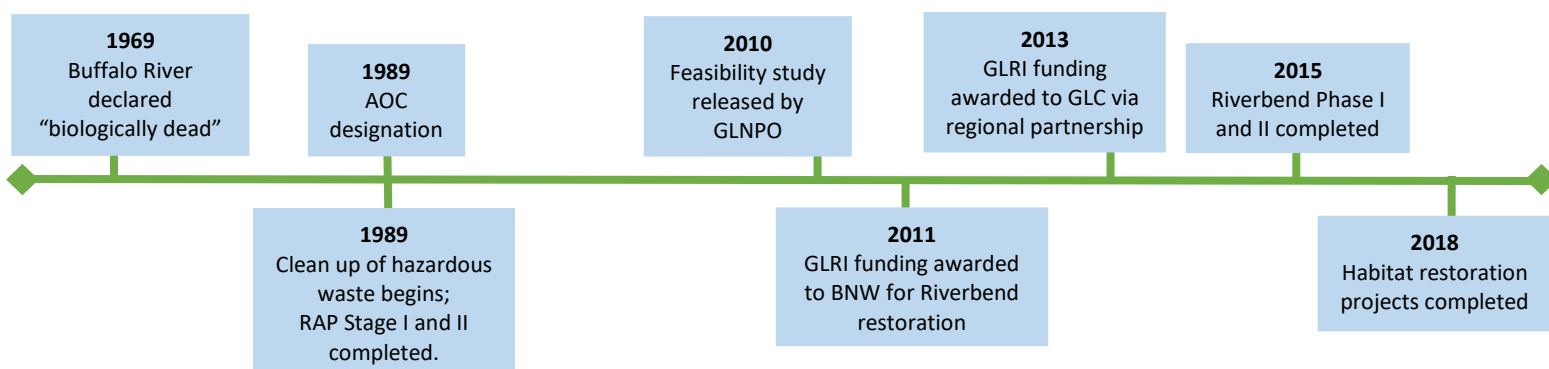


# Buffalo River AOC Habitat Restoration

## Buffalo River Restoration Project History



- **1969:** Buffalo River considered "biologically dead" due to decades of industrial and municipal waste disposal into the river.
- **1989:** The Buffalo River was designated an Area of Concern (AOC) as part of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of 1987.
- **1989:** Stage I and II Remedial Action Plan (RAP) was published by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The RAP identified impaired BUIs, their causes, and actions to address those issues.
- **1989:** Cleanup of hazardous waste next to Buffalo River begins.
- **2010:** U.S. EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) released a feasibility study on sediments in the Buffalo River AOC.
- **2011:** Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper received Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) funding to complete the Riverbend habitat restoration.
- **2013:** Great Lakes Commission (GLC) receives GLRI funding through its partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to restore habitat at eight sites in the Buffalo River AOC.
- **2015:** Riverbend Phase I and II are completed—monitoring and management of the area is ongoing
- **2018:** All GLC-NOAA partnership habitat restoration project sites completed.

Learn more at: [www.glc.org/work/aocs/buffalo](http://www.glc.org/work/aocs/buffalo) & [www.epa.gov/great-lakes-aocs/about-buffalo-river-aoc](http://www.epa.gov/great-lakes-aocs/about-buffalo-river-aoc)