

Cuyahoga River AOC Habitat Restoration

Status of the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern

- The Cuyahoga River was designated an Area of Concern (AOC) under the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.
- The area was considered highly degraded due to poor water quality, loss of biodiversity, and land use changes.
- The boundary of the AOC was expanded in 2010 to include the Gorge Dam pool.
- Since 2010, more than \$13 million from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative has been used to fund more than 40 projects to remediate and restore this AOC.
- In 2016, the NOAA-GLC Regional Partnership provided funds required for the engineering and design of the Cascade Valley View Restoration Project at Cuyahoga River.
- In 2019, the NOAA-GLC Regional Partnership provided additional funding required for the implementation of the Cascade Valley View Restoration Project.

U.S. Beneficial Use Impairments at the Cuyahoga River	
Beneficial Use Impaired	Status
Restrictions on Fish Consumption	REMOVED January 2019
Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae	Impaired
Fish Tumors & Other Deformities	Impaired
Degradation of Fish Populations	Impaired
Beach Closings	Impaired
Degradation of Aesthetics	REMOVED November 2017
Degradation of Benthos	Impaired
Restriction on Navigational Dredging	Impaired
Loss of Fish Habitat	Impaired

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