

Reconnecting Fish
Passage from Lake
Erie to the River Raisin

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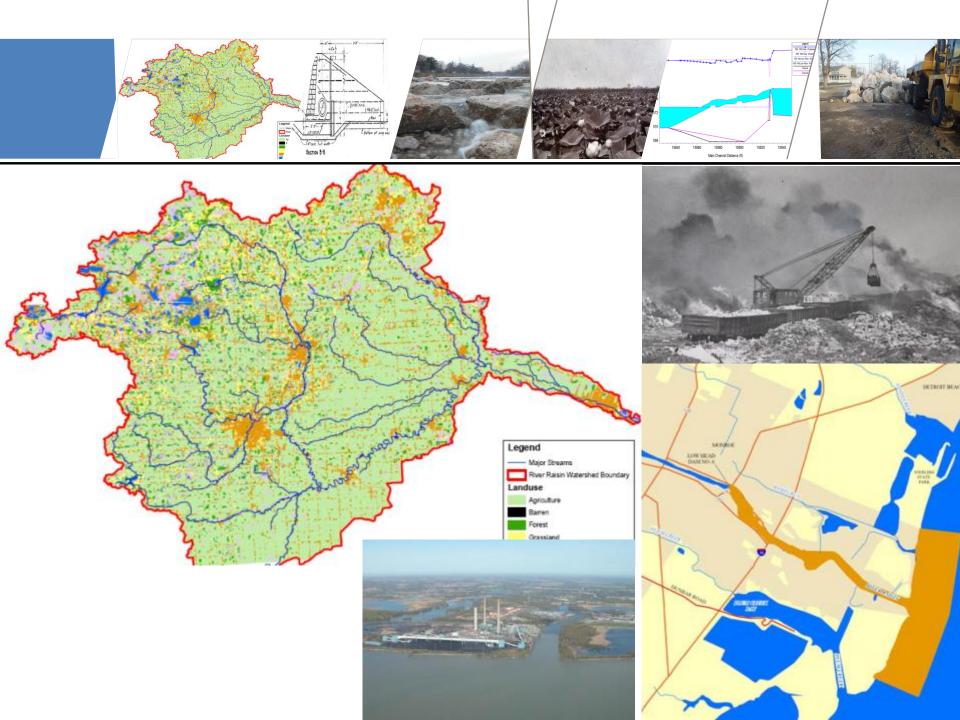
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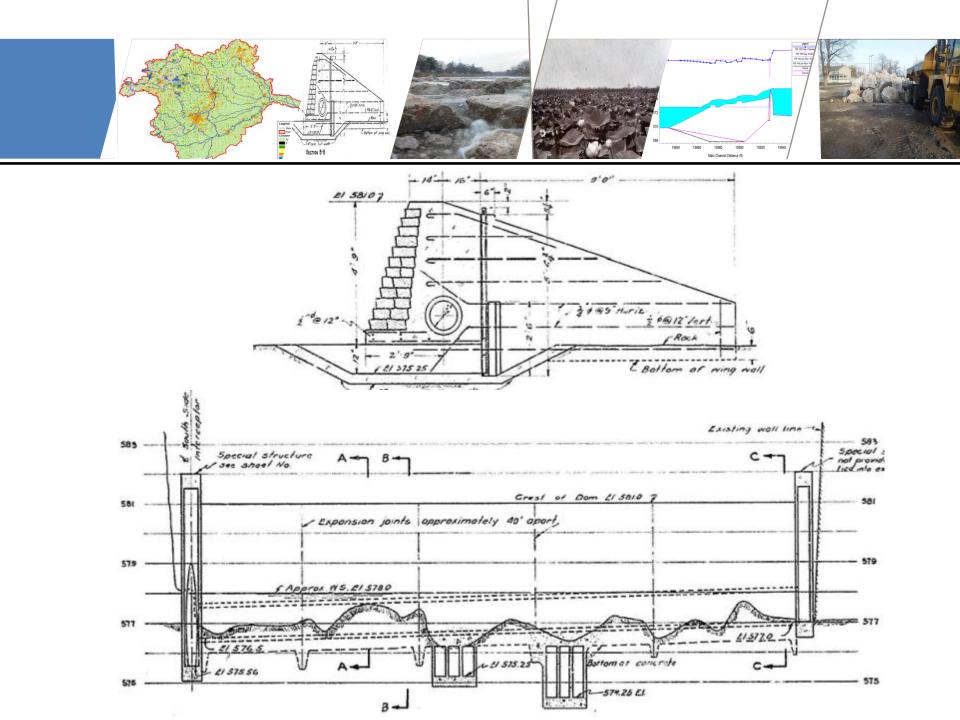






Dam Mitigation Projects

- Raisin AOC presents a unique opportunity for delisting
- EPA dredging combined with this project & Sterling State Park wetland restoration could lift habitat impairments.
- Restoration projects funded by GLRI.
- Dam project to be accomplished in two phases by Fall, 2013 and create fish access from Lake Erie to Dundee (~23 miles)
- MDEQ working on strategies for other impairment delistings, recognizing that Monroe will remain an important shipping port for forseeable future
- Raisin AOC delisted 2015-2016?

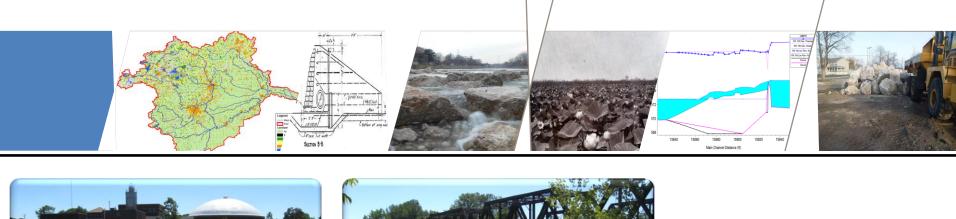




Project Area – Phase 1 & Phase 2

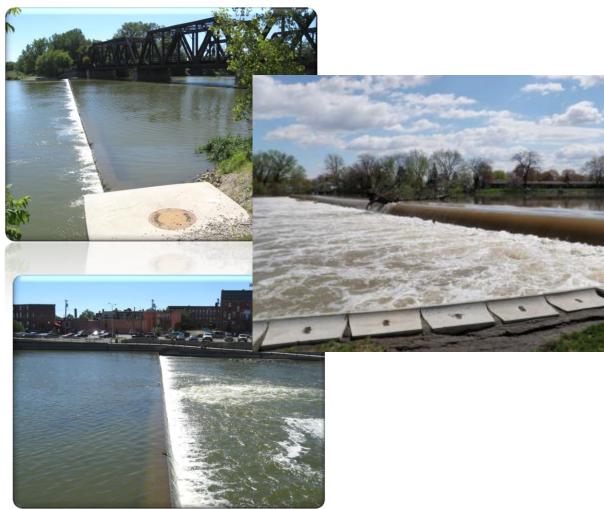














Design Targets

Design Criteria

- 1. ≤ 4 fps average velocity fall and spring Northern pike low flow (200 cfs and 400 cfs)
- 2. No more than 0.75' drop anywhere
- Water depths over structures > 0.75'
- Withstand 100-year flow and ice jams

Target Fish Species

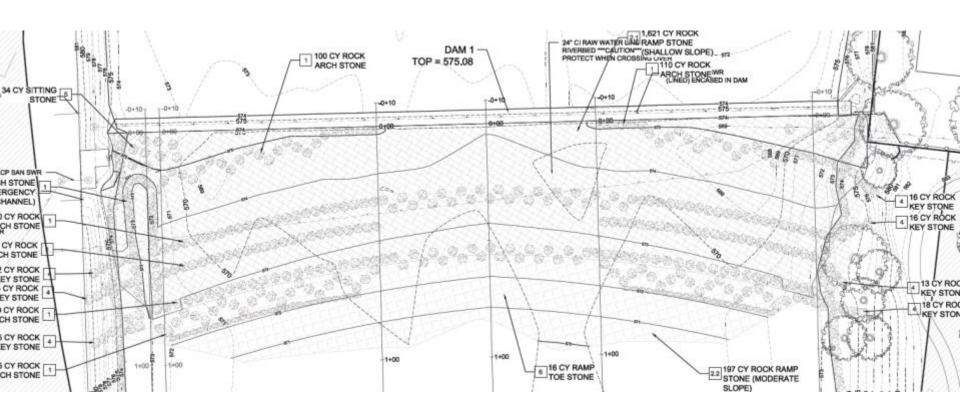
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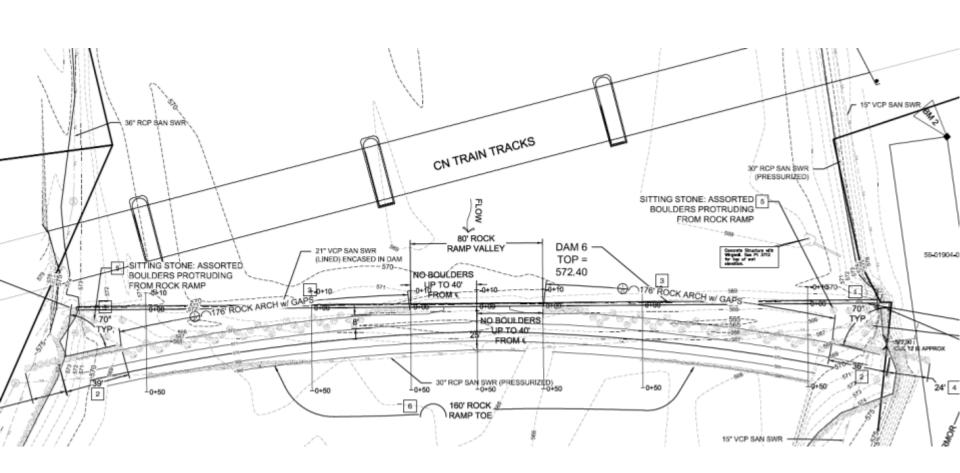
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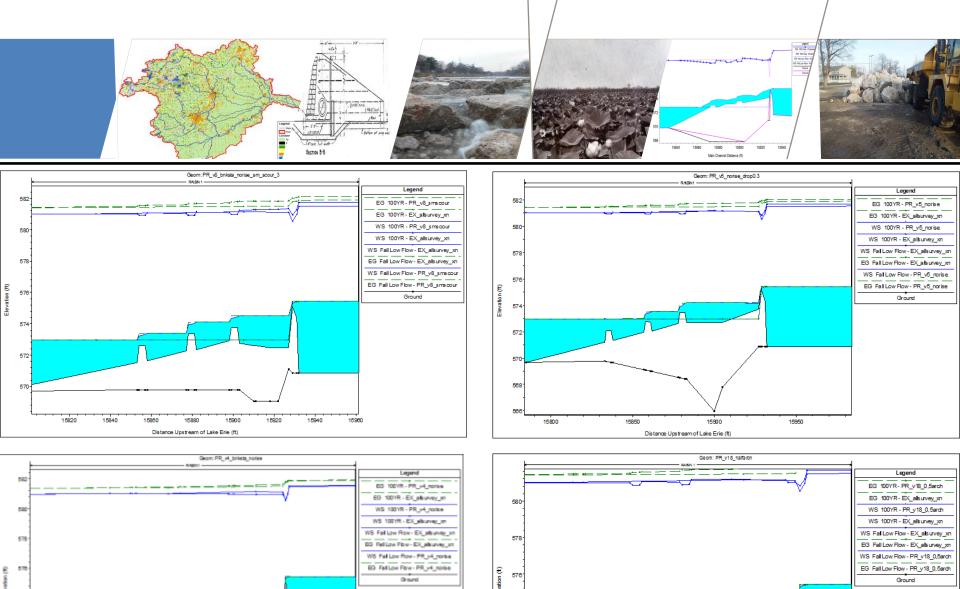
white bass

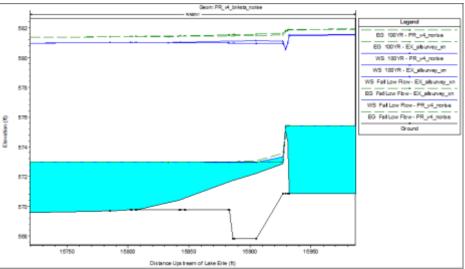
Sturgeon - someday?

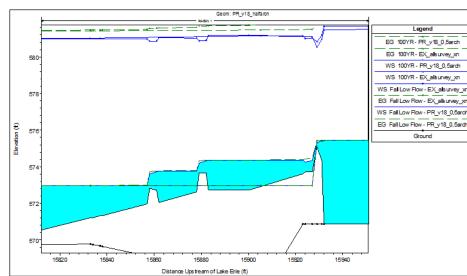












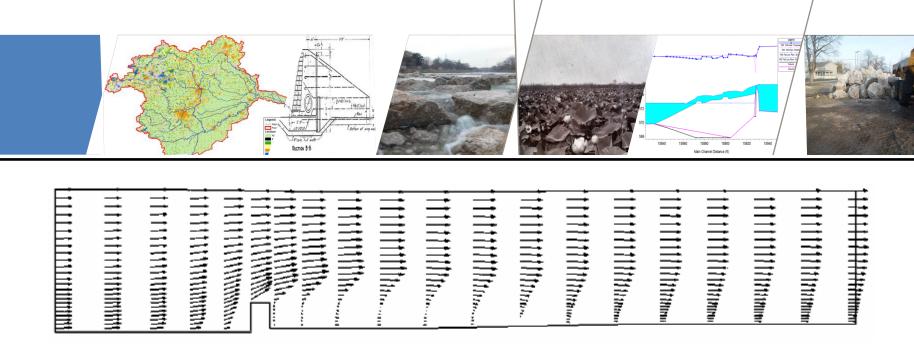


Figure 4 Velocity Vectors for Pre-Fill Conditions at Fargo North Dam (USACE, 2000)

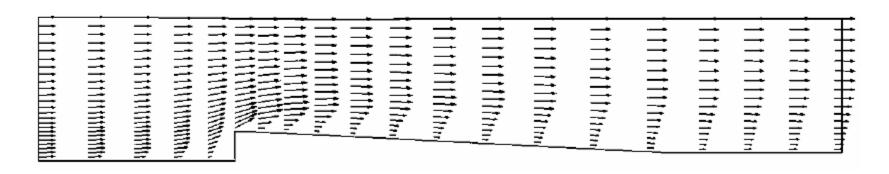


Figure 5 Velocity Vectors for Post-Fill Conditions at Fargo North Dam (USACE, 2000)









































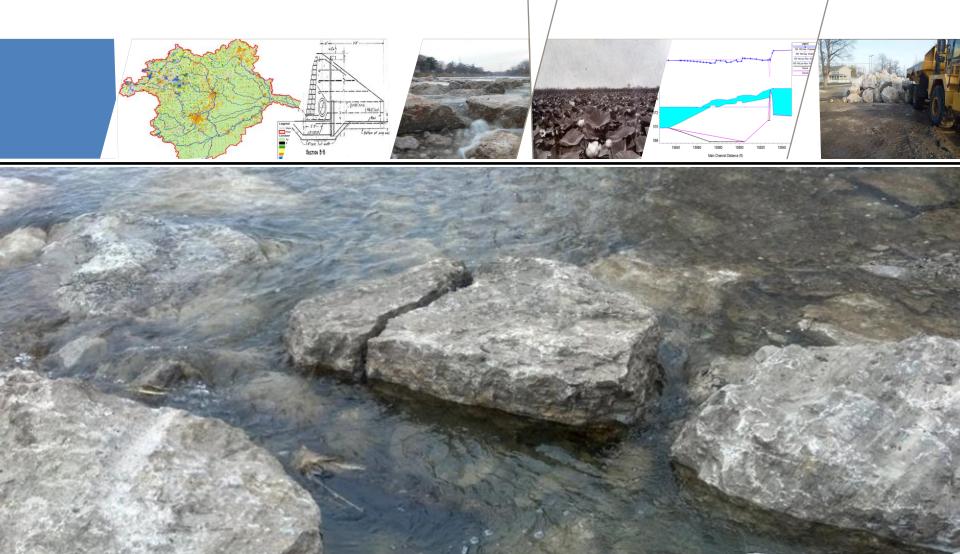








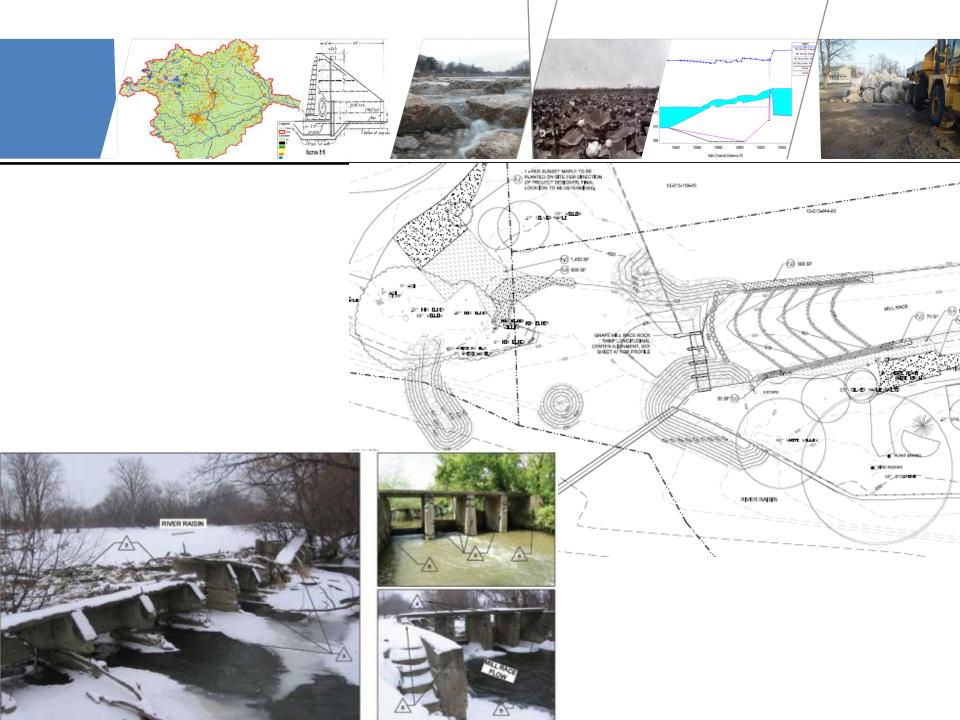


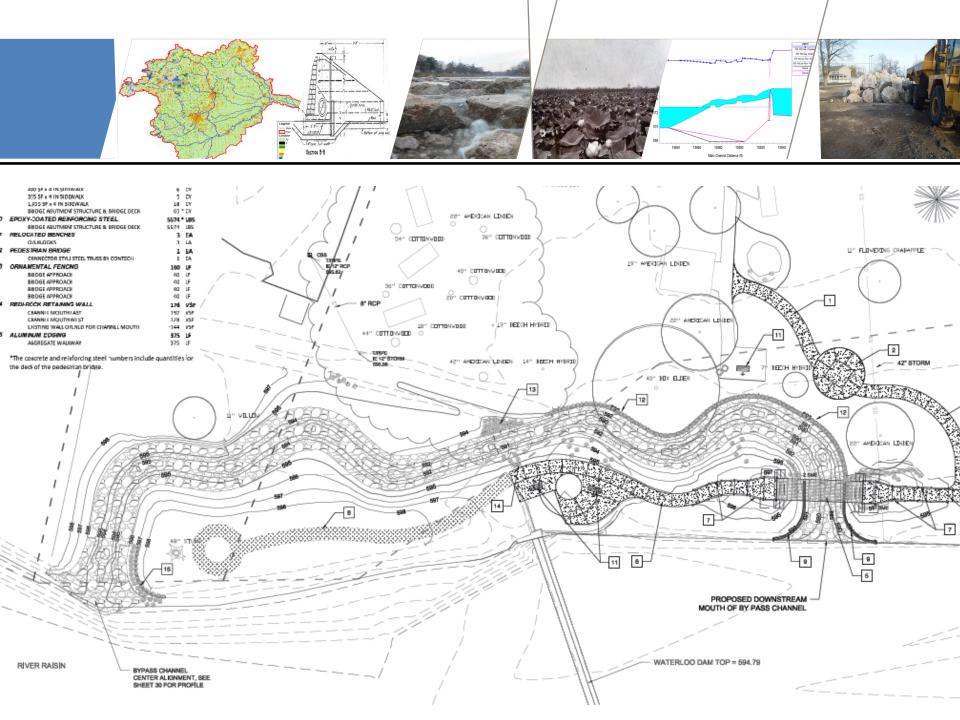














Observations

- 2 dam removals + 2 rock arch rapids constructed \$1.1M
- 1 rock arch rapid, 1 dam notch + rock ramp, one dam diversion channel + millrace improvements - \$1.2M
- Phase 2 Pre-con next week
- Phase 2 construction August October, 2013
- Issues to date: infrastructure conflicts, hydraulic modeling & sea lamprey passage issues, all resolved. Modeling and sea lamprey issued did cause project delays
- Suckers and bass observed going over the structures
- Fish, macroinvertebrate & mussel surveys 2014

Questions?

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