

# POND BROOK

Liberty Park – Twinsburg, Ohio

BEFORE



AFTER



## Stream Restoration

### Years of Work

2004 – 2020

### Achievement

- 5 miles of stream restoration and 100+ acres of restored wetlands
- Restoration of warmwater habitat, fish and aquatic wildlife

### Total Project Cost

Approximately \$5 million

### Funders

- Ohio Department of Transportation
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (WRRSP and Section 319)
- Wetlands Resource Center

### Project Partners

- City of Twinsburg
- Cuyahoga River AOC
- Davey Resource Group
- Friends of the Crooked River
- Marks Construction
- Oxbow River and Stream Restoration
- Summit County Engineer
- Summit Soil and Water Conservation Service
- Tinkers Creek Watershed Group
- Village of Reminderville

### Otterly Successful

When we restore water for people, wildlife benefits too. Otters, once nearly gone from our area, have made a big comeback. Although shy and elusive, these playful creatures have returned to Pond Brook thanks to restored habitat and improved water quality.



### Clean Water: It's NOT just for drinking

Thanks to the Clean Water Act, the water quality of our nation's rivers, streams and wetlands has dramatically improved over the past few decades. The Cuyahoga River, once known for being so polluted it caught on fire, is now a clean and (nearly) free flowing river. The improvements we have seen are largely the result of an ecosystem approach to water quality. When we include fish and wildlife in water quality decisions, we best protect people and nature. Part of this new paradigm in water quality management means going back to fix some historical impacts to streams and rivers. Ditches once built to drain the land are now being remade into streams. Habitat is being put back into the water for fish and obstructions such as dams and culverts are being removed or remade to allow fish passage. The Pond Brook Restoration Project is an ongoing effort to restore over five miles of stream and over 100 acres of riparian wetlands. The work has taken place in phases over the past 15 years and has been funded by local, state and federal grants.