

UPCOMING EVENTS

26th Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 6-8pm at the Fairborn Senior Center. Mark your calendar for B-W's 26th Annual Meeting. Speaker and additional details to come!

Wenrick Work Sessions

Spring Wenrick work sessions with Barb Hensley will be Saturdays, April 6 & 20, 9am—noon

Land Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 via Zoom. Join us for our Land Stewardship Meeting.



Happy holidays! Wishing you joy, peace, and memorable moments this festive season.

UD River Stewards Join Forces With B-W Greenway

In a powerful collaboration, the University of Dayton River Stewards and B-W Greenway joined forces to combat the invasive honey suckle. Honey suckle is known for its invasive nature, and poses a threat to the biodiversity of our local ecosystems. Together B-W and the River Stewards "hacked" away at key areas within BW Greenway, effectively reclaiming space for native flora to thrive.

This joint effort not only highlights the effectiveness of community partnerships but also underscores our regions commitment to environmental stewardship. By removing the invasive honey suckle, the initiative opens up opportunities for the resurgence of indigenous plant species, contributing to a more balanced and resilient local ecosystem.



Revitalizing Food and Farming Team

The Food and Farming Team at B-W Greenway is making a dynamic return, reigniting our commitment to sustainability and community resilience. Anticipate an array of exciting initiatives, including updating our local foods directory, educational workshops on sustainable practices, local collaborations with farmers, and more!

This isn't just an announcement; it's an invitation to join

us on this exciting journey. Volunteer opportunities and engaging events are on the horizon—your chance to be part of a community actively contributing to a greener, healthier future.

The revival of the Food and Farming Team is more than a return; it's a rejuvenation of our shared commitment to sustainability. Let's sow the seeds of positive change together!

Welcome Katy Buddelmeyer

We're delighted to welcome Katy Buddelmeyer as the newest addition to our board of trustees. Katy is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a degree in Sustainability. Currently Katy is an Environmental Scientist at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

We're excited about the positive impact Katy will bring to our organization



Operations Endowment

In a significant stride towards ensuring the lasting impact of B-W Greenway, we're thrilled to introduce our Operations Endowment—an instrumental financial initiative geared towards fortifying the future sustainability of our organization.

The Operations Endowment stands as a dedicated fund strategically crafted to provide a dependable source of income. This financial reservoir is poised to support and expand our diverse range of

programs, events, and initiatives that lie at the heart of our mission—promoting environmental stewardship and fostering community engagement.

Crucially, the success of this endeavor hinges on support. Your donations, contributions, and partnerships will be instrumental in solidifying the financial foundation of BW Greenway. Please consider donating at: <https://www.bwgreenway.org/join-us>

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Coordinator: Recruits volunteers and coordinates volunteer needs within the organization.

Easement Monitor: Review property records prior to your visit, visit the property, take photos, and complete brief paperwork.

Property Liaison: Primary contact between B-W Greenway and the owner of a property protected with a Conservation Easement.

For more information visit our website at bwgreenway.org.

Adopt A Highway Cleanup

On Saturday, December 2, 2023 B-W Greenway hosted an adopt a highway event. Volunteers came together to transform our stretch of highway, turning littered spaces along the highway into clean, inviting landscapes.

This initiative is more than picking up trash—it's a symbol of community pride and environmental responsibility. Huge thanks to everyone who participated!



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” — Margaret Mead



Blue Bell by Joe Barrish, SM

Upcoming challenges for our partner Clark County Park District

This summer Clark County Park District absorbed National Trails Parks and Recreation District (NTP&RD). B-W Greenway wishes Leann Castillo success in her new role as Executive Director of the combined park districts. Leann had been Executive Director of NTP&RD. We also want to thank retiring CCPD Executive Director, Carol Kennard, for all her help with B-W Greenway over the years.

B-W Greenway holds Conservation Easements on five properties owned by CCPD totaling 175.74 acres. We have been removing invasive's from CCPD's Estel Wenrick Wetlands four times per year for the past 25 years.



Estel Wenrick Wetlands off South Union Road

Thank You to our Wonderful Members

Barbara Arnold	Art Kinser	Robert Ingoldsby	Linda Scott	Barbara Kuhns and Doug Smith	John and Debbie Ritter	Fairborn Parks and Recreation
Nancy Bain	LaDonna Lenke	Frederick and Joy Bartenstein	Kathy and Bill Estep	C. David and Laurie Leach	Larry and Pat Scanlon	Fairborn Senior Center
Gene Barnett	Linda Litchman	Marilyn and Mike Baumer	Barbara and Gene Fabricatroe	James and Tess Little	Peggy and James Schear	Miami Conservancy District
Treva Bashore	Jane Lynch	Jeffery and Wanda Bear	John and Lydia Frabotta	Nancy and John Lowrery	Ann Schenking and Mike Herrlein	Oberer Companies
Jeanne Boeke	Jim Mason	Arleen and Fabienne Bee	Tony Frabotta and Heather Sage	Terry and Wyatt Lucas	Steve Schlather and Nancy Flinchbaugh	United Realtors
Bob Brecha	Joyce Massie	Thomas and Andrea Boland	Tony and Sharon Gerardi	John and Carol Majorano	Alive and Calvin Smith	Yellow Springs Community Foundation
David H Brown	Mike Monett	James and Barbara Burdette	Chris and Rebecca Hall	Dottie and Alan Meade	James and Polly Soloman	<i>We are in the midst of migrating our database from File Maker to Little Green Light. We think we have listed all our wonderful members. Please forgive us if your name is missing.</i>
Elaine Brown	Karen Nagafuchi	Jim and Ann Byrd	Pat and Michael Higgins	David and Donna Meister	Barbara and James Stork	
Katy Buddelmeyer	Mairanne Nave	Renae and Bill Chidley	Herb and Anna Mary Hoover	Pamela and Albert Murn	Hope and Bob Taft	
Beth Cameron	Nancy Nemy	Doug and Kat Christen	Judy Hoy and Cole Van Schoyck	David Nolin and Catherine Queener	Sarah Wallentine and Zlatomir Apostolov	
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Victoria Fox	Richard W. Swigart	Tom Duffee and		Marti and Bob Riddle	Village of Enon	
Veronica Fox	Ryan Taylor					
Mary Sue Gmeiner	Barbara Weinert—McBee					
Christine Hadley	Mary T. White					
Mike Hammond	Sara Woodhull					
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Susan L. King						

B-W Greenway Community Land Trust

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Mission: To protect and restore the land and water resources between the Beaver Creek and Wenrick Wetlands while balancing human needs with those of the natural environment.

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Roll of Honor

We are sad to announce the passing of member Barbara Arnold over the holidays. Barb 's artwork was a regular entry in our annual Juried Art Exhibition

Annual Membership

- \$10 Student
- \$30 Greenway Kindred Spirit
- \$50 Greenway Household
- \$100 Greenway Conservationist
- \$250 Greenway Preservationist
- \$500 Greenway Restorationist

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- \$1,000 Corporate Champion
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