



Clean Water State Revolving Fund

EDISON RESERVE ACQUISITION AND WETLANDS RESTORATION

STATE PROGRAM: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT: City of Marion

ASSISTANCE AMOUNT: \$5.5M

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Ohio EPA's Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program (WRRSP) uses funds from the state's Clean Water Revolving Fund to restore and protect wetlands. Ohio EPA Allows Communities to Protect Water Resources Using the CWSRF. In April 2001, the City of Marion, in northern Ohio, acquired the Edison Reserve, 1,300 acres of woods, wetlands, and meadows using this program. To fund the project, the City agreed to increase the low-interest CWSRF loan they were receiving from Ohio EPA to improve their wastewater treatment system. \$4.5 million was used to acquire the Reserve while an additional \$1 million will be used in the future to restore as much as 300 acres of wetlands on the property. This effort, the largest conservation accomplishment in Ohio in recent decades, involved many public and private partners and was coordinated by the Trust for Public Land. For more information, visit www.tpl.org.

To read more about this case study, please visit https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/2004_10_25_wetlands_state_rev_fund.pdf.