



SCRANTON FLATS TOWPATH TRAIL & URBAN HABITAT RESTORATION

CLEVELAND, OHIO

CONSTRUCTION COST:

\$5 Million

CLIENT REPRESENTATIVE:

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The Towpath Trail from Harvard Road to the Canal Basin in the Flats is being constructed in multiple phases. Behnke developed the fourth and final phase of this project as a subconsultant to Michael Baker Corporation.

A portion of the trail passes through an industrial zone of the Flats, adjacent to the Cuyahoga River, just south of Collision Bend. Primarily with a grant from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, this project:

- Remediates brownfield conditions
- Restores and monitors 3,000 feet of aquatic edge for fish habitat, through a variety of grading, green bulkhead modification, and native planting strategies
- Implements 4.75 acres of upland riparian buffer restoration with native plants
- Creates an urban greenway for active and passive recreation
- Connects bicyclists and pedestrians in downtown Cleveland with neighborhoods south of downtown, and eventually all communities along the completed Towpath Trail
- Treats stormwater runoff with bioretention cells
- Progresses toward Area of Concern delisting for the Cuyahoga River
- Provides riverfront access for birding, fishing, and river activity observation
- Educates the public about local history, industry, and the environment, through interpretive displays

