



HEART

Our Year in Review

The B-WGC in

2005 was another successful year. Our membership grew once again—from 249 to 260 including 2 student, 38 individual, 86 family, 12 business, 2 sponsored, 20 six month trial and 8 lifetime memberships. Contributions by 27 members increased our easement acquisition fund by \$511 to a total of \$1,954. We also received \$262 from our recycled cartridge program.

We acquired our 1st property this year and received 1 grant. Christine Hadley, Michael Horton and Jim Mason joined our Board of Trustees.

We again had a large turnout at our 7th Annual Meeting in March.

Marvin Olinsky told us about "Greenways and Emerald Necklaces: Making the Miami Valley More Livable." Ed Dressler presented the Green Heart Award to Woody Ensor for his land stewardship and trail maintenance. Dave Nolin once again sang and played his guitar and joined the Conrad family in leading us in the B-W Greenway song and "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

In August we had great weather for our 5th Annual Potluck Picnic at Bath Twp Park. We honored outgoing trustees, Tony Frabotta, Linda Riffle, and Heather Sage and presented Backyard Habitat Awards to 7 homeowners whose property provides food, water and habitat for wildlife. After a wholesome meal and a concert and sing-along with Spring Mountain Bluegrass, we concluded with a sunset walk to the Oakes Quarry. Following is a report of activities toward our seven goals:

Goal: Connect the Wenrick and Beaver Creek Wetlands We assumed ownership of the 8 acre Anderson Fen on West Enon Road. We were able to purchase the property via a Clean Ohio grant. We have arranged with the Tecumseh Land Trust to place a conservation easement on the property and will start removing some invasives on the front 3 acres.

Our Connectivity/GIS (Geographic Information System) Team has met regularly focusing on our maps. We have met with several land owners in preparation for Round 4 of the Clean Ohio Fund and are working with other organizations to preserve land in the B-W Greenway including local townships, park districts, the Beaver Creek Wetlands Assn and the Tecumseh Land Trust. We are still meeting with residents near the Wenrick Wetlands to acquire easements with funds from our North American Wetlands grant and our easement acquisition fund. We continue to serve as a conservation orgn on the District 11 Natural Resources Assistance Council which allocates Clean Ohio grants in our 8 county area.

As a federated member of the Greenways of Greater Dayton (GGD) we've continued to assist the W-H (Wenrick-Honey



Wenrick Wetland in Winter

Creek) Greenway and helped organize formation meetings for the S-B (Sugar Creek—Beaver Creek) Greenway.

Goal: Protect Surface and Ground Water

Our Water Team held a Stream Team training session, continued to participate in the Hebble Creek Watershed Coalition, and made significant contributions to our Stewardship Plan.

Goal: Encourage Sustainable Agriculture

Our Food & Farming Team published the 2005 edition of our Local Food Directory and shared its content with several other organizations. They are looking for teachers in the B-WGC that are interested in "edible schoolyards," are helping to develop markets for specialty crops and are pursuing local food processing options.

The B-WGC is committed to serving local food and Fair Trade Coffee at our functions. We continue to chair the Clark County Farmland Preservation Workgroup and belong to a team that is reviving the Springfield Farmers Market.

Goal: Preserve Habitats Our Habitat Team organized 4 honeysuckle removals, one at the Hebble Creek Wetland Reserve and 3 at the Wenrick Wetlands. We are about 2/3 of the way thru the eastern section of the Wenrick Wetland and hope to finish it during "Ohio's Largest Honeysuckle Removal" April 1st. Please mark your calendars!

The team also developed criteria for our Backyard Habitat Award. They visited all properties submitted and made 7 awards. This year we gleaned seeds at the Huffman Prairie Wildflower Nursery in Sept and with the help of 17 volunteers threshed them in December. These seeds will be planted in our Wildflower Nursery at Fairborn's Community Park.

Goal: Reduce our Ecological Footprint, including redeveloping brownfields

Our Greenway Eco-Technology and Development Park formation team continued to meet regularly. It is forming a Community Improvement Corp (CIC) for the park. We also supported Fairborn's application for a USEPA brownfield assessment grant.

We are focusing the park on four technologies: renewal energy, local food proc-

Highlights

- membership growth
- acquired first property
- 4 Adopt-A-Hways
- 2 Chautauquas
- 4 honeysuckle removals

essing, recyclables and sustainable building design. We have a brochure and a promotion video and are recruiting potential occupants.

Regarding renewable energy, we met with several organizations about ethanol and biodiesel. The park is targeted for technology and development so we are researching smaller plants that can be located near grain elevators. The park will have demonstration & experimental design versions of these plants.

Goal: Educate and Provide Technical Support

We once again published six bimonthly newsletters and presented two Community Chautauquas: Eco-Technology & Eco-Industrial Parks and Conservation Subdivisions (65+ attendees). Videos of these Chautauquas are available at the Fairborn Library.

We gave presentations to the Fairborn and Miamisburg Rotaries, the Kettering and Northridge Kiwanis, the Presidents Club, Medway Area Historical Society (MAHS) and the Beaver Creek Environmental Advisory Board (EAB). We had exhibits at the Miami Valley Gardening Conf, The Grow with Your Neighbor (GWYN) workshop, the SW Ohio Environmental Summit and the Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival. We organized "The social cost of Dayton's sprawl and some hopeful solutions" session at the annual Miami Valley Planning & Zoning Workshop in December.

We've participated in state-wide environmental and farm land preservation summits. We have helped form "Grassroots of Greater Dayton" and continue on the Wright-Patterson AFB EAB. Thanks to the Turner Foundation grants, we have a new logo, letterhead, newsletter design and will soon have a tour guide and a new website.

Goal: Cultivate A Sense of Place We had 3 driving tours of the greenway in 2005 and four adopt-a-highways of I-675. We are members of the Lower Valley Scenic Byway committee and the Scenic Mad River Committee (SMRC) which is obtaining "scenic" status for the Mad River.

Organization sustainability We are once again with the Combined Federal Campaign. We are well along in writing our Stewardship Plan and updating our policies to comply with the Land Trust Alliance's Standards and Practices.

We remain a fiscally solvent and membership-funded organization. We are very thankful for our growth and need your help to actively recruit new members. If you need brochures or newsletters, please call 878-6060. Hope you are pleased with our progress!

8th Annual Meeting, March 2

Please plan on attending our 8th Annual Meeting, 7pm, Thurs, March 2nd at the Bath Twp Bldg. Dave Nolin will sing and play his guitar before the meeting. We will have T-shirts, wildflower seeds, Local Food Directories and, hopefully, our *Guide to Special Places* available. We'll have a featured speaker, a State of the Trust report, our Green Heart Award and conclude with song. A good time will be had by all.



2005
Featured
speaker
Marvin Olinsky



Ed Dressler
presenting
Green Heart
Award to
Woody Ensor

Building Trust

Thanks from our Board of Trustees

As in years past we are an organization of caring, involved people. So many people offered their time, talent, and treasure in 2005. We especially want to thank:

Matt & Jo Anderson, Jim Bennett, Jeff Dundon, Terry Fredrich, Bob Jurick, Jim Mason, Linda Riffle, Robin Stone, Charles Swaney, Howard White, and especially Dave Kern of Ohio Public Works for our successful acquisition of the Anderson Fen.

The Turner Foundation for our 2005 grant for improving our website (with John Evano's help), our image (Anne Cornell designed a new logo, newsletter, letterhead and brochure) and for our Stewardship Plan (with Peggy Schear's help)

Anthony DeCerbo, Jerry Eubank, Melissa Hedges, John Hofmann, Brian Lawrence, & Josh Thompson and their professor, David Sietz of Wright State, for their work on our Stewardship Plan and Tour Guide—and to Lawrene Trump and Bob Jurick for advising them.

The Connectivity/GIS Team of Aimee Belanger, Lisa Oates-Campbell, Jack Dustin, Carol Hooker, Janice Hoover, Bob Jurick, and Chris Papakirk;

The Water Team of Brent Huntsman, Tess & Jim Little, Angela Manuszak, Kelly Myer, & Weir McBride; to Sarah Hippensteel for conducting our Stream Team Training and to Terran Corp for hosting the training.

The Food and Farming Team of Kathy Anderson, Mike Clark, Don Drake, Darryl Fairchild, Larry Flockertze, Don Geiger, Mary Sue Gmeiner, David Hoover, Beverly & Bob Jurick, Charles Krausche, Jane Lynch, Chris Norman, Barb & John Schmenk, and Julie Sommer and to the Tecumseh Land Trust for helping to distribute our Local Food Directory.

The Habitat Team of Tony & Luka Frabotta, Terry Fredrich, Don Geiger, Michael Horton, Jim Mason, Heather Sage, and to Bruce Smith for hosting the meetings;

Wenrick Wetlands honeysuckle removers: Terry Fredrich, Mary Sue Gmeiner, Steve Hawkins, Barbara Hensley, Jim Jasinski, Bob Jurick, Jeff Maiorano, Richard Malogorski, Dave Schmenk, Hugh Trimble, Don Wallace, Cindy Young; to Terry Fredrich, Leigh Ann Gerardi & Don Wallace for their management of the Wenrick Wetlands Restoration and Expansion Project; and to Dave Dister for his extensive inventory of the plants of

the wetlands.

Hebble Creek Wetland Reserve helpers Tony & Luka Frabotta, Mary Sue Gmeiner, Christine Hadley, Bob Jurick, Richard Malogorski, Don Wallace and his tractor with its hydraulic shears, Jim & Jimmy Welty and their Bobcat and Tim Conrad for transporting the tractor to the site—and especially to Jim Mason and his crew who spent several days clearing the honeysuckle and making paths for the volunteers.

Wildflower seed collectors and threshers Renae & Bill Childley, Carol, Tim, Katy, Annette, Bolinda, & Stella Conrad, Terry Fredrich, Christine Hadley, Beverly & Bob Jurick, Terri Ling, Tom McMillin, Barb & Max Roadruck, Howard White, and to the Environmental Mgmt folks at Wright-Patterson for access to the seeds at Huffman Prairie and to the Conrads for hosting the threshing.

The Greenway Eco-park team of Steve Axtell, Keith Brane, Hunt Brown, Jane Dockery, Ted Donnell, Dawn Falleur, Mike Gonzales, Jeff Hines, Matt Jopson, Bob Jurick, Debra Karns, Bob Kohnen, Bill Murphy, Ken Normand, Rick Posey, Linda Riffle, Cy Tebbetts, Thea Walsh, and the Wright State Center for Urban & Public Affairs (CUPA) for hosting our meetings;

Community Chautauqua panelists: Gerry Bird, Betsy Bowe, Carol Graff, Terry Hoppes, Kelly Kissock, Bob Kohnen, Jerry Mahone, Bill Murphy, George Oberer, Chris Papakirk; to moderators Jane Dockery & Dan Boron; to Beverly Jurick for hospitality; and to Pete Morris for videotaping.

Annual Mtg helpers: Marianne MacQueen for welcoming, Ed Dressler for presenting the Green Heart Award, Bob Jurick for the "State of the Trust," Richard Malogorski for his panoramic photos, Dave Nolin for his fine guitar playing & singing, Marvin Olinsky for his impassioned presentation & to Carol Conrad for leading the singing & refreshments; and to Potluck picnic entertainers Spring Mountain Bluegrass.

Editor Nancy Brown for all the wonderful newsletters; to Joe Barrish for original paintings of wildflowers; to Jim Bennett, Kirby Date, Christine Hadley, Michael Horton, Beverly & Bob Jurick, Peter Kleysteuber, Angela Manuszak, Julie Sommer & Lawrene Trump for their articles and photos; and to the Juricks for the printing & mailings;

Booth staffers & helpers: Jim Bennett, Ann Byrd, Tim Conrad, Bob Fisher, Larry

Coming events

Feb 18 (sat) 9:30-3:30

Organic Gardening Seminar
Trinity UCC Church,
821 N. Central, Fairborn



March 2 (thurs) 7pm, 7th Annual Mtg,
Bath Twp Bldg, 1006 Yellow Springs-
Fairfield Rd (see article to left)

March 18 (sat) 9 -11am, Adopt-A-Hwy,
meet at Fairborn HS, dress warmly

April 1 (sat) Ohio's largest Honeysuckle
removal at Wenrick Wetlands

April 8 (sat) 9am, Drive-around of the
B-W Greenway, meet at Fairborn HS

April 18(tues) 7:30 pm, 13th Commu-
nity Chautauqua, place and topic in
next newsletter

Flockertze, Christine Hadley, Michael Hor-
ton, Bob, Beverly & Sydney Jurick, Ken Nor-
mand, Linda Riffle, Linda Self, Julie Som-
mer, Karen Tracy, Lawrene Trump, and
Howard White;

I-675 Adopt-A-Highway delimiters: Brett
Anderson, Gerry Coen, Ray Daley, Woody
Ensor, Chris Ewers, Joseph Ferguson, Lydia
Frabotta, Rob Gibbs, Bob & Beverly Jurick,
Chris Kleysteuber, Rita Lethert, John
McKinlay, Tom McMillin, Esther Meyer, Brian
& Austin Molin, Stan Musick, Tom Pyatt,
Betty Schwab, Bruce Smith, Denise Wetzel,
Jacan Wolfe, and Matt Wright;

Servelet, Inc. for providing us an Inter-
net home and to Macy Reynolds for main-
taining our website;

Howard White for his many hours taking
care of our treasury; and to the Finance
Committee of Bob Jurick, Bob Martin,
Marianne Shreck, Cal Smith and Howard
White;

St Luke's United Methodist Church and
the Trustees of Bath Township for providing
space for our functions and DaySpring
Health Care for hosting our board meetings;

Events & PR Committee of Renae
Chidley, Carol Hooker, Bob Jurick,
Lawrene Trump & Cindy Young, and to
Barbara Hensley for her PR tracking;

Members of the Hebble Creek Wa-
tershed group, the Lower Valley Pike
Scenic By-way group, and the Scenic
Mad River Committee;

To all the folks that are saving their used
printer cartridges for us. We get \$1 each.
Please contact us for more info;

And finally to all our members. Your
time, talent and treasure are helping the
B-W Greenway become a "hospitable
place" for "All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small, all things
wise and wonderful, for the Lord God

B-W Greenway Community Land Trust
PO Box 3
Fairborn OH 45324-0003
(937) 878-6060
E-mail: info@bwgreenway.org
Website: www.bwgreenway.org

Our mission is to promote sustainable
land use while balancing human and wild-
life needs by connecting the Beaver Creek
and Wenrick Wetlands with a greenway.

Officers	Membership Rates
Bob Jurick, Pres.	
Cindy Young, VP	\$ 3 Student
Jeff Dundon, Secretary	\$ 15 Kindred spirit
Howard White, Treas	\$ 25 Family
M. MacQueen, Chair	\$ 50 Business
	\$ 500 Lifetime

Make checks payable
to: B-W Greenway

Trustees: Jim Bennett, Tim Conrad, Jeff
Dundon, Christine Hadley, Carol Hooker,
Michael Horton, Bob Jurick, Tess Little,
Marianne MacQueen, Jim Mason, Howard
White, Cindy Young.

Newsletter editor: Nancy Brown

April 1, 2006

Ohio's Largest Honeysuckle Removal

Join us for Ohio's Largest Honeysuckle Removal, Saturday, April 1 at the Wenrick Wetlands. We are about 2/3rds of the way thru the eastern half and would like to finish it in one day. We are planning for eight teams of 4 each for both a morning and afternoon work session. So we need a lot of volunteers! The morning session will be from 8:30-noon and the afternoon from 12:30-4pm. Lunch will be served. Please register by calling 878-6060 or e-mail info@bwgreenway.org