

# WRRSP

## Heron Rookery Wetland

North Royalton, OH

### Project Details

**Status:** Complete  
**Watershed:** Rocky River E.B.  
**Implementer:** Cleveland Metroparks

**Funding Year:** 2010  
**Award Amount:** \$640,000  
**Tier:** 1

### Summary:

Preservation of the Heron Rookery Wetland - Rocky River East Branch involved the acquisition of ~85 acres of wetland and wetland buffer in the Rocky River East Branch watershed. The property acquisition creates a core natural resource reserve focused on the Heron Rookery Wetland complex, a Category 3 wetland and the second largest wetland complex in the Rocky River East Branch watershed. This wetland complex is predominately a green ash-slippery elm-red maple forest. Within the brome-like sedge-skunk cabbage understory are several areas with shallow pools, 6 - 18 inches deep. This ecosystem protection effort will preserve water quality, diverse plant and animal habitats, and the ecological integrity of the Heron Rookery Wetland complex.



Photo Source: Cleveland Metroparks