



UPCOMING EVENTS

Fairborn Earth Day 5k and Festival

Sunday, April 28th from 9:30AM- 2PM. The 5K will start at 9:30AM at Fairborn Community Park with the festivities at the Fairborn High School from 10-2PM.

Juried Art Hike at Valle View II

Thursday, May 2 from 10AM-11:30AM. A walking tour of Valle View III Reserve has been scheduled to assist artists in experiencing the beautiful features of the reserves for the B-W Greenway/ Fairborn Art Association 2024 Juried Art Competition. The tour start at the cul-de-sac behind TJ Chumps.

WPAFB Pollinator Expo

Wednesday, June 12, from 11AM-2PM. Wright-Patterson Air Force Base's Environmental Branch will host its sixth annual Pollinator Expo on June 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wright Brothers Memorial.

Osborn Historic Garden Club GARDEN AFFAIR

Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 10AM-3PM. Visit our booth! Main Street Commons. Main St and Grand Ave, Fairborn Ohio.

19th Community Chautauqua on Natural Landscaping

We had a full house at our 19th Chautauqua. We would like to thank moderator

- Water features
- Integration with home gardening
- Location of wild-flower and prairie plantings
- Natural lawn care
- Ornamentals at nurseries
- Parking lots – pervious surfaces, size



Dottie Meade and panelists: Debbie Downes, Greene County Master Gardener; Terry Fredrich, Retired owner of Habitat Creations; Nikki Larson, Seibenthaler Garden Center; David Nolin, retired Five Rivers Metroparks Conservation Manager and author of "Discovery and Renewal of Huffman Prairie"; and Elisabeth Rothschild, Regional Butterfly Expert - as well as Bath Township for providing the location.

Our discussion included:

- Avoiding invasives
- Boardwalks, observation decks
- Cultivars
- Improvements with pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers

- Permaculture concepts
- Placement of native trees, shrubs, and flower gardens
- Riparian buffers
- School and Church landscaping
- Use of hardscapes

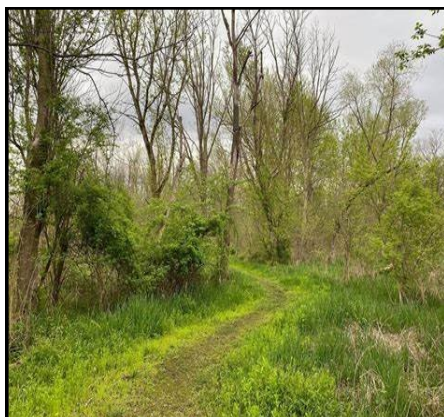
We concluded with Dave Nolin leading us in singing "My Lawn Was great."

Please mark your calendar for our 20th Community Chautauqua, 7pm, Thursday, October 17 at the Bath Township Bldg.

2024 Juried Arts Event

Join us on Sunday, 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 Saturday, June 29th to be showcased. B-W will be hosting a guided walk through Valle View 3 for all artists and interested parties on May 2 from 10:00-11:30 AM. For more details and submission guidelines, visit www.bwgreenway.org.



Path in Valle View Reserve

26th Annual Meeting Review

At our 26th Annual Meeting, B-W Greenway celebrated another year of commitment to conservation. A big congratulations to Barbara Kuhns, our 2024 Green Heart Award recipient, for her outstanding contributions. We extend our gratitude to

Mark Dilley for his insightful guest speech on the challenges facing Ohio's wetlands and to all attendees for their continued support. Your dedication inspires our mission and drives our success. Here's to another impactful year ahead!



"The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations." — John Paul II

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 Eric Borth

B-W Greenway is excited to introduce the newest member of our Board Of Trustees, Eric Borth. From his childhood playing in the forests and streams near Springboro, Ohio, to his university research experiences with invasive species in the Dayton area, Eric has always been passionate about conserving natural areas. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree in



biology in 2017 and then Master's degree in biology from the University of Dayton in 2019, with research ranging from the honeysuckle invasion in Ohio to forest fire dynamics in Northeastern Siberia. Since 2020, he has been an Environmental Scientist at the City of Dayton Department of Water, working to protect our regional water resources.

Understanding Lesser Celandine and Effective Treatment Strategies

Lesser celandine, with its vibrant yellow flowers, might look charming but poses a real threat to native plants by forming dense mats that smother other vegetation. Originating from Europe and West Asia, this invasive species is tough to eradicate once established due to its rapid spread and resilience.

How to Identify

Spot lesser celandine by its glossy, heart-shaped leaves and bright yellow spring blooms. It thrives in moist, shaded areas, often invading woodlands and gardens.

Control Strategies

- **Mechanical Removal:** Effective for small areas. Ensure complete removal of bulbils and tubers to prevent re-growth.
- **Chemical Control:** Use herbicides like glyphosate or triclopyr on larger infestations, following label instructions carefully to protect native species.
- **Mulching:** A thick layer of mulch can help suppress growth by blocking light, especially when combined with other methods.
- **Prevention:** Clean tools and footwear after contact with infested areas to stop the spread.

Collective Action

Managing lesser celandine is a community effort. Report sightings, participate in local control initiatives, and spread awareness.



Open Projects



Valle View II and III

Above is a view of the Beerman fen that will soon be seen by walkers on the Valle View II loop. There is an observation deck with interpretive signage where this photo was taken.

A 20 space parking lot is being paved in Valle View III which is adjacent to VVII. This lot is at the end of Market Court just south of TJ Chumps. There will be a interpretive kiosk at this site.

Fairborn Welcoming Wetland

A restoration plan is being prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for this wetland at the SW corner of I-675 and St Rt 235. There is much legacy construction debris to be removed and replaced by native plantings. This property, as well as VVII and III, are owned by the City of Fairborn thanks to B-W Greenway Clean Ohio grants.

Brown Family Fen

A Conservation Easement is in the works for a five acre natural area with a fen owned by the Brown Family. The site is near Pearl's Fen and the Doorley Fen and Prairie.

B-W Greenway Community Land Trust

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