

## **Penn 7 Construction Project Background**

- Penn 7 (58.86 acres) is a former confined disposal facility on the lower Maumee River owned by the City of Toledo.
- This site accepted material dredge from the Maumee River from 1972 to 1973.
- The location was identified by the Maumee Valley Area of Concern professionals as an ideal location to remediate to achieve important environmental benefits.
- A feasibility study conducted in 2015-2016 concluded that ecological restoration of Penn 7 should be pursued.
- Subsequently engineering and design of the site was completed in February 2020.
- Before design was complete funding was secured to fund the actual construction to complete the current restoration plan, which will create fish habitat that progresses into an emergent wetland area.
- Accepted funds will be used to:
  - construct an emergent wetland area,
  - acquire all necessary permits to finalize restoration,
  - and continue public outreach and involvement.
- This work will not only create new fish habitat, (which benefits the ecosystem of this area), but it will also create water quality benefits.
- At some point in the future this location could be considered for public access to accommodate bird watching, fishing, and other recreational activities.
- Construction is set to begin as early as May and be concluded by August.