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Save the Oxbow Society

The Oxbow:

"The Oxbow" is the huge floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami River and the Ohio River. This area has long been known to dedicated birdwatchers as a unique bird sanctuary. Thousands of migratory birds, particularly waterfowl, shorebirds, and many water-related species, rely on this important staging area for resting and refueling on their long annual migrations. These visitors include individuals of various species rarely if ever seen elsewhere in the Midwest.

Recent Activity:

In 1985 the continued value of the Oxbow area to wildlife was threatened by an Ohio proposal for state development of port facilities for river barges in this area. A letter-writing campaign opposing such a use for the area succeeded in blocking this particular plan. Awareness of this threat served to mobilize concerned nature-lovers for organized action to protect the Oxbow from future active development. Their activity has led to formal organization of OXBOW, INC. This group has now been incorporated and expects to receive not-for-profit status before the end of 1986. Temporary officers and board members have been selected to serve until January 1987. Regular meetings are held each month (OVER). The next meeting will be held September 17 (NOTE CHANGE.)

Executive Committee:

Judy Bramstedt (President) - (513) 662-4456 (home); (513) 621-5900 (work)
 Jerry Johnson (Vice President) - (513) 738-7303
 Cay Tuck (Secretary)
 Art Wiseman (Treasurer) - (513) 481-4302
 Dave Styer (Agent) - (513) 521-0480
 Bonnie Fancher - (812) 438-3641 (Indiana)
 Morris Mercer - (513) 941-2534
 Bea Orendorff - (513) 761-6605 (after 5 pm)
 Donna Wagner - (513) 591-1742

Goals:

Oxbow, Inc. is beginning an ambitious process of growth toward its long-range goal of "saving the Oxbow" from all future threats to migratory bird and wildlife activity. Meanwhile, short-term goals are receiving active attention from skeleton committees.

It is essential to identify the landowners in the Oxbow area and to enlist their cooperation and support for our goals. It is equally important to increase public awareness and demonstrate broad support from the entire extended community. Fund-raising must be expanded beyond individual memberships to large grants from businesses and foundations. Our goals and needs will be publicized through media coverage, public meetings, newsletters, a speakers' bureau, and an education committee.

As much as possible about the Oxbow area must be learned and published. Wildlife inventories will be essential in demonstrating its value. Oxbow, Inc. hopes to encourage such studies by assisting qualified biologists in finding and applying for available funding, after access to potential study areas is obtained from landowners.

Needs:

Your time and diverse skills will be essential for all of our activities. Please volunteer by contacting any of the members listed above.

Contributions are also welcome! Checks payable to Oxbow, Inc. may be sent to 2073 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45214.

Meeting Plan:

Programs plus business meetings are held alternately in Indiana (Lawrenceburg Public Library) and in Ohio (EPA Building, Cincinnati), usually on the second Tuesday of each month. (NOTE EXCEPTION, SEPTEMBER 17.)

Monthly field trips are held at the Oxbow.

Executive meetings are held monthly on the fourth Wednesday at the home of Art Wiseman, 2073 Harrison Ave., Cincinnati.

All meetings, executive meetings, and field trips are open to all members and other interested persons. For information please call Art Wiseman, (513) 481-4302.

Scheduled Events:

September meeting: Wednesday, September 17 (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE), at 7:30 pm at the EPA Building, Cincinnati. The glacial history of the Oxbow area will be discussed by Dr. Meg Reistenberg, a geologist and member of the biology faculty of Mt. St. Joseph College.

September field trip: Monday, September 29. See the Oxbow area from the Indiana side. Meet between 6 and 6:30 pm at the Fifties Root Beer on the north side of Rt. 50 just west of the Lawrenceburg-Greendale ramp off I-275.

October meeting: Tuesday, October 14, at 7:30 pm at the Lawrenceburg Public Library.

October field trip: For information, please call Susan Long at (812) 537-0379 or Art or Ginny Wiseman at (513) 481-4302.

Meeting Locations:

EPA Building, 26 W. St. Clair St. at Jefferson/Vine St. near the University of Cincinnati. Turn left into the lower parking lot. Enter the building through the rear door, at the top of the steps from the parking lot.

From Indiana: Take I-275 east to I-74 east to I-75 south to Hopple St. exit.

Go left on Hopple, uphill crossing Central Pkwy and Clifton Ave. Hopple St. becomes St. Clair St. The EPA Building is on the north (left) side.

Lawrenceburg Public Library is a modern glass building with a large parking lot, opposite City Hall.

From Ohio: Take I-275 west to Rt. 50 through Lawrenceburg. Turn left on Walnut St., to end of road, then right.

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