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Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Collection

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Introduction

The Beaver Creek Wetlands Association (BCWA) Collection was given to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by Dennis Jarvi in November of 2002. The collection includes business materials, meeting minutes, agendas, reports from the various committees that ran the organization as well as some news clippings, brochures, maps, and newsletters created by and about the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association. Also included is membership and volunteer information such as member lists, volunteer activities, membership committees, and volunteer job descriptions.

The Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Collection dates between 1987 and 2007. However, the vast majority of the materials date from 1987 to 1999. This collection documents ten years of a nonprofit environmental organization beginning with its incorporation.

There are no restrictions on the use of the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Collection.

The Beaver Creek Wetlands Association is organized into 7 series:

- Series I: Incorporating Documents
- Series II: Executive Committee Meetings
- Series III: Trustees Meetings
- Series IV: Reports
- Series V: May Annual Meetings
- Series VI: Members and Volunteers
- Series VII: Publications and Printed Materials

Biographical Sketch

The Beaver Creek Wetlands Association officially began in 1988 when local interest in land conservation was renewed in the Dayton area. Immediate action became necessary when it was proposed that a golf course be constructed along the southern section of the wetlands corridor. Funds were received by the Audubon Society which allowed an architect to be hired to map the wetlands. A meeting was then arranged to attract representatives from local conservation groups. Among the attendees were Paul Knoop, a naturalist at Aullwood and a columnist for the Dayton Daily News; Dane Mutter, in charge of stewardship programs at the Dayton/Montgomery County Parks District; and Jim Amon, biology professor at Wright State University. From that meeting a list was compiled of people with the knowledge, expertise, and influence to create an effective organization.

After several meeting with a representative from the Trust for Public Land, the group outlined organizational goals, chose officers, board members, committees, and determined membership requirements. A communication plan was outlined to contact landowners along the wetlands to introduce the new organization, explain its goals, and encourage support.

The mission statement of the newly established Beaver Creek Wetlands Association included three parts:

1. Establish a body of records and information, generated by the BCWA, of historical and educational value to the association and the community.
2. Construct a systematic method for collection, arrangement, and storage of materials.
3. Provide resources of local wetlands information for the association, the community, and any person interest in environmental action.

Accomplishments of the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association from 1988 to 1998 include:

- Formation of working partnerships with local, state and national organizations including Greene County, Cities of Beavercreek and Fairborn, Township of Bath and Beavercreek, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Audubon Society, Wright State University, Nature Conservatory, Natural Resource Conservation Services.
- Protected from destruction approximately 700 acres of wetlands along Beaver Creek with the Nature Conservatory and Ohio Division of Wildlife
- Restored and enhanced approximately 80 acres of wetlands
- Created public access in: New Germany/Trebein wildlife area, Siebenthaler Farm on Fairgrounds Road, and Phillips Park in Beavercreek
- Increased community awareness through Earth Day parties and local festivals
- Provided education opportunities through classroom activities and nature hikes
- Opened administrative center in the historic Coy House at Phillips Park

The Beaver Creek Wetlands Association continues to thrive and protect the environment. More information is available at www.beavercreekwetlands.org.

Scope and Content Note

The Beaver Creek Wetlands Association (BCWA) Collection documents the incorporation and first ten years of an organization committed to protecting the environment. Through this collection, researchers may gain insight into the formation and operation of a nonprofit organization, as well as the early and continuing efforts to protect the local environment.

Series I: Incorporating Documents

The incorporating documents of the BCWA document the very beginning of the organization and the articles of incorporation, BCWA position information and statements, and environmental policies.

Series II: Executive Committee Meetings

This series documents the monthly meetings of the BCWA Executive Committee. It includes the meeting agendas, minutes, additional materials handed out during the meetings, and frequently a meeting reminder that was mailed to executive committee members.

Series III: Trustees Meetings

Series III documents the monthly meeting of the BCWA Trustees. It includes meeting agendas, meeting minutes, additional materials handed out during the meetings, and frequently a meeting reminder that was mailed to trustees.

Series IV: Reports

Series IV documents the daily and monthly activities of executive director Dane Mutter from 1988-1994 and the administrative coordinators Jean Gayley from 1994-1996 and Don Haddox from 1997-1998.

Series V: May Annual Meetings

Series V documents the one meeting each year that everyone, executives, trustees, members, volunteers, and the general public is invited to attend. Included are all the planning materials- meeting notes, proposals, and mailings.

Series VI: Members and Volunteers

This series documents the recruitment and activities of the members and volunteers of the BCWA. It includes member lists, volunteer activities, membership committees, and volunteer job descriptions.

Series VII: Publications and Printed Materials

The final series documents the pamphlets, brochures, newsletters, and maps printed by the BCWA. It includes 20 volumes of the BCWA newsletter, The Spotted Turtle, an oversize map of the Beaver Creek Wetlands Corridor, and various brochures detailing the BCWA.

Container Listing

Series I:		Incorporating Documents	Date
Box	File		
1	1	Articles of Incorporation	1988
	2	BCWA Position Information	1991
	3	Position Statements	1990-1991
	4	Environmental Policies	1990-1991
Series II:		Executive Committee Meetings	Date
Box	File		
1	5	Meeting Materials and Minutes- July	1888
	6	Meeting Materials and Minutes- August- September	1988
	7	Meeting Materials and Minutes- October- December	1988
	8	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1989
	9	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1990
	10	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1991-1992
	11	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1993
	12	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1994
	13	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1995- 1996
	14	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1997
	15	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1998
	16	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1999
Series III:		Trustees and Advisor Meetings	Date
Box	File		
1	17	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1987-1988
	18	Meeting Materials and Minutes- May- June	1988
	19	Meeting Materials and Minutes - July- November	1988
	20	Meeting Materials and Minutes - January- May	1989
	21	Meeting Materials and Minutes - June- November	1989
	22	Meeting Materials and Minutes - January- June	1990
2	1	Meeting Materials and Minutes - July- December	1990
	2	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1991
	3	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1992
	4	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1993
	5	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1994
	6	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1995
	7	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1996
	8	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1997
	9	Meeting Materials and Minutes- January- June	1998
	10	Meeting Materials and Minutes- July- December	1998
	11	Meeting Materials and Minutes	1999

Series IV:		Reports	Date
Box	File		
2	12	Executive Director Reports- Dane Mutter	1988-1989
	13	Executive Director Reports- Dane Mutter	1989-1994
	14	Administrative Coordinator Reports- Jean Gayley	1994-1996
	15	Administrative Coordinator Reports- Don Haddox	1997-1998

Series V:		Annual May Meetings	Date
Box	File		
3	1	Annual May Meeting Materials	1989
	2	Annual May Meeting Materials- Part 1	1990
	3	Annual May Meeting Materials- Part 2	1990
	4	Annual May Meeting Materials	1991
	5	Annual May Meeting Materials	1992
	6	Annual May Meeting Materials	1993
	7	Annual May Meeting Materials	1994
	8	Annual May Meeting Materials	1995
	9	Annual May Meeting Materials	1996
	10	Annual May Meeting Materials	1997
	11	Annual May Meeting Materials- Part 1	1998
	12	Annual May Meeting Materials- Part 2	1998
	13	Annual May Meeting Materials	1999

Series VI		Members and Volunteers	Date
Box	File	Item	
4	1	Membership and Volunteer Lists	1989
	2	Membership and Volunteer Lists	1990-1991
	3	Membership and Volunteer Lists	1995-1998
	4	Volunteer Job Descriptions	1991
	5	Voluntary Action Center, Skillsbank/ Boardbank Requests	1989
	6	Correspondence	1989-1998
	7	Summary of Drive for Members and Volunteers	1993-1999
	8	Membership Committee Meetings	1988- 1999
	9	Activities and Projects	1988-1999
	10	Activities and Projects: Net Sand and Gravel Maps *IN OVERSIZE LOCATION 71, FILE 14	Unknown

Series VII		Publications and Printed Materials	Date
Box	File	Item	
5	1	The Spotted Turtle Newsletter Vol. I	!988- 1989
	2	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. II	1990
	3	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. III	1991
	4	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. IV	1992
	5	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. V	1993
	6	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. VI	1994

	7	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. VII	1995
	8	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. VIII	1996
	9	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. IX	1997
	10	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. X	1998
	11	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XI	1999
	12	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XII, XIII, XIV	2000
	13	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XIV	2001
	14	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XV	2002
	15	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XVI	2003
6	1	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XVII	2004
	2	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XVIII	2005
	3	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XIX	2006
	4	Newsletter: The Spotted Turtle Vol. XX	2007
	5	Pamphlets	Unknown
	6	The First Ten Years 1988-1998 Booklet	1998
	7	Map of Beaver Creek Wetlands Corridor	Unknown
		*IN OVERSIZE LOCATION 71, FILE 14	