

Middle Macatawa Restorations

Developed to support Project Clarity's watershed restoration efforts, the Middle Macatawa restorations are wetland restoration and enhancement projects located in Zeeland Charter Township funded through Project Clarity with assistance from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.



- Located at the confluence of three of Lake Macatawa's key tributaries, five fallow pasture properties were acquired in 2013, totaling over 150 acres.

- These projects create additional floodwater storage and improve filtering and habitat.

- The South Project pipes water during flooding into the former floodplain, storing it in a 38-acre horseshoe-shaped basin

- The West Project created seven additional acres of wetland, collecting water from the river and an adjacent business park.

- The North Project involved restoring a former dirt bike track to wetland, fixing hydrology, and treating invasive species.

- Sitting along the Macatawa Greenway corridor, these projects incorporated designs for future non-motorized trail systems.

- These projects were supported with a 2014 grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

- For more information on Project Clarity, visit outdoordiscovery.org

