

## **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Announces Approved Grants for Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership Projects**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Great Lakes Basin Fish Habitat Partnership are pleased to announce the approval of over \$1 million in grants aimed at supporting on-the-ground fish habitat work in the Great Lakes under the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI).

"We are pleased to support these projects to benefit aquatic habitat under the Partnership, and recognize the GLRI as a tremendous opportunity to implement on the ground restoration in the basin," said Mike Weimer, Assistant Regional Director of Fisheries for the Midwest Region of USFWS.

The Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District was granted \$55,314 for the North Branch Wiscoy Creek Restoration. The Wyoming County Soil and Water Conservation District will improve habitat for the North Branch of the Wiscoy Creek fishery by restoring pool and riffle habitat within the stream, which will provide cover for aquatic species. This project will further protect and restore the Wiscoy through plantings of native vegetation streamside, which will provide much-needed shade and buffer stretches of the creek. These efforts will provide additional high-quality cool-water habitat for temperature sensitive species of fish, including trout, dace, and darters.

