



# THE STEWARD

Protecting and Preserving the Ohio River Corridor

[www.westernwildlifecorridor.org](http://www.westernwildlifecorridor.org)

Fall 2008

## PRESIDENT'S JOURNAL

By Tim Sisson

### Support Clean Ohio Fund Renewal

This fall, voters will be asked to vote on a renewal of the Clean Ohio Fund – Issue 2 on the ballot. This will NOT raise taxes and has bipartisan support in the state; Governor Strickland, Lt. Governor Lee Fisher, House Speaker Jon Husted and Senate President Bill Harris have all endorsed it.

The Clean Ohio Fund was approved by voters in 2000 to protect green space and farmland, improve outdoor recreation, and revitalize blighted neighborhoods by cleaning up and redeveloping polluted properties. As a result, the Clean Ohio Fund has protected clean drinking water & wildlife habitat, has created jobs and has improved the quality of life for all Ohioans.

The Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program, a very important part of the Clean Ohio Fund, has protected 26,000 acres of green space, preserved 20,000 acres of family farms and created 216 miles of recreational trails state wide. Through the Green Space Conservation Program, at least 940 acres have been protected in Hamilton County, including a large part of Bender Mountain in the Western Wildlife Corridor.

Western Wildlife Corridor strongly supports renewal of the Clean Ohio Fund. Here's what you can do to help:

- Volunteer for the group "Citizens for a Clean Ohio".
- Make a financial contribution to Citizens for a Clean Ohio at [www.cleanohio.org](http://www.cleanohio.org).
- Write a letter to your local newspaper in support of the Clean Ohio Fund.

The Clean Ohio Fund is the most important tool we have ever had to protect green space in Ohio. ♡

**Show your commitment to a green Ohio by voting for Issue 2 on November 4th!**



Plants that grow in WWC preserves provide a bounty of fruit for wildlife.

## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, Oct. 25, 9am-noon

Habitat Restoration  
Delshire Preserve

### Saturday, Nov. 1, 10am

Nature Hike  
Delshire Preserve

### Saturday, Nov. 8, 9am-noon

Habitat Restoration  
Sisters Hill

### Sunday, Nov. 16, 1:30pm

Nature Preserve Hike  
Turkey Haven Preserve

## Piece it ... together

Whitetail Woods:  
a Nature Preserve in Sayler Park



### Help Create an Emerald Chain of Nature Preserves:

This property is one more valuable piece of the puzzle of our envisioned green corridor of nature preserves protected for the public to enjoy in the Ohio River Valley.

The tree-covered hillsides overlooking the quiet community of Sayler Park seem like they will always be there, announcing each season with just a change in foliage. But how long will it be until development creeps in, possibly carving out the familiar topography of these surrounding hills?

Right now, WWC has a golden opportunity to purchase 9 acres of valuable forest habitat near Sayler Park. We're over two-thirds to our goal, thanks to Hamilton County Parks' ForeverGreen Fund and generous donations and pledges! But we still need to raise the remaining \$25,600 by the end of 2008! See p. 4 for how you can help.

## Spend a Fall Saturday Outdoors!!

### Fall Hike

**Saturday, Nov. 1, 10am**

### Delshire Nature Preserve

This easy hike will take you through the beautiful large portions of the Delshire Preserve that are now completely free of invasive plants.

Call 513.921.WILD for more information.

### Western Wildlife Corridor

### Habitat Restoration

**Autumn 2008**

**Sat., Oct. 25, 9am-noon**

### Delshire Preserve

**Sat., Nov. 8, 9am-noon**

### Sisters Hill

We meet at 9am and work to about noon. The work will be somewhat strenuous; clearing honeysuckle on the hillside. Bring work gloves, plenty of water, a Roundup squirter if you have one (we will provide the Roundup solution). Wear work clothes and work shoes.

Please join us, you will really enjoy seeing these wonderful nature preserves!

Please call Tim Sisson at 513.922.2104 for additional information, or to get on the email list if you are not receiving updates already.

### Look for a Turkey Hike

**Sunday November 16, 1:30PM**

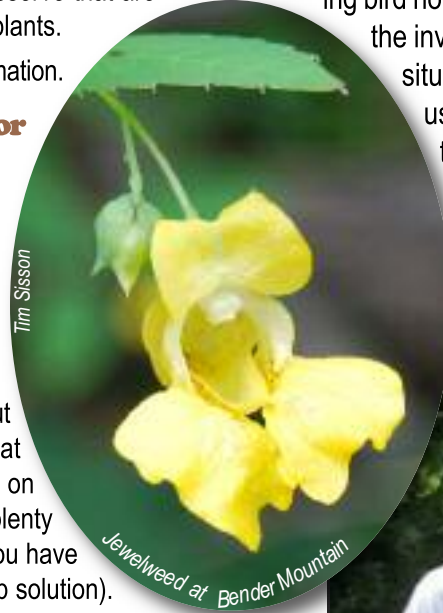
### Turkey Haven Nature Preserve

Yes, we'll be looking for turkeys here, but not to eat! These turkeys are the wild ones who now (as in pre-historic times) inhabit the entire Western Wildlife Corridor. They are spectacular birds as they gallop or fly through the forest.

This hike will involve walking up a fairly steep hill and will provide spectacular views of the Ohio River valley. Plan to join us to see first hand why we feel the Western Wildlife Corridor is one of the greatest natural spots in the Midwest. This is on Main St. in Ad-dyston, about a tenth of a mile east of Second St. Call Tim Sisson at 513.922.2104 for details.

### Casual Hikes/Clean Ups

Tim Sisson heads to a preserve a couple of times during the week to take a walk and whack some honeysuckle. If you would like to join him sometime, please call 513.922.2104 and he'll let you know when he'll be there.



## WWC Donates Woodside Preserve

The WWC Woodside Nature Preserve sign came down in July, but it's just changing hands, as WWC has given the property to the Cincinnati Recreation Center. The property lies adjacent to Dunham Recreation Center and it was good news for this pocket of greenspace located off Ashbrook Drive. Over the years, many volunteer hours have been donated here -Girl Scouts worked to make it a better place by building bird houses, and many adult volunteers have helped in the battle against the invasive bush honeysuckle and with trash pickup. This is a win-win situation, with CRC receiving a piece of greenspace which can be used to expand outdoor recreation, and it allows WWC to concentrate efforts in the area where its mission is focused - the wooded hillsides of the Ohio River Valley. 🦋

Former WWC Board Member Tom Morin and his grandson Jeffrey Vorherr brought the sign down at Woodside Preserve.



### Committee Chairpersons

#### Land Stewardship:

**Tim Sisson**  
513.922.2104

**Outreach**  
**Leesa Miller**  
513.941.1628

#### Fundraising

**Rebecca Sisson**  
859.746.8671

#### Newsletter:

**Mary Uhlenbrock**  
513.921.WILD

*Thank you to SC Ministry Foundation for a grant to buy a computer and graphics software for outreach. This has allowed Western Wildlife Corridor to do a much better job of creating the promotional materials needed to spread the word of our events effectively.*



What a valuable experience! This past September WWC Board members Leesa Miller, Joyce Richter and myself attended the national land trust conference in Pittsburgh organized for the Land Trust Alliance. Expertise gained from workshops, networking with other land trusts, learning what was available from suppliers - all of these added greatly to the knowledge we can now use to make WWC a better land trust. In addition it was fun to explore the downtown area of Pittsburgh a bit. It is quite an attractive city - to a large extent because of the greenspace they have preserved along the valleys of their rivers.

Now the really valuable part begins; applying what we learned to WWCs needs. I'm sure we are all now better prepared to develop fundraising campaigns, work with volunteers and spread the word effectively about our important work. You can be sure that we are committed to do this, to make WWC an even more effective instrument for the protection of greenspace in the Ohio River valley. 🐦

## Ruthven raffle and owl prints now available

by Sally Sisson Anderson  
WWC Artist in Residence

Western Wildlife Corridor is very pleased to be offering Raffle tickets for the limited edition print "Meadow Lark" by John Ruthven as a fund raiser. Ruthven donated the print, and we thank him. He is a world famous naturalist/artist known as the "20 Century Audubon." We would like your help and suggestions on where to raffle this print. Please let us hear your suggestions about festivals we can take it to, and also a great place to take it is your church, your club, or possibly where you work or go to school.

We also have a Saw Whet Owl print by yours truly, Sally Sisson Anderson, that we are selling for \$5 per print, that can be taken to the same places.

Please call Sally Anderson 513.353.2708 or Tim Sisson 513.922.2104 with your suggestions and to find out how to get your raffle ticket and Owl print 🐦

*Meadow Lark, by John Ruthven*



**Western  
Wildlife  
Corridor  
Board of Trustees**

**Tim Sisson, President**  
**Bruce Cortwright, Vice President**  
**Robert Thomas, Treasurer**  
**Leesa Miller, Secretary**  
**Dr. Donald Blaney**  
**Marianne Brater**  
**Susan Frede**  
**Joan Gillespie**  
**John Klein**  
**Bob Nienaber**  
**Joyce Richter, SC**  
**Rebecca Sisson**



Non-Profit  
Organization  
US Postage  
PAID  
Cincinnati, OH  
Permit #571

PO BOX 389077  
Cincinnati, OH 45238-9077

513.921.WILD (9453)  
www.westernwildlifecorridor.org  
Email: wwc7@yahoo.com



***Please indicate how you would like to help!***

**\*JOIN WESTERN WILDLIFE CORRIDOR 2008-2009**

New Membership  Renewal

Enclosed is my tax deductible contribution at the following membership level:

\_\_\_ \$20 Individual      \_\_\_ \$30 Family      \_\_\_ \$75 Supporting  
\_\_\_ \$50 Organization      \_\_\_ \$100 Patron      \_\_\_ \$500 Sponsoring  
\_\_\_ Other      \_\_\_ / month Guardian

**\*DONATION FOR WHITETAIL WOODS PRESERVE**

Enclosed is my tax deductible donation for the Whitetail Woods land acquisition fund \$\_\_\_\_\_

**\*VOLUNTEER** May we contact you with volunteer opportunities?  Yes

Help with Habitat Restoration       Help with Outreach and other needs

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail to:  
Western Wildlife Corridor, Inc.  
PO Box 389077  
Cincinnati, OH 45238**

Whitetail Preserve, taken near the area looking west toward the Preserve.

*Thank you for supporting the Western Wildlife Corridor's mission to preserve the scenic beauty and natural resources of the Ohio River Valley!*

Leesa Miller