## **WRRSP**

## **Cuyahoga Falls Dams Removal**

Cuyahoga Falls, OH

## **Project Details**

Status: Complete Funding Year: 2011

Watershed: Cuyahoga River Award Amount: \$1,000,000

**Implementer:** Cuyahoga Falls **Tier:** 2

## **Summary:**

This project involved the removal of the 100-year-old Powerhouse/Lefever dam Mill/ Sheraton dams, as recommended in the Ohio EPA-approved Middle Cuyahoga River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) program report. Removal of these structures has restored a free-flowing river allowing natural sediment processing mechanisms to become reestablished. This has resulted in improved water quality in this section of the River along with improved fish/invertebrate habitat scores. The removal of the two dams has also drawn more people to the river-front and provides safe passage for a water trail and recreational benefit.





Photo Source: Cuyahoga Falls