

# STREAM AND WETLAND RESTORATION PROJECT IN WILDWOOD STATE PARK

Euclid Creek is a Lake Erie tributary that is heavily urbanized and affected by urban runoff and habitat degradation. The Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District has received a \$1,396,050 grant from the U.S. EPA through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) to conduct the Lacustrine Refuge in the Cuyahoga AOC project. Design and engineering work has begun on this exciting project, and construction is scheduled to begin in late 2011 into 2012.

See the following websites for project details, public meeting notices, and updates:  
[www.cuyahogawcd.org/EuclidCreekFiles/EuclidCreekthehomepage.htm](http://www.cuyahogawcd.org/EuclidCreekFiles/EuclidCreekthehomepage.htm) or [greatlakesrestoration.us](http://greatlakesrestoration.us)

## Project Benefits and Outcomes

Ecological restoration of the Lower Euclid has been awarded to a Northeast Ohio design-build team called RiverWorks (EnviroScience, Inc. GPD Group and RiverReach Construction). Collaboration between a technical advisory committee and the RiverWorks team will aim to create the following positive changes for Euclid Creek:

- Restore important coastal and lacustrine wetlands;
- Restoration Euclid Creek to its historic alignment;
- Increase overall ecological function of Lower Euclid Creek;
- Increase fish habitat and spawning of recreational species;
- Improved fishing and recreation for the public;
- Increased habitat for birds and amphibians;
- Address bank erosion within the park;
- Control and manage pervasive invasive plant species;
- Provide opportunities for environmental education and public involvement;
- Assist Euclid Creek in reaching State of Ohio water quality attainment standards;
- Aid in delisting Cuyahoga River AOC (Area of Concern); and,
- Economic impact of \$2.4 million (double the project cost).

**Project Partners**  
City of Cleveland  
Cleveland Metroparks  
Cleveland Museum of Natural History  
Cuyahoga County Engineer  
Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District  
Friends of Euclid Creek  
Midwest Biodiversity Institute  
Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District  
Northeast Shores Development Corporation  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)  
ODNR - Cleveland Lakefront State Parks  
ODNR - Ohio State Parks Divisions  
Ohio EPA.

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