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Major Restoration Project Begins in Licking River Watershed in Kentucky

(Northern Kentucky) Restoration of Beaver Creek in Harrison County, Kentucky has begun with work to remove the portion of Apple Lane that cuts through Beaver Creek. The key component of restoration will be removing this road and installing a 200 foot long bridge.

Apple Lane in Harrison County is a small road that crosses Beaver Creek, a tributary to the Licking River. The road floods during high water, creating a transportation hazard. County officials are partnering with Ohio River Foundation to remove the road and install a bridge, which will improve transportation safety and restore natural flow to the creek.

“We have developed a workable model that enables us to help communities achieve the social, environmental, and economic benefits of river protection and restoration. We applaud Harrison County for having the vision and ambition that this project requires and hope that other communities will follow its lead,” said Rich Cogen, Executive Director of Ohio River Foundation.

Alex Barnett, Harrison County Judge, praised the project, “Harrison County is excited about the opportunity to improve safety over Beaver Creek. The improvement to the crossing and the environment will affect that area of the county for generations.”

Funding for this \$300,000 project comes from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, US Fish & Wildlife Service Fish Passage Program, and Ohio River Basin Fish Habitat Partnership.

Ohio River Foundation is a nonprofit organization serving the 200,000 square mile watershed with education and conservation programs. ORF also assists communities throughout the watershed in protecting their water quality and facilitating the restoration and protection of their natural resources.

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