeline

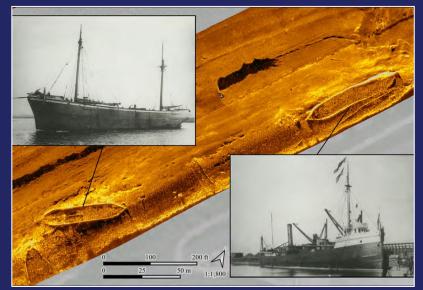
Estimated Timeline for AquaMAP, WildMAP, MiscMAP

Phase of Project	FFY22	FFY23	FFY24*	FFY25*	FFY26*	FFY27*
Project Award	18	2	4	0	0	0
Feasibility Study/Planning	4	10	4	1	0	0
Engineering/Design	9	18	22	3	0	0
Construction	14	6	21	28	7	1
Substantially Complete	4	7	5	19	11	1

* Phases are estimated for projects that are not funded yet.

SedMAP Technical Updates (BUI 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 11, 14)

- Swan Creek
 - Feasibility Study expected complete in Spring 2024
 - $\,\circ\,$ Section 106 investigations
- Lower Maumee River (Sway Bridge, WWTP)
 - Feasibility Study public meeting in August, report completed in early October
 - \circ Section 106 investigations
- Ottawa River
 - $\,\circ\,\,$ Additional hot spot delineation by Ohio EPA
 - Reaches 1-4 decision
- Otter Creek
 - $\circ~$ Remedy Evaluation by ORD
 - Post-project mussel evaluation



Lower Maumee River Section 106 investigation

Maumee AOC – MAPs Timeline

Estimated Timeline for SedMAPs

	FFY24	FFY25	FFY26	FFY27
Swan Creek	Complete FS, Complete Pre-Design, Start RD	Complete RD	Start RA	Complete RA
Lwr. Maumee River (Sway/WWTP)	Complete FS, Complete Pre-Design, Start RD	Complete RD	Start RA	Complete RA
Ottawa River	Additional 4Y sampling, Determine next steps	TBD	TBD	TBD
Otter Creek	Habitat evaluation, Remedy Effectiveness	TBD	TBD	TBD

Maumee AOC - MAPs in Summary

	Total # Projects*	Estimated Total Cost*	Needs Funding	Funding Allocated	Completed as of Oct. 2023	Expected Complete Dec. 2023
WildMAPs	20	\$27,413,756	0	20	18	19
AquaMAPs						
- AOC Funded	33-35	\$40,661,190	Part of 2 All of 1-2	Part of 2 All of 31	3	4
- Non-AOC Funded	20	\$13,012,240	0	20	17	18
SedMAPs - GLLA	8		Parts of 5	Parts of 5 All of 3	3	3
- Federal Funded		\$59,692,323				
- Non-Fed Funded		\$30,455,000				
MiscMAPs	1	\$167,200	0	1	0	0
TOTALS =	83+	\$171,401,709	6+	78+	41	44

*Projects and cost estimates include <u>all</u> MAPs regardless of funding source



Management Actions Complete



AOC Delisted

2023-24 MAAC Focus

- Support the many wildlife habitat and aquatic BUI MAP projects
- Work with Ohio EPA on BUI removals (BUI 7 in 2024)
- Work with Ohio EPA to determine future BUIs removals
- Continue to evaluate data & make BUI status determinations
- Continue to assist with Project Management Teams
- Showcase successes & momentum
 - Showcasing projects & momentum underway
 - Celebrating milestones & project completions
 - Organizing tours & public outreach (site visits, open houses, etc.)



• Continuing to engage partners working on related AOC projects

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Community Area mapping: (led by Ohio as of now)

- GLNPO has met with all States who requested assistance in developing a community area
- 4 States have submitted community areas for their AOCs to GLNPO and received data packages for their review
- 1 State has reviewed their data package and provided feedback/guidance for future analysis

DEI Engagement spreadsheet: (joint input Ohio & locals)

- Most States appear to be in the process of setting up meetings with their partners (PACs, other agencies, etc.) and developing a plan for collecting this information
- 1 AOC has submitted an Engagement Efforts spreadsheet
- GLNPO aiming to provide evidence of progress to management early 2024

DEI Engagement spreadsheet: (joint input Ohio & locals)

- AOC
- State
- DEI Goal Identified
- Engagement Strategy Type
 - $\,\circ\,$ Targeted Print Materials
 - PAC-run Programs
 - $\circ\,$ Networking at Non-PAC Events
 - \circ Invited Representation
 - \circ Other
- Years Done or Proposed (FY)
- Strategy Details

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DEI Engagement spreadsheet: (joint input Ohio & locals)

- AOC
 - \rightarrow Maumee
- State
 - → Ohio
- DEI Goal Identified

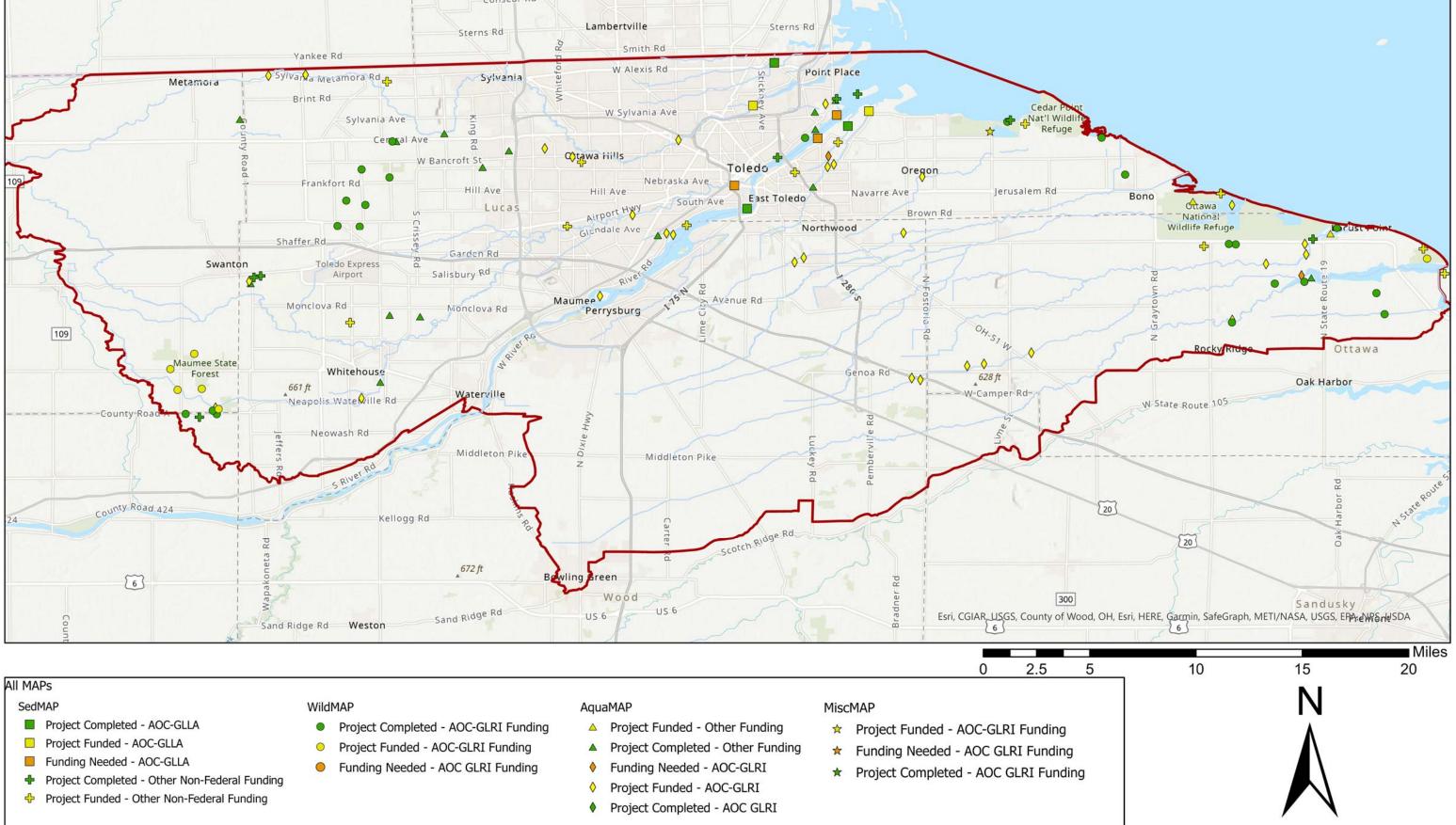
EXAMPLE

- → Recruit more diverse representation to AOC Advisory Committee
- Engagement Strategy Type
 - → Invited Representation
- Years Done or Proposed (FY) → 2023
- Strategy Details
 - → Professional relationships with individuals & organizations led to personal invitations for application. Target audiences = TBD

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- Ohio AOC Program wants local AOC Advisory Committee input on spreadsheet
- Planning a 2-hour meeting; week of January 1
- Any future activities will be separate from this exercise
- Need volunteers for this one-time activity
 5-year look back
 - AOC and non-AOC activities to engage, inform,
 - involve, diversify, create access, etc.

All Maumee AOC Approved Management Actions Project (MAP) Locations for all BUIs



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