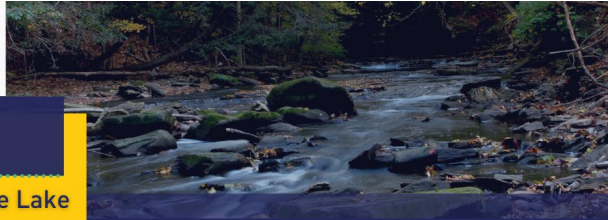


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### **Day 1 Sustainable Cleveland Summit - Wednesday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>**

**3:30 PM – 4:30 PM EST**

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Hear from a Cuyahoga River Advisory Committee member on the status of BUI removal and the path forward to delist the Cuyahoga River as an Area of Concern.

**Presenter:**

- Dr. Scott Hardy, Extension Educator, Ohio Sea Grant Program, Ohio State University

**Detailed Description:**

"The Cuyahoga River has long served as a symbol for environmental remediation in an industrial city. As a designated Great Lakes Area of Concern (AOC), the Cuyahoga River faces a number of Beneficial Use Impairments (BUIs), limiting the river's ability to support aquatic life or beneficial uses.

Three of the Cuyahoga's BUIs have been removed and the remaining seven are captured in the Cuyahoga AOC Management Actions. Most recently, this year the Cuyahoga AOC celebrated the removal of the "Eutrophication or Undesirable Algae" BUI designation, an improvement of water quality for both the animals and people who live within the cities along the watershed.

In this session, the Cuyahoga AOC Advisory Committee members provide further statuses on the removal of BUIs and the path forward to delisting the Cuyahoga River as an Area of Concern."

**Resources shared during the session:**

- [Cuyahoga AOC website](#)
- [Interactive map of AOCs](#)
- [Environmental Protection Agency – Cuyahoga River AOC](#)
- [EPA Recommendation Report for Latest BUI Removal](#)
- [Ohio Lake Erie Commission](#)
- [Celebrating the Comeback of the Burning River, 1969-2019](#)
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