

## June 2016 Cleveland Metroparks Update

### Euclid Creek Watershed Council

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#### **Euclid Beach Sills**

Off-shore construction along Euclid Beach was completed the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. The work created two underwater breakwater sills, which reduce wave action and sand scouring along the shore. The beach was re-graded to achieve a more consistent slope into the water. The lifeguarded beach is open from 11 AM to 7 PM daily.

#### **Euclid Beach Pier and Retaining Wall**

Plans are underway for a new pier and walkway at Euclid Beach Park. This project will improve access to the views of Lake Erie and downtown Cleveland and will create a user-friendly path to the beach for all park visitors. Removal of the existing non-compliant structure and site preparation will begin by early fall. The total project budget (including the sills, pier, and site work) is \$1.5 million.

#### **Acacia Reservation Euclid Creek Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) Project**

This project will restore the main stream and smaller tributaries of Euclid Creek along with floodplain, wetlands, habitat, and water improvements. Construction will begin this fall and will be complete by summer 2017. The project is funded by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency through the WRRSP (\$1,838,980) and Section 319 (\$200,000) programs as well as US Fish and Wildlife Service, Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act (\$150,000) and The Conservation Fund (\$66,250).

#### **Acacia Reservation Northeast Pond Enhancement and Stream Daylighting**

A recently completed design will improve ecological function of a pond in the northeast corner of Acacia Reservation by adding wetland fringe plantings and daylighting the pond outflow. The project will remove a section of pipe, restore approximately 300 feet of stream, and reconnect habitat and floodplain areas. Construction is anticipated in 2017. A \$25,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, through support from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, funded the design.

#### **Ongoing Efforts to Obtain Grant Funding**

##### **Pending:**

Wildwood Bioretention The City of Cleveland applied for a \$175,000 USEPA Shoreline Cities Grant to install bioretention cells along driveways and parking areas at Wildwood Park. If the application is successful, the City of Cleveland will provide matching funds and Cleveland Metroparks will perform the work.

##### **Unsuccessful at this time:**

Euclid Creek Greenway Cleveland Metroparks continues to work with the cities of Cleveland and Euclid and other partners on advancing the Euclid Creek Greenway, which was proposed in the 2007 Lower Euclid Creek Greenway Plan. An application to the statewide Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program for an initial phase of the greenway was made by Cleveland Metroparks in 2015. The request was not funded (only bus replacements were funded in the NOACA region). The Euclid Creek Greenway was selected by the Cuyahoga County Trails Leadership Network as one of 10 top tier projects for the county, so ongoing support exists for the effort.

Euclid Beach Parking Lot Stormwater Retrofits Cleveland Metroparks submitted a \$560,000 grant request to the National Recreation and Parks Association for stormwater retrofits to the Euclid Beach parking lot. The proposal included underground retention chambers and a weir structure at the existing outlet to combat erosion. The request was not funded.

Euclid Creek Parkway and Highland Road An application was made to NOACA in January 2016 to fund a reconfiguration of this intersection through the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Implementation Grant program. The request was not funded.