Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife SFY20 PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORT

Project Code/Title: IOHK01 Shooting Range Improvement Project **Prepared by:** Eric Postell and Jonathan Sorg

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Objective (1): Ohio Sportsmen and sportswomen need locations to practice and to enjoy recreational shooting that are open to the public. Perform environmental assessment of public shooting ranges and determine extent of improvements, safety and contamination issues. Increase safety, accessibility, and opportunity of public shooting ranges. Improve wildlife communities by removing and monitoring lead. Develop and implement Best Management Practices for Lead on public shooting ranges. Remove and or treat contaminated soil if detected. Periodic maintenance is required to provide a safe and enjoyable shooting experience to the public.

Activity: 10217 I & E Ranges.

Accomplishments:

Planned and accomplished -

- Completed construction on the Spring Valley Range with the addition of intermediate baffles and correction of associated line of sight issues.
- Completed construction of the Outdoor Education Center (hunter education and R3 building) as a part of the Spring Valley Range project.
- Monthly progress meetings continue with both consultants and Division of Engineering (DOE).

Planned and not accomplished -

• Nothing to report.

Not planned but accomplished -

• Nothing to report.

Recommendations:

- General operations and maintenance of the Spring Valley Range should be managed through our IOHX02 CMS grant project.
- Another range grant should be developed for the Grand River Wildlife Area Range in District 3.
- Continue working with the Division of Engineering to fine tune the range improvement process and update additional ranges.

Project Highlights (2015 – 2020):

- Completed improvements at Spring Valley Shooting Range and construction of its associated Outdoor Education Center. See attached pictures.
- Completed improvement of Harrison State Forest Shooting Range. See attached.
- Completed improvement of Fernwood State Forest Shooting Range. See attached.

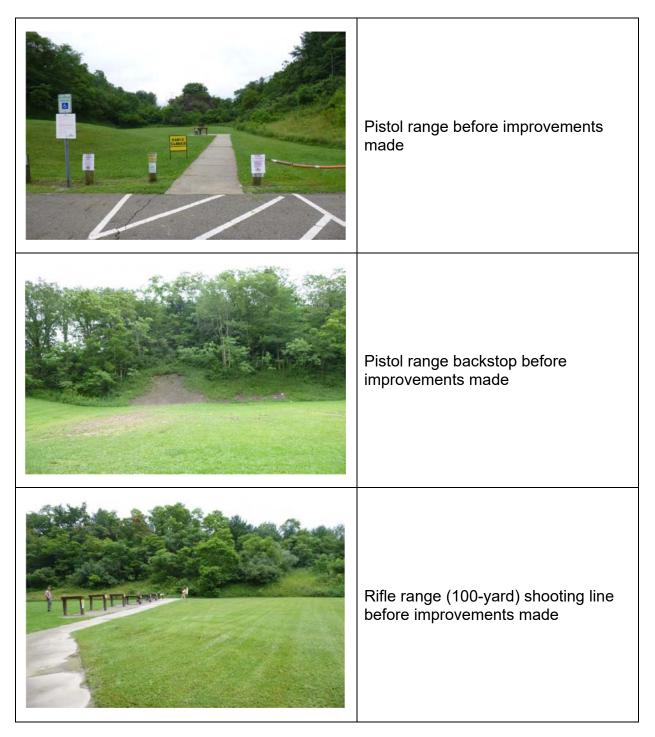
Harrison State Forest Shooting Range







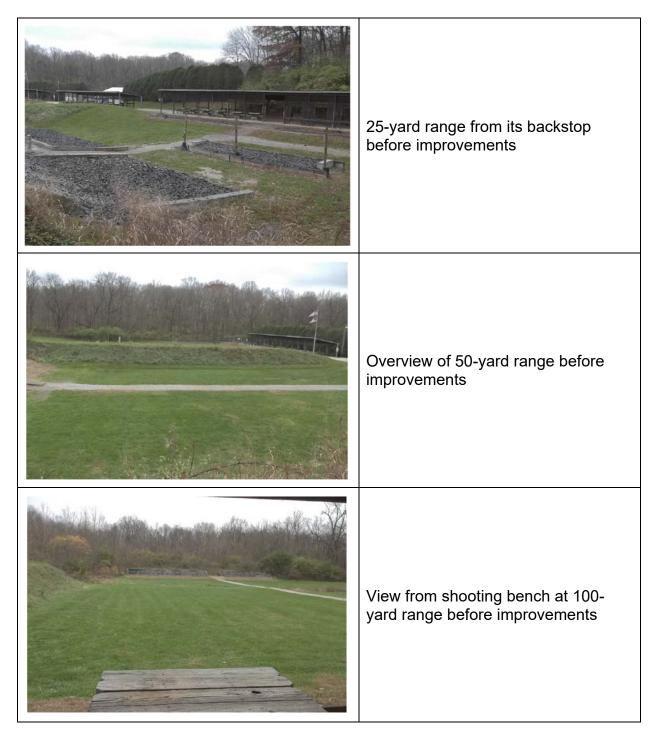
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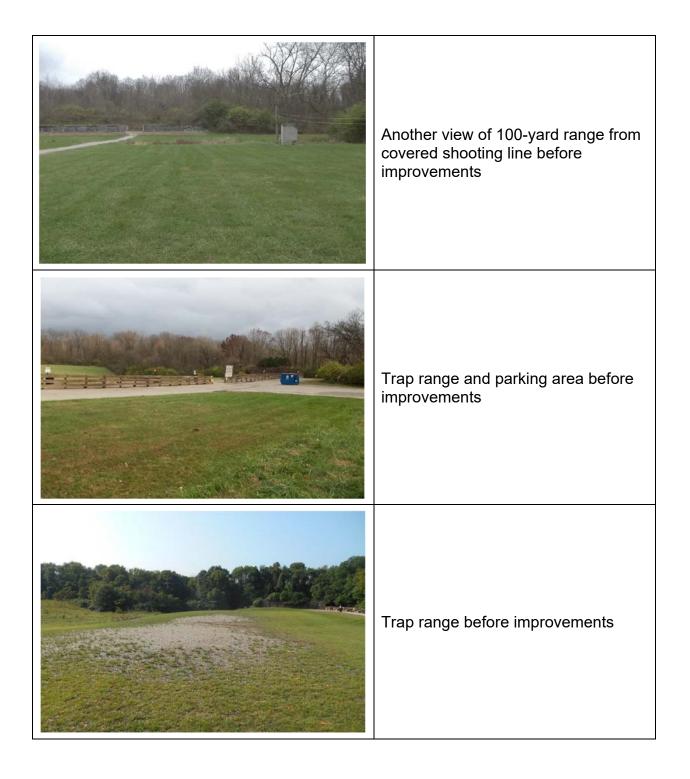




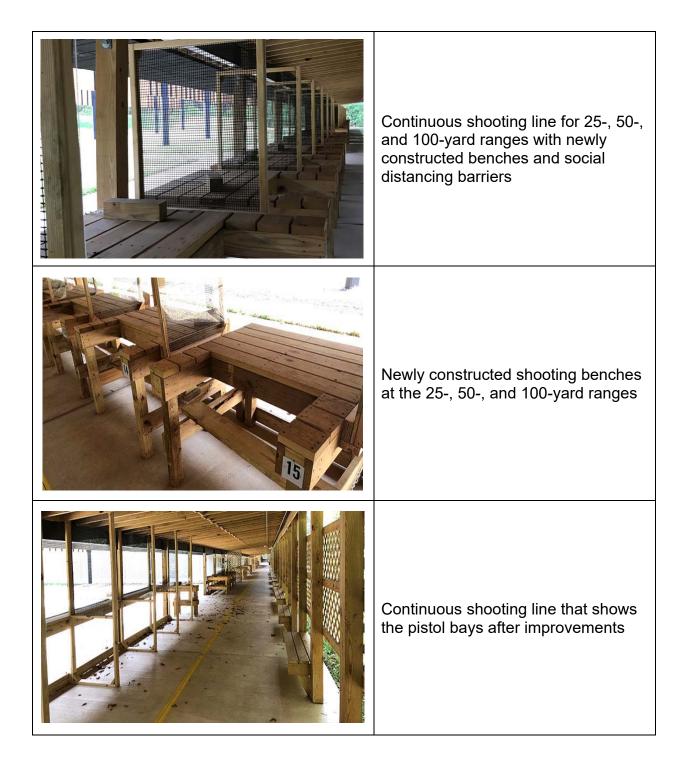


Spring Valley Shooting Range

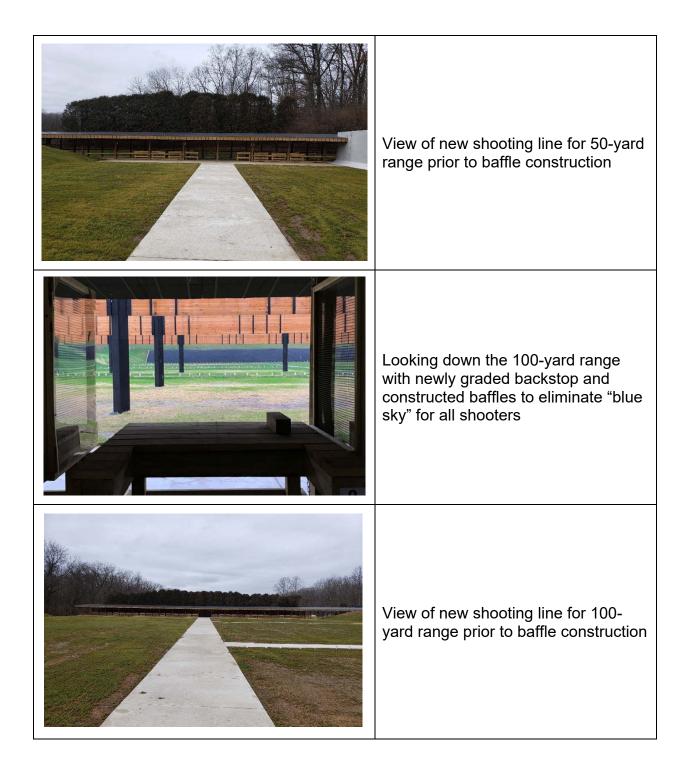


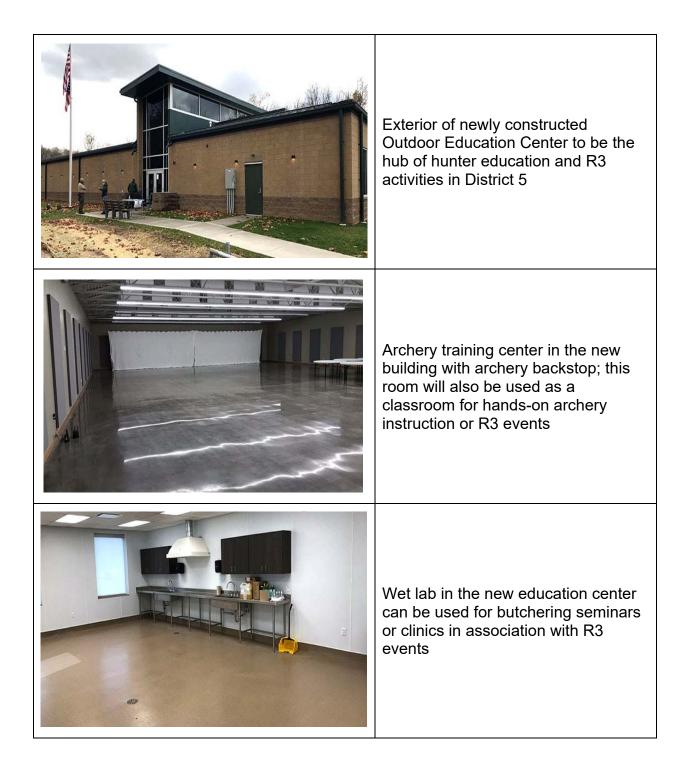






Looking down the pistol range with newly graded backstop and constructed baffles to eliminate "blue sky" for all shooters
Pistol range showing the backsides of the baffles constructed to eliminate "blue sky" for all shooters
Looking down the 50-yard range with newly graded backstop and constructed baffles to eliminate "blue sky" for all shooters











Increased parking for all range access