

Section 106 Success Story

Upper River Raisin Watershed Stream Restoration and Connectivity Project

BROOKLYN | JACKSON COUNTY

In this undertaking the River Raisin Watershed Council and the Village of Brooklyn sought to solve two problems: restore the natural flow of the river for the betterment of wildlife and drainage, and replace a bridge over the river that could not support the weight of modern fire trucks. Using grant funding from FWS, the undertaking removed a National Register-listed dam and bridge associated with Henry Ford's village industry movement. Although this would permanently alter a historic landscape within the village, thoughtful consultation ended in mitigation with a benefit for the community.

The resulting Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to resolve the adverse effects to historic properties included archival recordation of these resources, an online story map to make history of the site accessible, and archeological monitoring during the dam removal. The monitoring revealed remnants of an early 19th century mill, which predated the current dam and mill structure. The monitor recorded this information, which would not have been discovered otherwise. The report will be useful for community historians and archaeologists for years to come.

LOCATION

Brooklyn, Jackson County, MI

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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FEDERAL AGENCY

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

PROJECT DATE

2023-2026