

## **Position Statements of the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Executive Summary • September 1998**

The Beaver Creek Wetlands Association (BCWA) protection area is in the corridors of Big Beaver Creek and Little Beaver Creek lying in Greene County Ohio. The following statements are summarized and modified from previous documents produced by our organization. We hope that you will read it and become aware of how we view the protection of the corridor. It is always the hope of BCWA that we can work together with regulatory agencies, developers and the conservation community in a cooperative fashion that meets our goal of protecting and preserving the Beaver Creek Wetlands.

1. BCWA accepts the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual for determining the extent of wetland.
2. BCWA wishes to protect all of the land that lies within the 100 year flood zone.
3. Beyond the flood zone, BCWA wants to protect a 50 to 250 foot buffer zone with development restrictions. Size varies with topography, drainage and special situations.
4. Under Ohio Sunshine Law, BCWA asks that all regulatory officials provide BCWA with notification of any construction planned within 1000 feet of the 100 year flood zone of the Beaver Creek Wetlands (Big and little Beaver Creeks in Greene County).
5. BCWA asks that any construction or activity that occurs in the watershed of the protection area and lies over the aquifer as described by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Council be subject to notification of BCWA under Ohio Sunshine Law.
6. BCWA supports development plans which maximize the amount of permeable surface within the watershed of the protection area.
7. BCWA supports retention of all wetlands, of any size, within the protection corridors. We support mitigation of wetland losses by restoration *only* when the situation has revealed that no alternatives are practical or ecologically sound.
8. BCWA supports the restoration of wetland within the protection corridors and the restoration of transitional upland habitats such as forests and prairies in the zones adjacent to the corridors.
9. BCWA requests that all jurisdictional areas employ inspectors to assure that day to day construction practice does not cause environmental damage within the protection corridors. In addition, we request that local rules be made that would halt development work that is out of compliance with best management practices for the environment.
10. BCWA requests that construction phase seeding be required on all projects.
11. All developments should design their storm water management systems to meet the requirements of the 100 year precipitation event. All calculations for storm water should be done through an independent contractor and double checked by the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District.
12. All tributaries to the Beaver Creek Wetland streams should be protected from activities which will negatively impact the wetland ecosystems present.
13. BCWA recognizes that limited hunting for the purpose of wildlife management may be needed.
14. BCWA supports the limited use of the wetlands for recreational activities along trails and boardwalks established for that purpose. BCWA discourages public incursions into other parts of the wetlands for recreation.
15. BCWA supports the use of the wetlands for educational purposes and research.
16. When management research shows that any undesirable plant or animal species threatens the stability or longevity of the natural habitat, those species should be controlled.