

Developing a Muskegon Lake Corridor Ecological Restoration Master Plan

Muskegon, Michigan



Through a stakeholder-driven process, the ecological restoration plan will serve as the guiding framework for restoring habitat back to the Muskegon Lake-Ruddiman Creek shoreline.

Muskegon Lake is a 4,149-acre inland lake located along the eastern shoreline of Lake Michigan and separated from it by sand dunes. Due to urban and industrial development, the lake has suffered water quality and habitat problems.

We need your help! We need your feedback as we begin to develop an “ecological restoration master plan” for the Muskegon Lake Corridor. The goal of the plan is to provide the framework for restoring this formerly degraded site to a more natural setting for all living things. This plan will enable the community to implement on-the-ground projects to restore degraded sites and will be designed to incorporate the community’s needs. We invite your participation to develop, adopt, and implement this master plan. Please attend the upcoming meetings sponsored by the Muskegon Lake Watershed Project or send us input using the contact information on this flyer.

What has been done. The Muskegon Lake Area of Concern (AOC) was one of the first contaminated sites to undergo sediment remediation as part of the Great Lakes Legacy Act. The removal of sediment contamination in a Muskegon Lake tributary, Ruddiman Creek, was an important step in cleaning up this AOC. We are following up by developing an ecological restoration master plan to improve the habitat in the AOC. Biohabitats Inc. was contracted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Great Lakes National Program Office to craft the master plan for the site.

For additional information on Muskegon Lake visit:

www.muskegonlake.org

www.biohabitats.com

www.epa.gov/glnpo/aoc/msklake.html#Beneficial

www.mrwa.org/repository/huc/100040.htm

<http://epa.gov/greatlakes/sediment/legacy/ruddiman/index.html>



Project at a Glance:

Timeline:

November 2007—draft plan

February 2008—final master plan

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