

## **Centerville Creek / Hika Park Restoration and Reclamation Project**

The Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership (LNRP) is working with the Village of Cleveland to develop a framework for tying together a comprehensive approach to restoring the abandoned millpond and enhancing Hika Park.

We have been exploring a spectrum of plans to restore and rehabilitate the millpond, establish a recreational and environmental corridor to Hika Park; and enhance Hika Park through a series of educational, recreational, and cultural facilities.

As seen in the "Maps & Photos " section, the sediment build-up in the millpond is the result of a dam removal in 1996. At that point in time, the Village did not have any plan for restoring Centerville Creek. The creek runs directly through Hika Park located along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

This project will restore 2,000 feet of Centerville Creek and 500 feet of the South and North Branch of Centerville Creek by removing the sediment and creating a gradient to restore flow. In the late 1800's a dam was erected one mile east of Cleveland, WI, creating the 12-acre Cleveland Impoundment. Prior to dam removal, approximately 8-10 feet of sediment had accumulated behind the dam, and much of this sediment remained in place following draw down and removal of the dam. Since the dam removal, the stream continues to erode the sediment, releasing tremendous amounts of fine sediment into Lake Michigan, destroying fish habitat and causing aesthetic and public safety concerns revolving around Cladophora algae.

We have created an active "Friends" group that will act as an Advisory Committee. The group contains both village and town residents. The role of the advisory committee is to guide the design process, offer insights to potential opportunities and challenges, and provide recommendations to the Cleveland Plan Commission through Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership.

We have begun to develop a working list of potential sources of funding. Several sources have been identified with exploratory conversations taking place. Primary sources of funding are likely to come from the Save Our Great Lakes Fund and the Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Program.

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