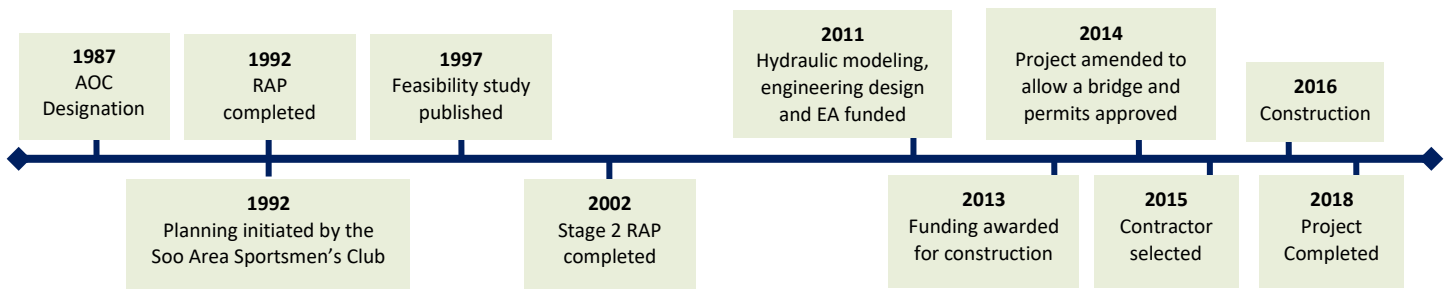


St. Marys AOC Habitat Restoration

Little Rapids Restoration Project History



- **1987:** The St. Marys River was designated as an Area of Concern (AOC) by the Canada-U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement
- **1992:** Planning for the Little Rapids Restoration Project was initiated by the Soo Area Sportsmen's Club with input from the region's many stakeholders. The Remedial Action Plan (RAP) identifying the cause and extent of the impairments for the St. Marys AOC was completed
- **1997:** Edison Sault Electric Company published the first report about the feasibility of the Little Rapids Restoration Project
- **2002:** The Stage 2 RAP, presenting strategies needed for restoration, was completed
- **2011:** Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUP) received Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding from the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration (NOAA) to fund hydraulic modeling, engineering design and an environmental assessment (EA)
- **2013:** The Chippewa County Road Commission, Lake Superior State University and EUP were awarded funding for construction of the project through the NOAA-Great Lakes Commission Regional Partnership
- **2014:** Permits were issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S Army Corps of Engineers
- **2014:** The project was amended to accommodate a bridge to improve habitat restoration and reduce cost
- **2014 & 2015:** Additional soil borings were taken to learn more about the composition of the riverbed
- **2015:** A contractor for the project was selected and planning and fabrication for construction began
- **2016:** Bridge construction
- **2018:** Final post restoration monitoring finalized, project completed.

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