

St. Marys AOC Habitat Restoration

Little Rapids Restoration Project Highlights

Environmental Benefits

Delist the AOC
Fish spawning and
invertebrate habitat

- This is the final project necessary to address habitat related Beneficial Use Impairments at the St. Marys River and the last anticipated project for the US side of the Area of Concern
- Water flow will be restored
- There will be an increased quantity and quality of fish spawning habitat, and habitat for other native plants and animals

Economic Benefits

Revitalized
sport fishing
Tourism

- Recreational anglers spend an estimated \$2.5 billion annually in Michigan, with at least \$7 million generated annually by fishing on the St. Marys River
- Additional fishing opportunities in the St. Marys River will generate additional revenue via tourism

Community Benefits

Fishing along the bridge
Safer roads and a
pedestrian walkway

- The existing culverts are failing and need to be replaced
- The bridge will be safer and more usable than a causeway
- The project provides community opportunities for fishing, bird watching, and recreation via a pedestrian walkway



Learn more at <http://bit.ly/LittleRapidsRestoration>