

UNDERWAY IN ROCKEFELLER PARK

# Doan Brook Restoration Project at Sowinski Park



Rendering of Sowinski Park after Doan Brook Stream Restoration, courtesy of Cleveland Neighborhood Progress

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## Doan Brook Background

Doan Brook flows along MLK Blvd, through Rockefeller Park, until it reaches Lake Erie north of I-90. This little 12-mile stream is the only visible waterway between the Cuyahoga River and Euclid Creek. Parts of Dugway, Ninemile and Green Creeks are visible, but the Doan is the only local brook that we can enjoy from its source in the Heights, through Rockefeller to the Lake. In some places, Doan Brook is hard to visit due to the historic, stone walls that line the stream in Rockefeller Park. Where the walls have fallen into the stream, we can restore the habitats within the Doan Brook and along its banks.

## Partners in Restoration

The Doan Brook Watershed Partnership is a local non-profit working to repair sections of Doan Brook that suffer from erosion and improve the health of the watershed in many other ways. Restoration projects involve planting trees along the brook and improving stream habitats, called riffles and pools, where aquatic fish, birds and bugs live.

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At the center of Rockefeller Park, is a large lawn, known locally by many as Sowinski Park. The Doan Brook Watershed Partnership received a grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to restore Doan Brook at Sowinski Park.

The City of Cleveland's Department of Capital Projects, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Famicos Foundation and UCI are also working to improve Sowinski Park with new trails, entrances and other amenities.



### Timeline

Construction activity began on March 24. The land was cleared of trees in sections of the park where restoration will take place.

With construction underway in these locations, the stream will be moved into the floodplain and streambanks be rebuilt to gradually slope toward the grass, making it easier to visit the brook. The soil from sections where the stream takes a new path will be used to improve the sled hill and form the foundation for new trails. The Doan Brook Watershed Partnership and our collaborators are available to answer questions about the project or present to groups or neighborhood block clubs. Not only do we want to share the goals of this restoration, but we are interested in ideas from the public. Great ideas will help shape the future of the park!



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To learn more, call the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership at 216.325.7781 or visit [www.doanbrookpartnership.org](http://www.doanbrookpartnership.org)