



SG523-2017, *Green Infrastructure- Depaving the Cuyahoga River Area of Concern*

## ABSTRACT

Depaving the Cuyahoga Area of Concern is a project to identify, assess, and develop plans for removing areas of excess paved parking lot through Northeast Ohio and replacing them with green spaces designed to capture and filter stormwater. Sites are reviewed with an eye to criteria based on volume of stormwater kept out of storm drains and streams, property owner commitment to engage in the project and provide maintenance, benefits to urban communities, and opportunity to use the completed project as an educational outreach tool.

Nearly a hundred potential sites were visited, and a final list of twenty-five sites were chosen to develop project plans for depaving events that involve volunteer pavement removal and rain garden or bioswale installation. Three projects were taken to shovel-ready status and will be implemented over the next few years.