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Mentor Marsh receives \$500,000 H2Ohio grant

Money to support the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Coastal Restoration Project

Ohio EPA Director Anne Vogel announces a \$500,000 H2Ohio grant for Mentor Marsh on June 26. (William Tilton/News-Herald)

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[Mentor Marsh](#) is one of 10 projects that will benefit from \$2.8 million in [H2Ohio](#) grants recently announced by Gov. Mike DeWine and the [Ohio Environmental Protection Agency](#) to improve water quality in the state. According to an EPA news release, H2Ohio will provide \$500,000 to support the [Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Mentor Marsh Coastal Restoration Project](#). The grant will be used to monitor and remove invasive species and grow native plants that will improve the overall health and quality of the wetland.

"The restoration of Mentor Marsh aligns perfectly with our water quality initiatives through H2Ohio," DeWine said in the release. "Wetlands remove nutrients and other contaminants from the water and lessen the severity of algal blooms, so by continuing to restore the property, we're contributing to a cleaner Lake Erie."

At a news conference at the marsh on June 26, Ohio EPA Director Anne Vogel was among several speakers who pointed out the progress made already and the continued improvements that can be accomplished due to the H2Ohio grant.

"The progress over just the past year here at the marsh is really something, as historically the area wasn't functional," Vogel said. "We are pleased to pledge this \$500,000 in support to the museum's restoration project."

