

Great Lakes Areas of Concern

Land Acquisition Projects

“Areas of Concern” are watersheds, or portions of watersheds, along the Great Lakes suffering from degraded environmental conditions. Millions of dollars have been invested to restore and protect these areas through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Some of that funding is provided through NOAA’s Office for Coastal Management. Nearly \$2.7 million in NOAA funds have been provided to state and local partners to protect these critical coastal lands through land purchases and conservation easements. Restoration often follows, with the end result being improved water quality, positive economic impacts, and increased flood protection, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities.

For more information, visit coast.noaa.gov/czm/landconservation.



The following list outlines previous NOAA grant awards by area of concern and fiscal year. The following eleven projects have collectively permanently protected over 415 acres.

Clinton River Area of Concern, Michigan

2012: Black Creek Marsh – 70.5 acres

Cuyahoga River Area of Concern, Ohio

2013: Mill Creek Wetlands Protection – 9.7988 acres

Maumee River Area of Concern, Ohio

2012: Maumee Oak Openings Habitat Corridor, Phase I – 56.57 acres

2013: Maumee Oak Openings Habitat Corridor, Phase II (formerly Ten Mile Creek Floodplain Acquisition) – 24.7 acres

2014: Maumee Oak Openings Habitat Corridor, Phase II – 58 acres

Muskegon Lake Area of Concern, Michigan

2011: Bear Lake Acquisition for Habitat Restoration (Willbrandt-east) – 18.2 acres

2012: Muskegon Land Acquisition (Bosma) – 57.51 acres

2013: Muskegon Land Acquisition (Willbrandt-west) – 21.09 acres

Saginaw River and Bay Area of Concern, Michigan

2011: Saginaw Stoney Island and Marsh Par 3 (formerly Prindle) – 23.04 acres

St. Louis River Area of Concern, Minnesota and Wisconsin

2015: Balsam Creek Conservancy Project (WI) – 155 acres

White Lake Area of Concern, Michigan

2011: White Lake Shoreline Habitat Acquisition – 7.11 acres

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