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1 – East Cleveland  
2 – Warrensville Heights  
3 – Maple Heights  
4 – Garfield Heights

This project will focus on engaging with historically underserved communities in the Cleveland metropolitan area including East Cleveland, Warrensville Heights, Maple Heights and Garfield Heights, in Cuyahoga County. The project area is approximately 219 square miles, with 15 miles of Lake Erie shoreline, and includes portions of four watersheds. NEOBHC will engage with these communities by working with grassroots organizations, civic and social organizations, faith-based organizations, health and healthcare organizations, social justice organizations, community members, and environmental groups (local and national). They will build capacity by conducting an outreach program and creating resident-led committees across the watershed. This outreach program will include activities such as, day-trips to local restoration projects, science lecture series on fish and wildlife conservation, and youth outdoor education days.

Building community capacity will help residents to recognise the risks they face from coastal hazards and help them to better understand their needs. The resident-led committees will then work with a Technical Advisory Panel of regional experts, scientists, researchers, and policy makers to compile and organise existing data, undertake a project synthesis. The result of which will be a plan for specific nature-based coastal resilience projects that meet the needs of the community, whilst benefitting the fish and wildlife habitats.