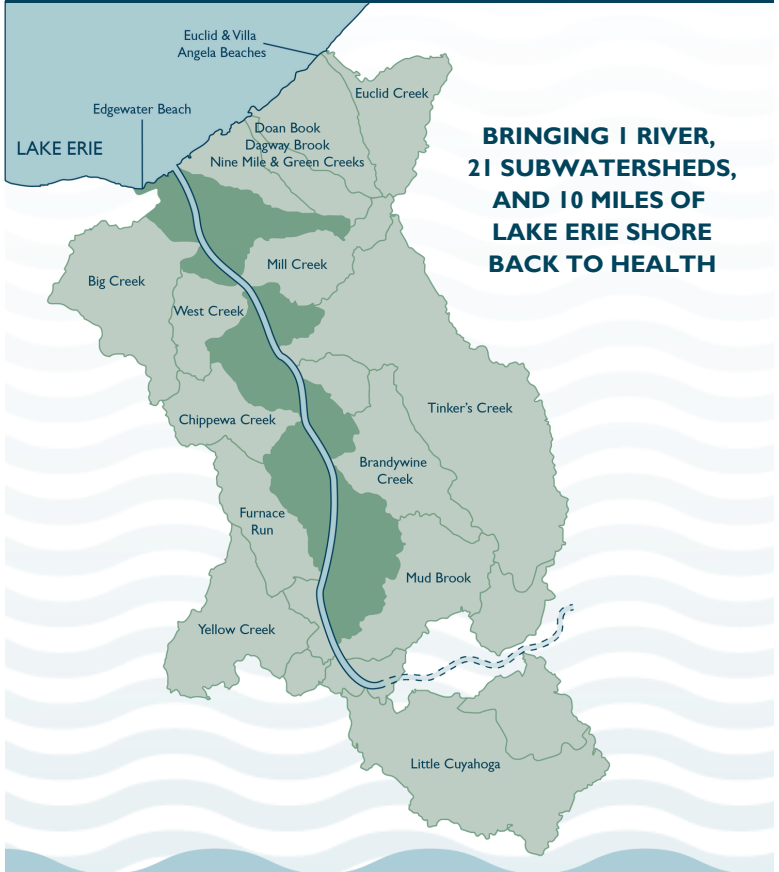




# BUI Progress



**BRINGING 1 RIVER,  
21 SUBWATERSHEDS,  
AND 10 MILES OF  
LAKE ERIE SHORE  
BACK TO HEALTH**



## STEPS TO DELISTING

1. Implement **Management Action Projects (MAPs)** to improve conditions and address specific issues,
2. Remove all **Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs)** when the target for each issue is reached, and
3. Delist the Cuyahoga River as an **Area of Concern (AOC)** when all MAPs are complete and all BUIs are restored.

**i** A Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs) describes a human or ecological use of the ecosystem that has been lost or impaired as the result of environmental degradation. In the Cuyahoga River, 10 out of the 14 BUIs from U.S. EPA's list were identified along with their causes to develop strategic projects and actions to restore them. With every BUI that is removed, the Cuyahoga River is one step closer to being delisted as an Area of Concern.

## 5 BUIs REMOVED

-  Restrictions on Fish Consumption  
REMOVED in 2018
-  Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae  
REMOVED in 2021
-  Fish Tumors and Other Deformities  
REMOVED in 2023
-  Lack of Public Access (locally-identified)  
REMOVED in 2017
-  Degradation of Aesthetics  
REMOVED in 2017

## 5 BUIs REMAINING

-  Degradation of Fish Populations  
IMPAIRED
-  Degradation of Benthos  
IMPAIRED
-  Restrictions on Navigational Dredging  
IMPAIRED
-  Beach Closings/Recreational Contact  
IN PROGRESS
-  Loss of Fish Habitat  
IMPAIRED



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