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MONEY - WE NEED MONEY -

The Board of Directors of the Audubon Society of Ohio, Cincinnati Chapter, has voted to give Oxbow, Inc. a \$5,000.00 grant for land acquisition IF Oxbow members can match that amount over the next six months. This is an exciting challenge! Land acquisition funds will be used to purchase acreage suitable as wildlife habitat in the Oxbow area as it becomes available.

Those due to renew their membership might consider moving to a higher category or simply adding additional monies for the matching grant. We need LARGE sums as well as small donations to get us over the top.

We hope this Audubon challenge is only the first of many. How many other groups would like to dare us to succeed? Offer us your grant and see if our members aren't dead serious about saving the Oxbow!

Let's get off to a strong beginning! Make your checks out to Oxbow, Inc. and designate them for Land Acquisition. Mail to: 2073 Harrison Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45214. For more information call Judy Bramstedt at 662-4456 or Art Wiseman at 481-4302.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS

When you mail in those Audubon grant funds keep in mind the amount on your check is tax deductible. Those who file a 1987 itemized deductions return are entitled to claim 100% of charitable contributions made to non-profit organizations such as Oxbow, Inc.

A WAY TO DOUBLE OUR DOLLARS

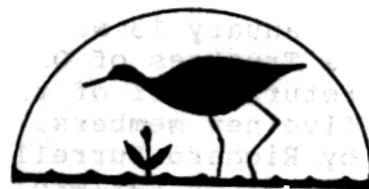
Matched employee contributions make individual contributions go twice as far in protecting endangered wildlife and their habitats. Corporate matching programs apply to company divisions, subsidiaries, and affiliated companies and often extend to outside directors, spouses of employees, and retired personnel.

To see whether your company has a matching grants program, check with your personnel or community relations office. They can tell you whether your contributions to Oxbow, Inc. are eligible for matching and will supply you with the appropriate form. Send this form with your donation.

CALLING ALL ANSEL ADAMS

Have you secretly known all along that you're every bit as good a photographer as those wildlife experts whose pictures consistently show up in the better conservation magazines? If so, now comes your opportunity for world fame.

The Speakers' Bureau needs your best pictures of the Oxbow and its wildlife to include in their slide presentations. If you feel you have some exceptional shots, send them to: Donna Wagner, 1255 E. Day Circle, Milford, OH 45150. Include your name and address and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope if you wish your slides returned. The Newsletter will carry the names of those who have slides accepted for use in the programs. Now don't be shy...mail 'em in. Even Mr. Adams had to start somewhere.



OXBOW, inc.

Save the Oxbow Society



ELECTION RESULTS

January 13 was a lucky day for the 20 people elected as Trustees of Oxbow, Inc. Our first annual election returned all of the incumbent trustees and selected five new members. Trustee positions will be assumed by Richard Durrell, George Laycock, Karl Maslowski, Dr. Aaron Perlman and Ed Thayer. Welcome to the Board, gentlemen!

Regulations governing the Corporation require that trustees be elected to a three-year term. Each year one-third of the trustees must stand for re-election. Because 1987 was the first election, seven members were elected for one year, seven for two years and six for the required three years. Trustees will run for re-election as follows:

| <u>1988</u> | <u>1989</u> | <u>1990</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Judy Bramstedt, President | Rick Bramstedt | Bill Corning |
| Richard Durrell | Bonnie Fancher, Secretary | Norma Flannery |
| Jerry Johnson | George Laycock | Karl Maslowski |
| Greg Mendell | Morris Mercer | John Miller, Vice Pres. |
| Bea Orendorff | Dr. Aaron Perlman | Jay Stenger |
| Dave Styer, AGENT | Ed Thayer | Cay Tuck |
| Donna Wagner | Art Wiseman, Treasurer | |

Oxbow, Inc. wishes to thank these people for volunteering the time and effort that is needed to guide the organization to a successful culmination of purpose, preserving the Oxbow wetlands.

At times when these trustees need solid, mature advice in solving problems that may range from species identification to fund raising, they will require the expertise of specialists with outstanding qualifications who are willing to assist in solving problematic issues. Oxbow, Inc. is fortunate to have been able to assemble the best in their field from the tri-state area to serve on the Advisory Council.

Ron Austing - Wildlife Photographer - Lecturer
James Berry - Director Cincinnati Nature Center
Helen Black - Board Member, The Nature Conservancy, Ohio Chapter
Devere Burt - Director, Cincinnati Museum of Natural History
Dr. Wes Cowan - Curator of Archaeology, Cincinnati Museum of Natural History
Dr. Betsy Dresser - Research Director, Cincinnati Zoo
Dr. John Ferner - Associate Professor Biology Department, Thomas More College
Ned Ford - Chairman Conservation Committee, Sierra Club
~~Mike Fremont - Chairman, Cincinnati Environmental Advisory Council~~
Dr. Jack Gottschang - Professor of Zoology, University of Cincinnati
Charles Harper - Artist, Lecturer, Naturalist
Dr. Stan Hedeon - Professor Biology Department, Xavier University
Dave Imbrogno - Director, Museum Programs, Cincinnati Museum of Nat. History
Ed Maruska - Director, Cincinnati Zoo
Worth Randle - Naturalist
Ms. Meg Reistenberg - Assistant Professor Natural Sciences, Mt. St. Joseph
John Ruthven - Wildlife Artist, Lecturer, Naturalist
Barry Wakeman - Curator of Education, Cincinnati Zoo
Stewart Welsh - Deputy Director, Hamilton County Park District
Bill Zimmerman - Wildlife Artist, Lecturer, Naturalist

We offer our sincere appreciation to these dedicated men and women.



INDIANA WETLANDS BILL INTRODUCED

Senators Simpson and Server of Indiana have introduced Senate Bill #45 which provides for the regulation of certain wetlands of at least one acre. The Committee Chairman is John Augsberger. Wetlands included in the "National Wetlands Inventory" would be protected by regulatory powers of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Although the Oxbow river-bottoms will not be in the Wetlands Inventory as currently defined, this is needed legislation and changes may be suggested at this time.

Letters from Indiana residents are needed to encourage:

- 1) That wetlands of one acre or more be included. (The bill may be weakened to wetlands of a minimum of five acres or more);
- 2) consideration of the Oxbow area riverbottoms, Lawrenceburg, IN for inclusion in the Wetlands Registry.

For more information on the bill and its definition of wetlands, contact Bonnie Fancher, 812-438-3641.

Letters of support for wetlands legislation (SB 45) may be addressed to:

SENATOR JOHNNY NUGENT

Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

920 Pribble Circle

Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

Senate Toll Free Phone: 1-800-382-9467 (Leave Message) 8:30 AM - 4:45 PM

REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT D. BISCHOFF

Monday-Friday

Committee on Natural Resources

1023 Fairview St.

Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

House of Representatives Toll Free Phone: 1-800-382-9841 (Leave Message)

JAMES RIDENOUR, DIRECTOR

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Monday-Friday

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State Office Building

Indianapolis, IN 46204

SCHEDULED EVENTS

MARCH 7, 9:00 AM - Dave Styer will lead a walk thru the Oxbow lake area. Meet at 50's Root Beer parking lot. Questions, call Dave at 513-772-4395 or Velda Miller 812-438-3920.

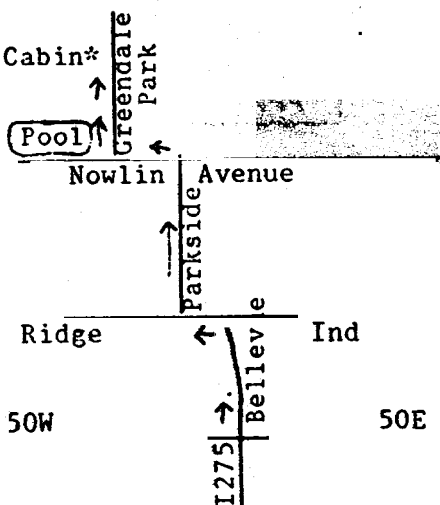
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 7:30 PM - Cincinnati Museum of Natural History, 1720 Gilbert Avenue. Oxbow will join with others to hear a Ohio Department of Natural Resources discussion on wetlands given by Lynn Holtzman. Also, film to be shown on duck identification. Our own specialist on the area, Morris Mercer, will speak. Questions, call Art Wiseman 513-481-4302 or Velda.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 9:00 AM - Join with Museum of Natural History members to walk thru Great Miami River bottomlands. Meet at Shawnee Lookout boat ramp. Park permit required. Questions, call Morris Mercer at 941-2534 or Velda Miller at 812-438-3920.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 7:30 PM - Oxbow, Inc. will meet at Greendale Cabin to hear Warren Wells, retired Naturalist for Hamilton County Parks, speak about wildflowers in Oxbow area.

DIRECTIONS TO GREENDALE CABIN: At I-275 & US 50 intersection take Bellevue to Ridge. Turn L. Proceed on Ridge to Parkside. Turn R. Parkside runs into Nowlin. Turn L. Park is very short distance on right. Turn R at the pool...cabin just beyond.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 8:00 AM - Meet Dave Styer at upper boat ramp parking lot at Shawnee Lookout Park. We'll be looking for shorebirds, waterbirds and songbirds. Park motor vehicle permit required. For more information, call Dave Styer at 513-772-4395 or Velda Miller 812-438-3920



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Norma Flannery - Newsletter513-471-8001

OXBOW, INC.

A non-profit organization formed by conservation groups and concerned citizens of Ohio and Indiana for the purpose of preserving and protecting a wetlands area known locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from future industrial development and to preserve the existing agricultural floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and the Ohio Rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This is an agricultural area rich in geological, archaeological and anthropological history.

Help us save this unique wetland. You can make your state a richer place in which to live by helping us preserve this precious resource.

Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is solicited and encouraged.

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| Individual | \$10 | Organization/Club | \$25 | Cornerstone | \$250 |
| Family | \$15 | Supporting | \$50 | Gift Memberships | |
| Contributing | \$25 | Patron | \$100 | | |

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