The city was founded by United States citizens in 1833 on the west bank of the Maumee River, and originally incorporated as part of Monroe County, Michigan Territory. It was re-founded in 1837, after conclusion of the Toledo War, when it was incorporated in Ohio. In the 1850s the states began an organized attempt to drain the swamp for agricultural use and ease of travel. Various projects were undertaken over a 40-year period. In the last half of the 19th century, railroads slowly began to replace canals as the major form of transportation. They were faster and had greater capacity. Toledo soon became a hub for several railroad companies and a hotspot for industries. The last East Toledo streetcar run c. 1939. Members of the East Toledo club along with city and community traction co. officials take part in the last Starr Ave streetcar ride. An explosion that took the lives of 10 workers at the Maumee Chemical Company. Windows shattered for miles around and buildings shook as far away as Waite High School. The plant was one of two closed in 1993 by Centerior Energy Corporation, who owned Toledo Edison. For several years the plant was mothballed, but was never turned back on. Demolition of the plant was announced in 2007, and was completed in 2013.

East Toledo undergoes master planning to kickstart a transformation of the riverfront from vacant land to vibrant Metropark.

**WHAT PART OF EAST TOLEDO’S PAST SHOULD BE CELEBRATED IN THE NEW PARK?**

**WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE FROM EAST TOLEDO?**

**WHAT WOULD YOU NAME THE NEW METROPARK?**

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