H2Ohio will develop new wetlands in strategic, targeted areas to reduce phosphorus runoff and prevent pollutants from entering the Western Lake Erie Basin. These projects will provide nutrient reduction, fish and wildlife habitat, and riparian protection.

**Priority Wetland Projects**

1. **Cullen Park Flow-Through Wetland Restoration**
   Lucas County | Maumee River Watershed
   The proposed project is located within the embayment adjacent to Cullen Park. Maumee River flow will be redirected through the restored flow-through wetland into protected shallow-water areas that will support vegetation, trap sediment, process nutrients, create new fish and wildlife habitat, and enhance recreational opportunities.
   - **Project size:** 100 Acres
   - **Proposed Start:** Fall 2019, Spring 2020
   - **Partners:** Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority & City of Toledo

2. **Grassy Island Flow Through Wetland Restoration**
   Lucas County | Maumee River Watershed
   The proposed project is located north of the opening between Grassy Island and the Cullen Park causeway. Maumee River flow will be redirected through the restored flow-through wetland into protected shallow-water areas that will support vegetation, trap sediment, process nutrients, and create new fish and wildlife habitat.
   - **Project size:** 75 Acres
   - **Proposed Start:** Fall 2019, Spring 2020
   - **Partners:** Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority & City of Toledo

3. **Maumee Bay State Park Wetland Restoration**
   Lucas County | Lake Erie Watershed
   This project will restore a phragmites dominated wetland to a marsh with desired vegetation and re-connect the marsh with Lake Erie so that nutrient loads can be filtered by restored wetland plants.
   - **Planned size:** 137 Acres
   - **Earliest Start:** Fall 2019, Spring 2020
   - **Partners:** Ohio State Parks, The Nature Conservancy, Ohio EPA, EPA

4. **Maumee Scenic River Forder Bridge**
   Paulding County | Maumee River Watershed
   This riparian restoration project will create a series of wetlands along an intermittent stream on the Forder Bridge Property. This wetland series will help capture nutrients and restore headwater stream habitat to the Maumee River.
   - **Project size:** 54 Acres
   - **Proposed Start:** Fall 2019
   - **Partners:** Black Swamp Conservancy

5. **Oak Openings Preserve Metropark Expansion**
   Lucas County | Maumee River Watershed
   This project will regrade and restore previously farmed lands into a restored wetland habitat. Approximately 22 acres of new forested wetlands will be restored along with 8 acres of new prairie / savanna habitat will be added along Ai Creek.
   - **Project size:** 37 Acres
   - **Proposed Start:** 2020
   - **Partners:** Metroparks Toledo

6. **Sandusky Redhorse Bend Wetland Restoration**
   Sandusky County | Sandusky River Watershed
   This project will restore 55 acres of floodplain habitat along the Sandusky River. In addition, two ditches flowing through the site will be restored to headwater streams to encourage natural filtration of stormwater runoff.
   - **Project size:** 55 Acres
   - **Proposed Start:** Fall 2019
   - **Partners:** Black Swamp Conservancy

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