

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

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