

# WRRSP

## Rocky-Black River Headwaters Restoration

Lorain County, OH

### Project Details

**Status:** Active  
**Watershed:** Rocky & Black Rivers  
**Implementer:** Lorain County Metroparks

**Funding Year:** 2020  
**Award Amount:** \$1,882,150  
**Tier:** 2

### Summary:

The Rocky River/Black River Headwaters Restoration Initiative consisted of the acquisition of the 181.37-acre former Dorton G.C. that lies within these two watersheds. The project preserves ~2,940 linear feet of Goodwin Ditch, which drains to Plum Creek in the Rocky River watershed, along with 26.21 acres of emergent, forested and scrub/shrub Category 3 wetlands. The restoration of this tract includes the reconnection of Goodwin Ditch to the surrounding wetland floodplain. An additional 65.54 acres of wetlands will be created in the former golf course fairways. This project will improve the water quality, river morphology, and further diversify the wetland and riparian habitats in this section of the Rocky River & Black River watersheds.



Photo Source: Lorain County Metroparks