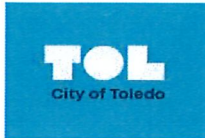


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Dear Interested Clark Island and Delaware/Horseshoe Islands Project Stakeholder:

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority is pleased to share that the project team is wrapping up the engineering, design, and construction planning phase for improvements at and near Clark Island and Delaware/Horseshoe Islands in the Maumee River near Walbridge Park in the City of Toledo. We extend our deep gratitude to the H2Ohio program and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for funding the planning activities to date and to the more than 100 individuals that attended meetings and two public open house sessions during this phase of the project to learn about the preliminary project plans and to share their input.

The Port Authority received a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit for one portion of the project and the permit for the second portion of the project was submitted and is under review by the agency. The project team is preparing grant applications for construction activities. Pending issuance of the remaining permit and award of construction funds, the Port Authority anticipates soliciting bids for a construction contractor in fall 2023. Actual in-water work is projected to begin in 2024 and continue through summer/fall 2025.

Please visit [www.toledoport.org/projects/clark-and-delawarehorseshoe-islands-restoration-projects/](http://www.toledoport.org/projects/clark-and-delawarehorseshoe-islands-restoration-projects/) for details on this water quality and habitat improvement effort, including links to the studies leading up to this effort and several project renderings and design plans. Plans were prepared by engineers and scientists at Verdantas with input from several specialists, including modeling experts at LimnoTech and biologists at the University of Toledo. Work was completed under the direction of the Port Authority with significant support from the City of Toledo, Maumee AOC Advisory Committee, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Thank you for your interest in this project. We will continue to share updates as work progresses. Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Sincerely,

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