



Maumee Corps: Putting People to Work Restoring Habitat in the Maumee AOC

Summary

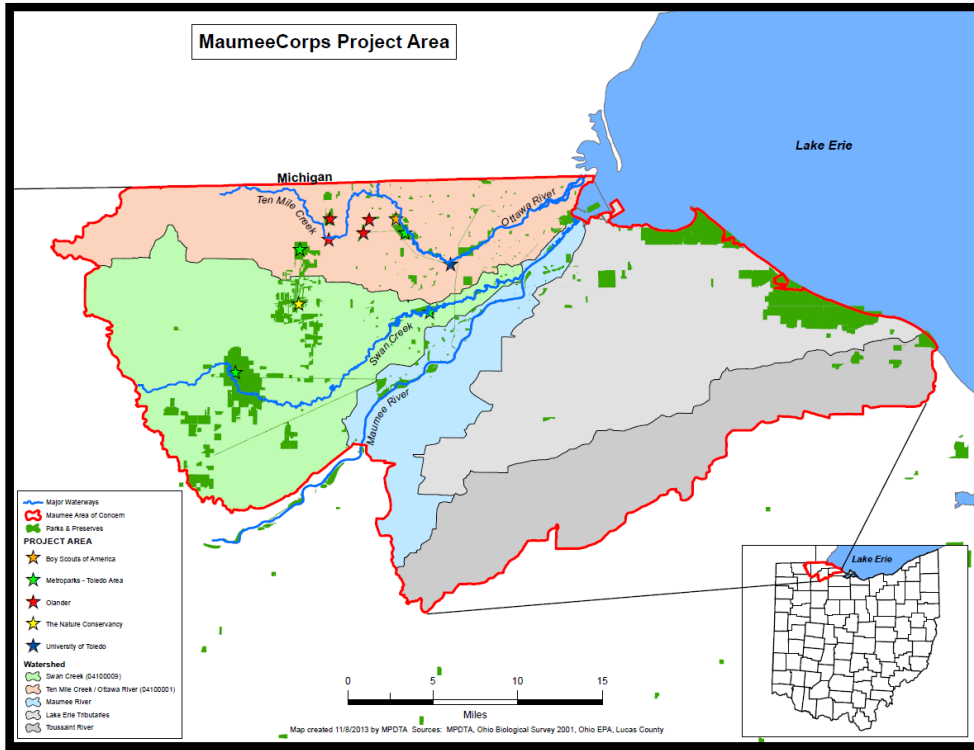
Partners for Clean Streams (PCS), the non-profit supporting the Maumee Remedial Action Plan (RAP), was awarded \$800,000 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding in FY 2012 to help fuel our area's economy and create seasonal, part-time, temporary and/or full time jobs. Teams of workers, known as the "Maumee Corps," were focused on habitat restoration in the Maumee Area of Concern (AOC), primarily the Ottawa River and Swan Creek watersheds. PCS worked in partnership with The Metroparks of the Toledo Area and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) as sub-award recipients.

Successes of Maumee Corps

- Acres Treated: 2309.6 (Goal was 1,000)
- Acres restored: 878 (Goal 250)
- Workers Hired: 35 (Goal 20, including part-time, full time and seasonal)
- 37,000 Hours of work in the region
- Benefited Oak Openings, Swan Creek & Ottawa River watersheds

Project Success

Surpassing our original goals, 35 workers were hired, and they totaled more than 37,000 labor hours. The workers hired and directly supervised by PCS successfully performed habitat restoration activities with The University of Toledo, The Olander Park System, and the Boy Scouts of America at Camp Miakonda. Workers hired by The Nature Conservancy and The Metroparks conducted restoration activities on their respective organization's properties. They improved over 2,000 acres of protected land. The work included removing and treating invasive plants, and re-planting with native plants and hardwood trees within floodplain forest, wet prairie, and riparian habitat. In addition, workers harvested and relocated willow whips and native seed, and re-planted areas devastated by tornadoes and Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive beetle. Prescribed burns were also a part of the restoration.



Looking Forward

This project supported a long-term goal established in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan to protect and restore habitat. More specifically, the Maumee Corps' work will result in long-term outcomes that will bring the Maumee AOC closer to delisting two Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs): the Loss of Fish and Wildlife Habitat (BUI #14) and Degradation of Fish and Wildlife Populations (BUI #3). The benefits of the work completed by the Maumee Corps will be seen for many, many years to come.

“I view this internship as an excellent opportunity for me to gain valuable environmental field experience that will help me accomplish my career goal of becoming an environmental consultant. I believe this internship will also allow me to hone my leadership abilities and provide me with valuable knowledge in habitat restoration practices and plant identification skills.”

*Craig Krajewski – Maumee Corps Team Member,
recent graduate of The University of Toledo*

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