

*What's rollin'?*

- At the April 8<sup>th</sup> joint meeting of the Corridor Mayors' Association and MRCI Transportation and Infrastructure Committee the status of current Transportation / Infrastructure projects was reviewed and the following updates/additions were made.
- CASTLO infrastructure improvements – Sanitary lift station reconstruction to move forward in summer 2011. Roadway and utility extensions to be constructed in 2012.
  - Cene Way Rail Crossing – Materials are on site and City of Struthers is working with NS on cost agreement to affect signal work.
  - Update the McDonald Bike Way information. Proposed route has been identified.
  - Add an additional rail spur onto McDonald USSteel site and enhancement of Newton Falls site adjacent to covered bridge.
  - The McDonald Roadway project is to be put on hold pending more information on future use of the Lafarge site.
  - Intermodal Facility. Rose Ann DeLeon reported on recent discussions with trucking companies, potential users and a material handling company relative to the feasibility of establishing an intermodal facility. (See following)

**Rail Development Opportunities**

Chuck Joseph and Dan Crouse made a presentation titled "Seizing the Opportunity" as it relates to the opportunities the CSX National Gateway Project offers the Mahoning Valley and how the valley might best positioned to capitalize on it. Bob Warrick, from MS Consultants, presented on the possibilities, what railroads are looking for and challenges that need to be met. The potential of reestablishing the "Ravenna mile" that would involve NS was also discussed.

It was the general consensus a concerted and focused effort should be made to identify and promote the rail assets and identify rail needs in the Mahoning Valley via the MRCI, and other economic development partners.

A rail infrastructure committee was formed to develop a strategy to identify and market rail and related assets, identify and mobilize users and potential users, and establish a relationship with mainline and service railroads. Initial committee members consist of Dan Crouse, Chuck Joseph, Dave Mosure, Bob Warrick, Ron Barnhart, Jim Pirko, Ken Prendergast, Rose DeLeon and Dan Mamula. The Regional Chamber, valley service railroads, utility companies and material handling companies are being contacted to joining the effort. It is anticipated, a committee meeting will be held in May.

**Environmental Projects Advance  
In Warren**

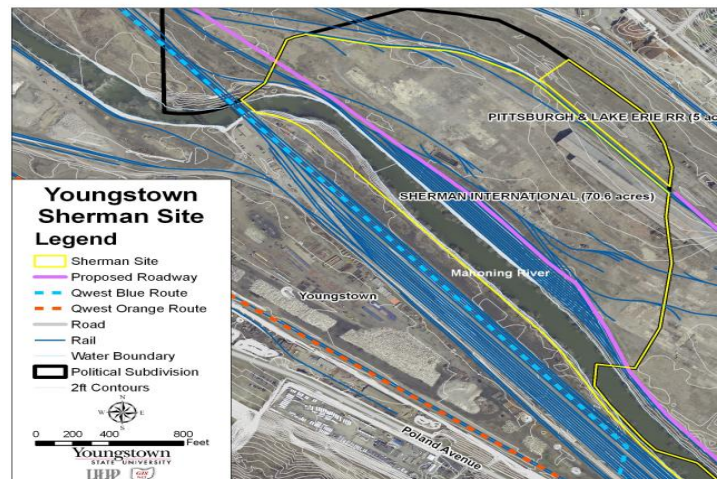
A Phase II assessment of the Warren Coal Gasification site in the City of Warren is moving to completion and the city anticipates applying for remediation funding in 2011.



The 3.5 acres site is situated in downtown Warren at the corner of Main SW and South Street. Due to the location and readily available utilities, it has significant redevelopment potential and will environmentally enhance a very visible location in the city. Remediation of the former Mahoningside power plant site in Warren has been completed.

**In Youngstown**

The City of Youngstown, in partnership with Sherman International, is proceeding with preparing a Clean



Ohio application to perform Phase II environmental assessments on a 70 acre site. In addition, a Phase II on an adjacent Sherman International 30 acre site in the City of Campbell is nearing completion.

**In Niles**

The City of Niles, in partnership with BRT Extrusions, is taking steps to environmentally assess the 28 acre former Republic Steel site on North Main Street. BRT Extrusions currently operates and aluminum extrusion plant on the site employing nearly 100.



An access agreement with BRT has been executed and an earlier Phase I is being updated. A Project Resource and Advisory Meeting with Clean Ohio personnel is being arranged and the city anticipates applying for Clean Ohio Phase II assessment funding in 2011.

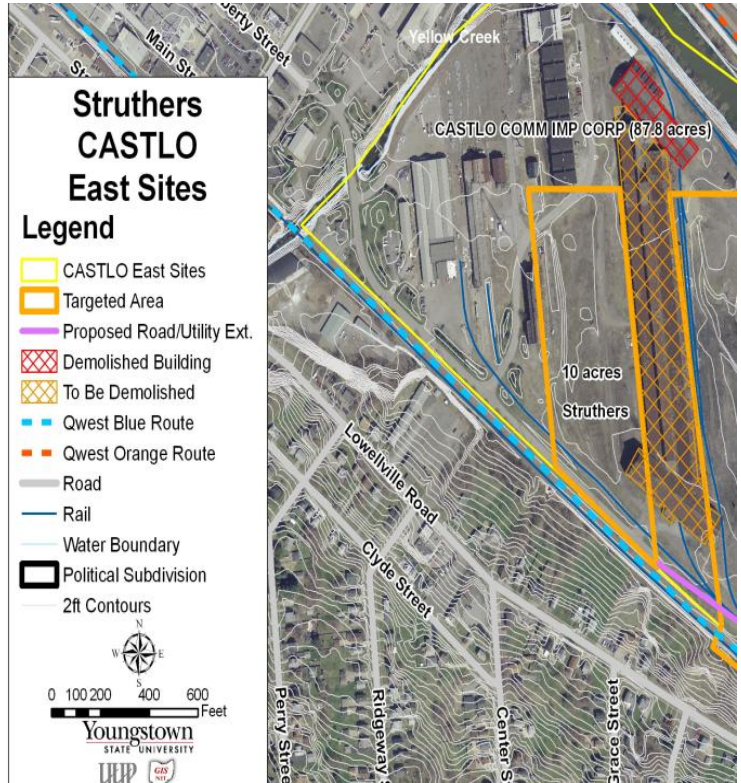
**River and dam study underway**

Graduate students and professors from the YSU Civil/Environmental Engineering Department are doing a diatom study on the effects of low head dams on river quality and assessing dam sites along the river to prioritize which would be best candidates for removal. The studies should be completed by the end of the year. Hopefully, we will be able to identify those where sediment removal will be minimal.

The MRCI and OEPA also continue to look for funding opportunities that can be used in light of the sediment / CERCLA issues.

**In Struthers/CASTLO**

Work begins the first week of May and is expected to be complete by mid-July on demolishing the "I" building in the CASTLO Industrial Park. Most remediation activities are complete.




The MRCI Marketing and Outreach Committee will be reaching out to other property owners to inform and encourage them to take advantage of the opportunities to enhance their property for future development.



Dam @ former WCI (Renco) site

 [mrci.yzu.edu](http://mrci.yzu.edu)

The web site continues to be updated as projects and sites advance and new projects / sites are identified. Recently, changes and additions have been made to the development and building sites and the success pages. Check it out!

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