

WAYNE ROAD DAM REMOVAL

The Wayne Road Dam, built in 1914, was located in the City of Wayne along the Lower Branch of the Rouge River. The dam no longer served a public purpose, and was an impediment to passage of the variety of fish found in the vicinity of the dam, including trout in upstream areas and smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, and sunfish downstream of the dam. The Wayne Road Dam was identified by the MDNR as a major impediment to restoring fish and wildlife habitat in the Rouge River. Removing the dam reconnected the Rouge River to the Detroit River and the Lake Erie ecosystem; thereby, substantially improving the Lower Rouge River as a sport fishery and recreational quality of life opportunity.



Before Restoration



After Restoration

