



UPCOMING EVENTS

Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

Saturday, April 6, from 9:00-11:00AM. Bob and the Highway Crew will be cleaning B-W Greenway's section of 675. Please meet at the Old Fairborn High School.

Wenrick Work Day

Saturday, April 6 and April 20, from 9:00-12:00PM. Help Barb Hensley clean-up Estel Wenrick Wetlands at 2855 Union Rd, Medway. Please wear suitable attire and bring a water bottle.

Garland Wetland Reserve Clean Up

Saturday, April 13th 9:00-12:00PM

Community Chautauqua on Natural Landscaping

Thursday, April 18 from 7:00-9:00PM at the Bath Township Building for a discussion on natural landscaping.

Fairborn Earth Day Festival

Sunday, April 28th from 9:00- 2:00 PM. The 5K will start at 9AM at Fairborn Community Park with the festivities the Fairborn High School from 10-2PM.

2024 Annual Meeting

Join us March 21 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Fairborn Senior Center, 325 N. 3rd St for our 2024 Annual Meeting. This is a perfect opportunity to learn more about our efforts, our future plans, and how you can get involved. Plus, enjoy light refreshments as you mingle with fellow nature enthusiasts.

Special Guest Speaker: Mark Dilley

We are thrilled to announce Mark Dilley, an esteemed wetland scientist and environmental consultant, as our guest speaker. With a rich background in natural resources and environmental science from The Ohio State University, Mark brings nearly three decades of expertise to the table.

Presentation: From European Settlement to "Generation Restoration"

Mark's talk will explore the complex histo-

ry and hopeful future of Ohio's wetlands. Despite facing new challenges, such as legislative changes and environmental threats, Mark believes in the resilient spirit of wetland restoration, fueled by increased public awareness and funding initiatives like H2Ohio. Join us to hear inspiring stories from the front lines of conservation and discover how you can contribute to the rebirth of Ohio's vital wetland ecosystems.



2024 Juried Arts Event

Join us on July 14th from 1-3PM at the Fairborn Art Association for the B-W Greenway Juried Art Event! This event is a celebration of local artists whose works are inspired by the beauty of Valle View Reserve. Attendees can enjoy talking to artists and refreshments. This is a fantastic opportunity to support local talent and conservation efforts.

We're also calling for artists to submit their Valle View Reserve-inspired pieces by June 29th to be showcased. B-W will be hosting a guided walk through of Valle View 3 for all artists and interested parties. For more details and submission guidelines, visit www.bwgreenway.org.



Time to Renew Memberships

Your ongoing support has been invaluable to our achievements, and we're excited to invite you to renew your membership for another year of impact and engagement

Membership Benefits: Enjoy updates about our events, resources, and a community that shares your passion.

Impact: Your membership fuels our mission to protect and restore the land and water resources between the Beaver Creek and Wenrick Wetlands while balancing human and wildlife needs. Your membership makes a direct difference in the conservation of these beautiful spaces.

Upcoming for Members:

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to announce new initiatives, including volunteer opportunities, education opportunities, and special events designed to deepen your engagement and enrich your experience with us.

How to Renew:

Renewing is easy! Just visit our website at www.bwgreenway.org and click on the "Join Us" button. To renew by mail, please send a check in the return envelope or send a bank transfer.

A Special Thank You: We can't express enough how much your support means. It's because of our dedicated members that we can continue our work.

"The care of the Earth is our most ancient and most worthy, and after all, our most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what remains of it and to foster its renewal is our only hope." — *Wendall Berry*

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.

Introducing Ben Noll

B-W Greenway is excited to introduce the newest member of our Board Of Trustees, Ben Noll. Ben is a graduate of The Ohio State University (B.S., Zoology; minors in Animal Science and History) and the University of Toledo College of Law (J.D.). He is currently an attorney with Martin, Browne, Hull & Harper, PLL, in Springfield, Ohio. Ben was born and raised on a small sheep and goat farm in Clark County and he is excited to assist B-W Greenway's admirable mission to preserve and restore our local ecosystems



2023 Year in Review

Land: Acquired a 4-acre site at I-675 and St Rt 235 intersection, designated as "Fairborn's Welcoming Wetland," for City of Fairborn. It's a Category 2 wetland, with plans for debris removal and native species planting set for this year.

Secured 9 acres on Commerce Center Blvd, opposite Garland Wetland Reserve, featuring a Category 3 wetland.

Obtained a Clean Ohio grant for a 5-acre parcel on Fairfield Yellow Springs Road, home to a Category 2 wetland. This land is near Pearl's Fen and opposite Doorley Fen.

In compliance with IRS regulations, all Conservation Easement (CE) protected properties were monitored in 2023. Additionally, we subscribed to Terra Firma for legal defense in potential CE violation litigations.

Restorations: Honeysuckle and other invasives were removed during 9 work sessions at the following sites: Community Park Reserve, Garland Wetland Reserve, and Wenrick Wetlands. One restoration work session was Jack Taylor's Eagle Scout project, and another included River Stewards from the University of Dayton River Institute.

Events: In 2023, B-W Greenway achieved significant milestones and hosted diverse events:

- Celebrated our 25th Anniversary during the Annual Meeting on March 23, featuring Jeff Johnson from ODNR.
- Successfully conducted our 15th Juried Art Exhibition, showcasing 66 pieces from 36 artists inspired by Hebble Creek Preserve and Community Park Reserve.
- Dedicated Garland Wetland Reserve on May 20.
- Enjoyed a fun outing at a Dayton Dragon's game on June 25 and a community-building Potluck Picnic on September 24.
- Hosted our 17th Community Chautauqua on October 26, focusing on "Managing Storm Water."
- Participated in Fairborn's Earth Day Event, presenting and

hosting a 5K at Oakes Quarry.

- Presented at multiple venues, including the Medway Area Historical Society, Fairborn Rotary, and the Fairborn Chamber of Commerce's Education Series.
- Engaged in outreach with displays at the Little Miami Watershed Festival, WPAFB's Pollinator Expo, Clark County Health and Wellness Fair, and Subaru's Outdoor Experience.
- Lead two sessions at the Miami Valley Planning and Zoning Workshop, covering Wetlands and Food Waste.

Awards: We accepted a partnership award at Beaver Creek Wetlands Association's 35th Anniversary Celebration and were recognized as Partner of the Year at Partners for the Environment (PFE) annual Awards Celebration.

Staffing: We've had excellent support from our Administrative and Land Stewardship Coordinator, Heidi Geron. Chris and Rebecca Hall served as Development Coordinators for much of the year. Carol Manda, our GIS Consultant, generated our latest map, and Kaitlin Montag evaluated wetlands and prepared baselines for our CEs. Shandah Brannen is assisting with the migration of our Filemaker database to Little Green Light. All are part-time positions.

Mackensie Sizemore and Braden Henry, 2023 high school graduates, assisted with our on-line document record keeping and database migration. They were partly funded by a State of Ohio program for providing hands-on computer science experience.

Communications: We've continued our bimonthly newsletter and Nature Talks by Nancy Bain. We have increased our presence on social media and updated our website.

Finances: We are once again in the black! Our Stewardship Endowment is adequate to support our Conservation Easement monitoring and legal defense. Operations Endowment is growing. We appreciate those members that contributed to our year-end appeal.

Board of Trustees: We will presenting five new trustees for election at our 26th Annual Meeting, March 21: Eric Borth, Katy Buddelmeyer, Michael Cox, Trevor Martin, and Ben Noll.

Ironweed by Joe Barrish

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.

Board of Trustees: Bob Jurick: President, Sarah Wallentine: Vice President, Libby Freeze: Secretary, Jim Byrd: Treasurer, Tom Duffee: Board Chair & Chief Steward, Katy Buddelmeyer, Ben Noll, Trevor Martin and Eric Borth

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