



Dike Improvements/Lorain County Port Authority

Project Name : Lorain Co. Port Authority; Diked Disposal Improvements (8755)

Community: Lorain County, City of Lorain

Project Description: The project involves the continued re-development of Lorain's waterfront on a portion of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 58-acre dredge disposal site. The project is part of a plan to diversify Lorain's economy and to develop Lorain into a waterfront destination community. Phase I was completed in 2008 and involved the development of a new marina entranceway and redevelopment of a public parking lot. Cost of this improvement was \$150,000. The proposed \$3.4 million project will continue the redevelopment of the entranceway into the dredge site, rehabilitate the east pier for enhanced public accessibility and further extend public parking on the site; as well as, enhance public water taxi and shuttle dockage facilities.

Project Sponsor: Lorain Port Authority

Community Economic Distress Factors: (county jobless rate, annual average income) 6.76%, \$30,625

Economic Development Potential: This project is part of an overall master plan for the 58-acre confined disposal site that was completed in 2007. It is part of the Port Authority's overall master plan for the waterfront which initially included development of a 600 slip \$5.6 million marina complex and public open space areas. This plan followed development of a previous master plan for the site and facility that was completed in 1987. This initial master plan provided for development of a 600 slip lakefront marina and acquisition of lakefront property for public accessibility. In addition to rehabilitation of the pier promenade, extension of parking, dockage facilities and establishment of hiking and bike trails, the 2007 master plan for the overall 58-acre site provides for development of mixed uses on the site including; residential, specialty shops, restaurants, a regional destination facility such as a nature center and park and open space area (in conjunction with the Lorain County MetroParks).

Multi-modal Connectivity/Innovation Factor: Phase I of the Master Plan for the 58-acre diked disposal site continues the efforts by the port authority to develop the site. During 2008, the agency completed rehabilitation of public parking areas and relocation of the marina entranceway at a cost of \$150,000. The proposed project includes the rehabilitation of the pier promenade decking, covering marina utility lines, extending public parking areas along the promenade, installing additional lighting and security features, landscaping, additional dockage facilities and establishment of initial phases of bike and hiking trails.

Work to Begin: in 31-90 days

Estimated Completion: 2010

Stimulus Investment: \$3,572,409

Total Project Cost: \$3,572,409