



Lower Black River Heron Rookery Restoration Project - Phase II Assessment City of Lorain, Ohio



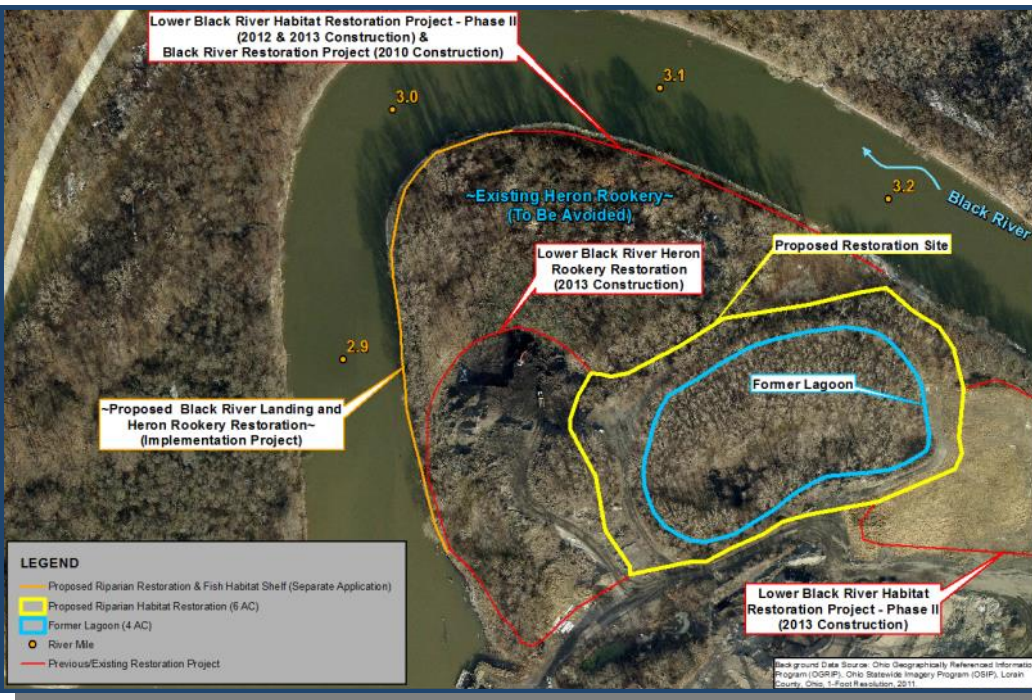
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The City of Lorain received a \$175,000 grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative in 2014 to assess future riparian restoration. The project funded assessment of approximately 6 acres encompassing a berm and former sludge lagoon near the existing heron rookery along the Lower Black River. Soil borings were taken and a topographical survey was performed. Information from these investigations was used to create a cost estimate for several alternative restoration methods. All of the proposed alternatives will involve the restoration of a 6-acre portion of riparian habitat populated by native plant species.



Currently, the site does not support high quality riparian habitat.

With a clearer understanding of site conditions and the cost of alternative restoration projects, recommendations for obtaining future funds for the project will be made. The City of Lorain will use this information to pursue additional funds through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and other sources over the next several years. Information about the project will be added as new progress is made on



restoring this part of the Black River riparian corridor.

This figure shows the 6-acre site where soil testing and a topographic survey were performed in 2014. Information from these assessments were used to develop a plan that will eventually lead to restoration of the site. The site will be restored to provide native riparian habitat along the Black River.

