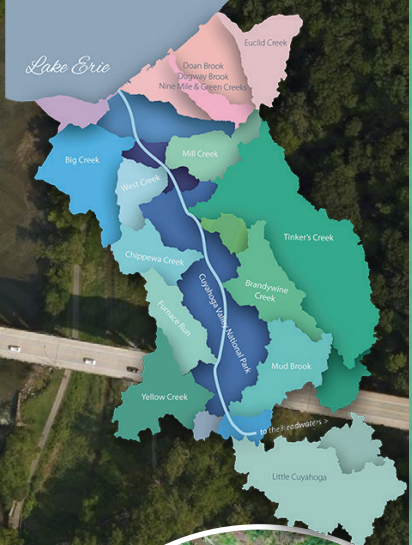


*Cuyahoga River AOC Management Actions*  
PROJECTS PROGRESSING THE AOC TOWARDS DELISTING

# CANAL DIVERSION DAM

*Remove Canal  
Diversion Dam,  
restore flow  
to river*



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*Cuyahoga LRAU  
(Large River Assessment Unit)*

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Brecksville Canal Diversion Dam and historic Pinery Feeder Dam have been removed, and the Cuyahoga River is now free-flowing in Brecksville for the first time in over 190 years. As a result, the river is open for recreational use. It had been closed above and below the dams during removal. Paddlers can now travel the river through Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and on into Cleveland. The National Park Service (NPS) has collaborated with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, US Army Corps of Engineers, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Cleveland Metroparks and Friends of the Crooked River for ten years to achieve the dam removal. This project was funded in part through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

The AOC has specific targets to meet before it is taken off the list of impaired waters, or “delisted” as outlined by the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement (GLWQA). The Advisory Committee developed a plan to identify and rectify the Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs) to categorize criteria for restoration and create benchmarks toward achieving the goals of delisting.



Learn more about the status of the Cuyahoga River AOC Management Action progress and current state of the delisting efforts at [www.cuyahogaoc.org](http://www.cuyahogaoc.org).

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