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**Detroit River Habitat Project Receives  
Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Funding**

**U. S. Steel Habitat Restoration**

A recent announcement by the Great Lakes National Program Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revealed that a project on U. S. Steel (USS) property proposed by the Friends of the Detroit River (FDR) has been funded as an opportunity for fish and wildlife restoration in the Detroit River Area of Concern. “The Friends of the Detroit River welcomes the opportunity to improve fish and wildlife habitat on the Detroit River with the implementation of these EPA grants,” said David Howell, Chairman of FDR. “We look forward to working together with our partner, U. S. Steel Corporation, in making a real difference on our river, and continuing the work of restoring our Great Lakes.”

FDR has awarded the consulting firm Environmental Consulting and Technology, Inc. (ECT) to oversee the development of the construction plans and management of the Detroit River AOC projects. FDR looks forward to working with the staff of the USS-Great Lakes Works Ecorse Facility. We expect to begin the construction of this very important habitat restoration project in the next few months, which will help improve fish and wildlife habitat in the upper river.

**U. S. STEEL SITE, ECORSE**

The project--which was specifically listed as a target in the Detroit River AOC BUI delisting criteria--will transform an unused industrial riverfront site into viable shoreline habitat for fish, amphibians and waterfowl. It will restore 1,100 feet of shoreline, 1.7 acres of emergent wetlands, 750 feet of rock shoal, and create an acre of fish spawning area in the Detroit River. Additionally, approximately 4.6 acres of upland habitat will be restored adjacent to the shoreline.



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