# Maumee Area of Concern 2024 End of Year Update

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## **Maumee AOC - BUI Status**

BUI #	BUI Name	Target Achieved	Current Status	MA Completed	Projected BUI Removal	
<b>1</b> a	Restrictions on Fish &	✓	Target Achieved. BUI Removed.	Complete	REMOVED	
1b	Wildlife Consumption	✓	Target Achieved. BUI Removed.	Complete	8/22	
3a	Degradation of Fish &		Management Action Project list approved; projects are being funded and mplemented		2028	
3b	Wildlife Populations	✓	Sentinel species target is met (2017)	Complete		
4	Fish Tumors &Other Deformities	✓	Bullhead tumors were impaired in 2 assessment units; they are no longer impaired.  → Toussaint/Packer (2013=17.5% 2021 = 5.9% 2023 = 0%)  → Otter (2013 = 17.1%) (2024 = population no longer in Otter post-GLLA)  DELTs were impaired in 2 of 31 assessment units (Sibley [lower Ottawa R] & Turtle HUCs); those HUCs were sampled by FWS in Sept 2023; data looks good but needs to be recalculate with other data for respective aquatic life use(s);  → Expectation is this BUI will be removed in 2025.	Complete	PROCESS	
6	Degradation of Benthos		Management Action Project list approved; projects are being funded and implemented  NOTE: Ohio revisiting this target for the lacustuaries. Working with FWS & USGS to get funding for a study of these areas for evaluate a possible target tweaking	2027	2028	

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7	Restrictions on Dredging Activities	✓ Target Achieved. BUI Removed.		Complete	REMOVED 8/24
8a		✓	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	2027
10a	Beach Closings (Recreational Use)		Management Action Project list approved; project funded (2021); project completed (June 2024); removal pending project success (observation 2025-26)	2024	
10b		✓	Paddling Stream (Maumee R. in AOC) not on 303(d) list, target is met (2014)	Complete	2026
10c		✓	Ottawa River "No Contact Advisory" for PCBs was rescinded (2018); Hecklinger Pond (Duck Crk.) sign removed (2019)	Complete	
11	Degradation of		Target Achieved. BUI Removed.	2021	REMOVED 7/23
14a	Loss of Fish &		Management Action Project list approved; project are being funded and implemented		
14b	Wildlife Habitat		Local target of 3427 acres set (late 2016); Management Action Project list approved (2018); all projects fully funded (2020) and being implemented; last project to be complete in June 2025.	2025	2028

## **Maumee AOC - MAP Distribution**



- Over 80 MAPs plus 20 GLLA cost-share projects
- >\$96M in projects funded since 2018
- \$45M in MAPs are currently in progress

#### All Management Action Projects WildMAP SedMAP MiscMAP Project Completed - AOC GLRI Funding Project Funded - AOC GLRI Funding Funding Needed - AOC GLRI Funding A Project Completed - Other Funding Project Completed - Other Funding Maumee AOC A Project Funded - Other Funding Project Funded - Other Funding A Funding Needed - Other Funding - Funding Needed - Other Funding

#### WildMAPs (BUI 14b)

- Target to acquire, enhance and/or improve = 3,427 acres
- All 20 projects are funded
- 19 completed
- Totals 3,372 acres as of December 2023
- Only one project left (152 acres) to be completed in 2025





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

#### **AquaMAPs** (BUI 3a, 6, 14a)

- Received \$32.1 M since 2021 for 34 aquatic habitat projects
- Most are completely funded
- One needs GLNPO funding for implementation
- Several need implementation funding under NOAA Partnerships
- Many working on RFPs, QAPPs, field data collection, design, permits
- 9 substantially complete this year
- 7 in implementation
- 3 more to start in next few months





Hill Ditch Restoration at Toledo Natural Science Technology Center (AquaMAP HDOR-9.0)





Stream Restoration at Oregon Recreational Complex (AguaMAP BD-2.0)

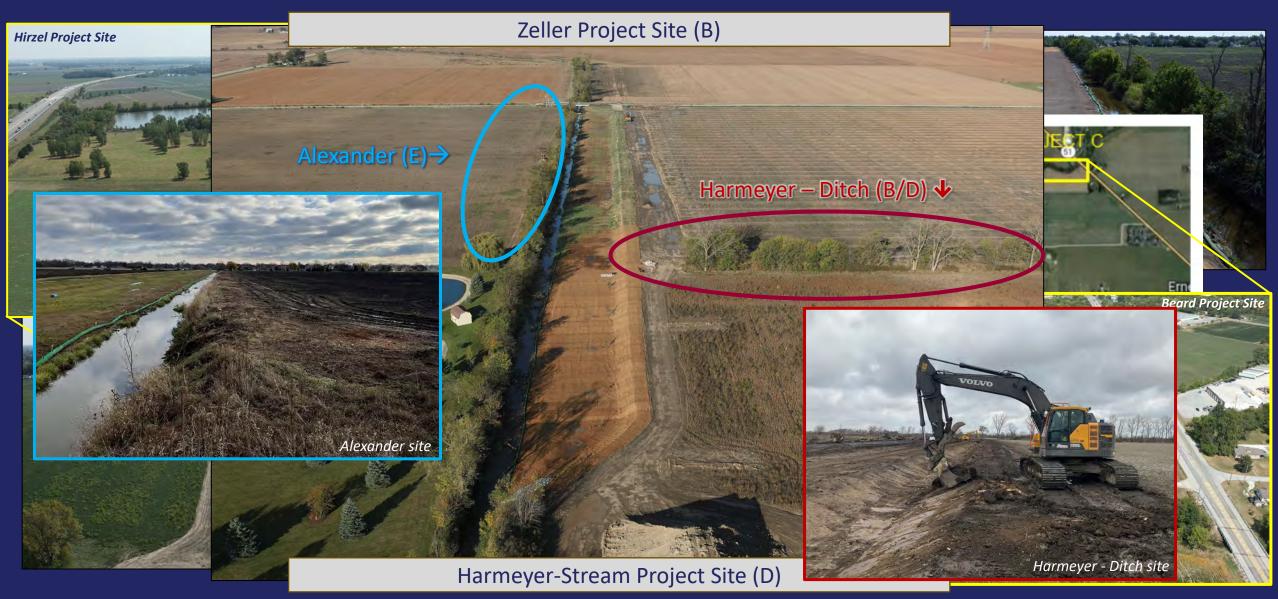
AquaMAP **HDOR-9.0: Hill Ditch Restoration at** Toledo **Natural** Science **Technology** Center GLRI-AOC [\$250k] and H2Ohio [\$100k]



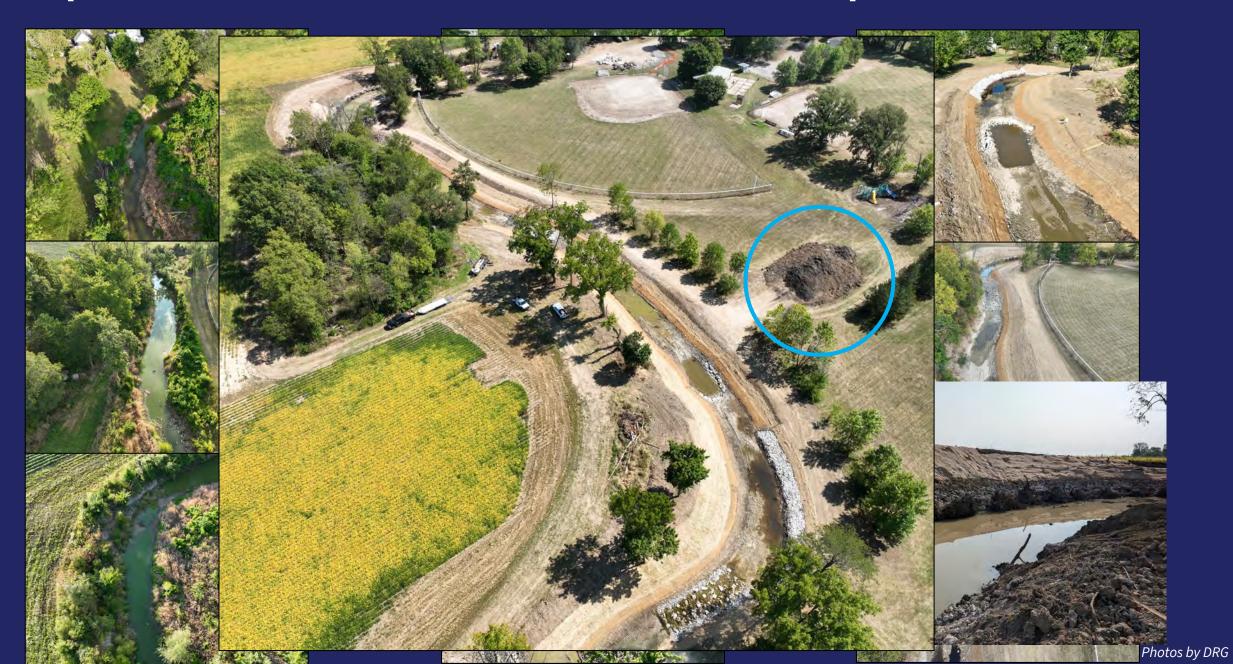
AquaMAP
BD-2.0:
Stream
Restoration
at Oregon
Recreational
Complex
GLRI-AOC [\$1.3M] and
H2Ohio [\$104k]



# AquaMAP PC-2.0: Packer Creek Stream Restoration Zeller and Harmeyer sites GLRI-AOC [\$3.3M]



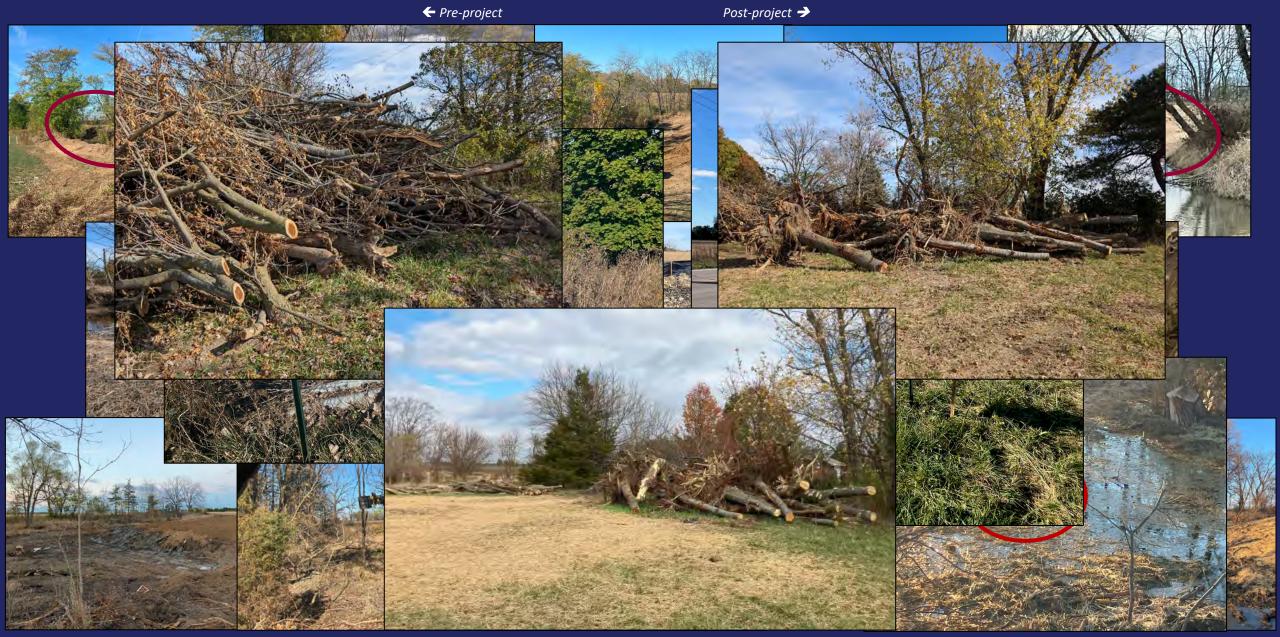
#### **AquaMAP HTC-12.2: Stream Restoration at Lathrop Park** *GLRI-AOC* [\$450,000]



# AquaMAP UBC-13.0: Maumee State Forest Blue Creek



#### **AquaMAP HTC-2.0: Headwaters Tenmile Creek** *GLRI-AOC* [\$505,000]



# AquaMAP CeC-1.0: Nature Trails Park Riparian Restoration and Wetland Creation GLRI-AOC [\$357,000]



# AquaMAP MR-14.2: Delaware Islands Complex Restoration GLRI-AOC [\$5.3M] and Clark Island Restoration and Nutrient Reduction Project H2Ohio [\$8.7M]



#### **AquaMAPs Under Construction this Fall/Winter**



MAP HDOR-13.0: Hill Ditch Restoration at Paisley Park (Bandore Park)

STARTS in JANUARY



MAP PC-2.0: Packer Creek Stream Restoration (Hirzel site)



MAP SiC-3.0: Restoration of the Ottawa River within Jermain Park - STARTS in EARLY DECEMBER

#### Stream Improvements

Berlin Avenue Floodplain

#### **Misc. MAPs** (BUI $\pm$ , 4, 7, 8, 10, $\pm$ 1)

- Only 1 MAPs for the listed BUIs
- BUI 10: Beach Closings
  - Waterfowl Deterrent at Maumee Bay State Park
    - GOAL: Reduce *E. coli* from waterfowl at *inland lake beach*
    - Shoreline stabilization (850'), spillway repaired
    - Planted 21 acres of buffer around lake (May 2023)
    - Planted 10-15 trees and reseed bare areas (Spring 2024)
    - Treated invasives during establishment
    - Installed 12 sitting rocks at inland lake access points
    - Completed (June 2024)







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

- Swan Creek
  - VE study completed for Feasibility Study (March)
  - o Final FS delayed due to more field data collection (expected Summer 2025)
- Lower Maumee River (Sway Bridge, WWTP)
  - o Remedial Design in progress (expected complete in Fall 2025)
    - Field data collection (conducted Oct/Nov)
  - Section 106 Phase 2 investigations (divers were in river in November)
- Ottawa River
  - o 4Y Sediment Sampling (delayed due to low water levels, conducted in Nov)
- Otter Creek
  - Remedy Evaluation by ORD

# **Maumee AOC - MAPs in Summary**

	Total # Projects*	Estimated Total Cost*	Needs Funding	Funding Allocated	Expected Complete 12/31/24
WildMAPs	20	\$27,733,891			19
GLRI-AOC Funding		\$19,332,759	0	All of 14 Part of 6	
Non-AOC Funding		\$8,401,132	0	Part of 6	
AquaMAPs	54-56	\$49,908,455			23
GLRI-AOC Funding		\$36,196,675	Part of 3-4	Part of 11 All of 26	
Non-AOC Funded		\$13,711,780	0	Part of 31	
SedMAPs – GLLA/GLRI	8	\$126,273,869			3
GLLA/GLRI-AOC Funding		\$85,136,078	Part of 5	Part of 5 All of 3	
Non-Federal Funding		\$41,137,791	Part of 5	Part of 5 All of 3	
MiscMAPs	1	\$167,200	0	1	1
TOTALS =	83+	\$204,083,415	6+	78+	46

GLLA/GLRI-AOC Funding = \$140,832,712 \$63,250,703 = Non-AOC Funding

#### **2025 MAAC Focus**

- Continue supporting habitat and aquatic MAPs
- Work with Ohio AOC Program on BUI removals (BUI 4 in 2025)
- Work with Ohio EPA to determine future BUIs removals
- Continue EJ/DEI efforts to enhance the MAAC & its efforts
- Assist PCS with outreach, awareness and information sharing
  - Showcasing projects & AOC Program momentum underway
  - Celebrating milestones & project completions
  - Organizing tours & public outreach (site visits, open houses, etc.)
  - Continuing to engage partners working on related AOC projects
- Support the Great Lakes AOC Conference (Sept 16-18)
  - Need support for Field Trip Team and other TBD conference activities