

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
FERNALD SITE**

Enhanced Water Quality: A Key Component of Federal Facility Natural Resources Restoration Plan

Aquatic habitat restoration and wetlands construction are key components of a unique Natural Resource Restoration Plan, put forth for a government-owned former uranium production facility in southwestern Ohio. Upon completion of soil remediation at the Fernald Site, the facility will expand existing riparian corridors, create dozens of acres of new open water habitat, and connect open water bodies with wetland systems. These enhancements are in addition to hundreds of acres of reforestation planned for the site. A former nuclear materials production facility that is owned by the U.S. Department of Energy, the site is destined to become an oasis for fish and wildlife. The DOE and the State of Ohio, both trustees for natural resources at the facility, have tentatively agreed to the plan in lieu of litigation to settle a natural resources damage claim. The plan also includes a ground water education component.

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