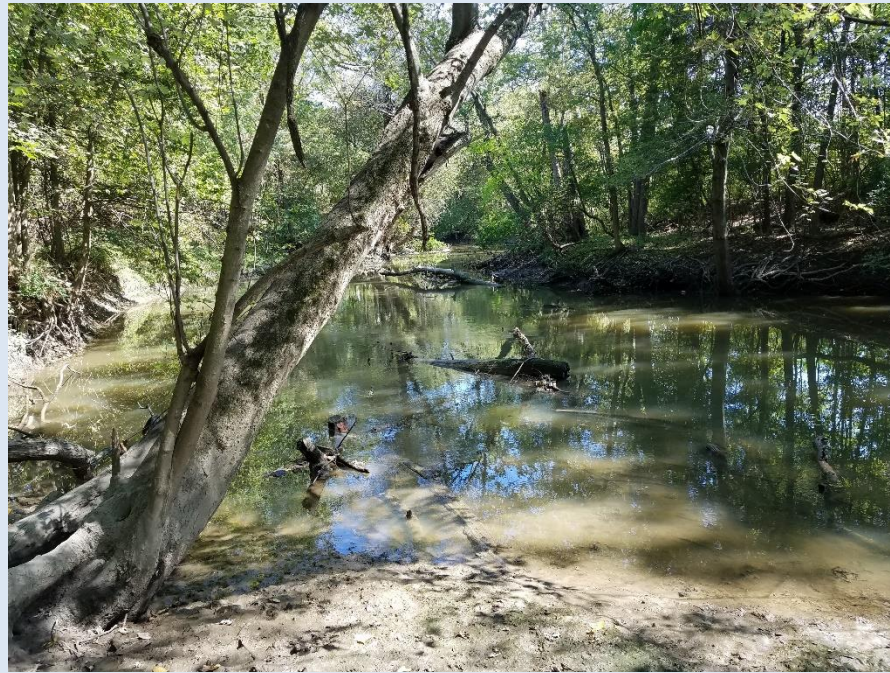




Maumee Area of Concern Habitat Restoration

The **Restoration of the Ottawa River in Jermain Park project** will enhance wetlands and instream conditions within the Maumee River watershed, improving habitat for fish and wildlife.



Project Location along the Ottawa River in Toledo, Ohio

Project Highlights

Stabilize 1,000 linear feet of eroding streambank

Enhance 550 feet of riparian buffer

Improve in-stream habitat

Pre- and post-restoration monitoring will track the benefits to fish and wildlife

Funding is provided by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - Great Lakes Commission (GLC) Regional Partnership

The City of Toledo is implementing this project

Environmental Benefits

New fish and wildlife habitat
Reduced soil erosion

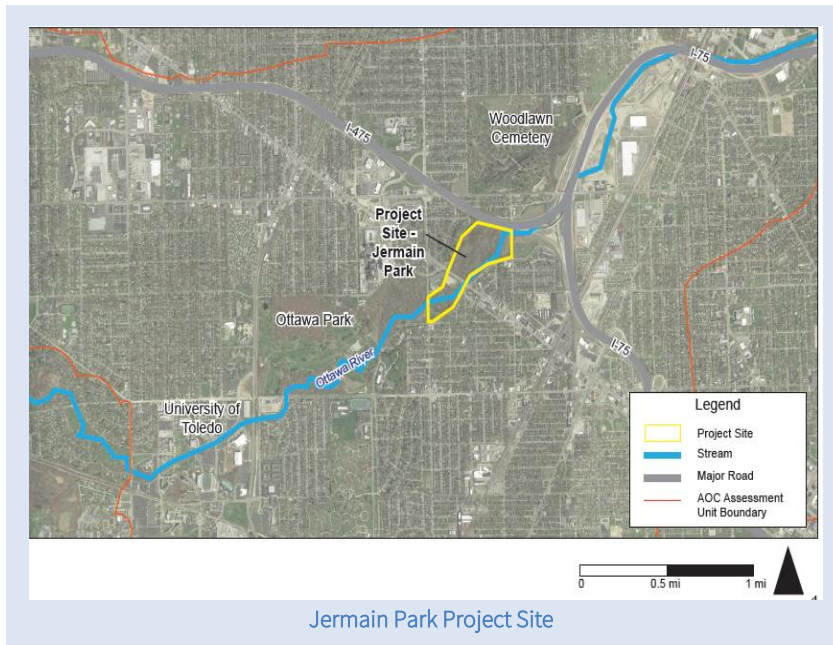
Economic Benefits

Regional benefits to eco-tourism, birding and fishing

Community Benefits

Improved urban natural space
Improved water quality and ecosystem health

Background of the Area of Concern (AOC)



Designated as an Area of Concern (AOC) under the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement in 1987, the Maumee is one of the largest AOCs in the United States. The area has a two-century history of development, contamination, and degradation that led to the impairment of water flowing into Lake Erie and the need for focused restoration efforts. Located in Northwest Ohio, the **Maumee AOC** comprises 787 square miles that includes approximately 23 miles of the lower Maumee River downstream to Maumee Bay, as well as other waterways such as Swan Creek, Ottawa River (Ten Mile Creek), Grassy Creek, Duck Creek, Otter Creek, Cedar Creek, Crane Creek, Turtle Creek, Packer Creek, and the Toussaint River.

The AOC enjoys strong support from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as stakeholder forums that support and guide habitat restoration projects, including technical assistance for monitoring.

History of Jermain Park

Jermain Park is located on land purchased by the City of Toledo in 1915 which was then added to the Toledo Park system. The Ottawa River runs through the park and has undergone dredging and infrastructure development over time, including previous use as an amusement park. Past activity at the site degraded fish and wildlife habitat, but the potential to provide significant habitat for a variety of native species exists. A project management team for this project has been meeting since late 2021 to provide the City of Toledo with professional advice and experience.

Project Progress

The Jermain Park project began its engineering and design phase in late 2021, building on conceptual plans created in 2019. Implementation will begin in fall/winter 2024 with on-the-ground restoration activities scheduled to be completed by spring 2025.

Funding and Partners

Over \$700,000 is available for this project through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a regional program that is supporting implementation of a comprehensive restoration plan for the Great Lakes, including cleaning up AOCs. The project funding comes from NOAA through a Regional Partnership with GLC. The project is being managed locally by the City of Toledo.

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