



Clinton River AOC Habitat Restoration

Status of the Clinton River Area of Concern

- The Clinton River was designated an Area of Concern (AOC) under the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.
- In 2015, sampling and assessment conducted by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) found that eutrophication may no longer be a problem. The BUI has not been formally removed yet.
- 2015 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) granted Clinton River partners approximately \$20 million to conduct restoration activities contributing to the removal of loss of fish and wildlife habitat, restrictions on fish and wildlife consumption, and degradation of fish and wildlife populations BUIs
- In 2017, the NOAA-GLC Regional Partnership provided the final funds required for the completion of the Black Creek Marsh Restoration Project at Lake St. Clair Metropark.
- In spring 2018, restoration at Black Creek Marsh was completed.

U.S. Beneficial Use Impairments at the Clinton River AOC

Beneficial Use Impaired	Status
Restrictions on Fish & Wildlife Consumption	Impaired
Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae	Pending Removal
Degradation of Fish & Wildlife Populations	Pending Removal
Beach Closings	Impaired
Degradation of Aesthetics	Impaired
Degradation of Benthos	Impaired
Restriction on Dredging Activities	Impaired
Loss of Fish & Wildlife Habitat	Pending Removal

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