

Cuyahoga River AOC Management Actions
PROJECTS PROGRESSING THE AOC TOWARDS DELISTING

**CUYAHOGA GORGE DAM REMOVAL DESIGN,
DEMO, AND SEDIMENT REMOVAL**

*Design of Dam
Removal in
process with
Sediment removal
Plans and Demolition
to come*



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Fish Creek- Cuyahoga River

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Gorge Dam is the single greatest unresolved water quality problem on the Cuyahoga River. It was built in 1914 to produce hydroelectric power and to provide cooling water for a coal-fired power plant. Hydro operations ceased in 1958. The coal plant was closed in 1991. The last of the power plant was dismantled in 2009. Now, only the dam, a 400-foot wide, 60-feet tall obsolete hunk of concrete, remains. It stands, like a sentinel of past, obscuring the Cuyahoga's promise and obstructing the economic destiny of River's Gorge area in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. A restored Cuyahoga River Gorge will be an economic generator for all of Northeast Ohio for generations to come. It will be a central hub of water and land based recreation for the region. It will proudly stand as a testament to the foresight and determination of the people of the watershed. And it will be a great victory for the Cuyahoga River and its water quality.

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.

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