

Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Timeline

1972-2023

Compiled by BCWA Administrative Coordinator, Shandah Brannen. Timeline sources include shared oral and written history from BCWA board members, historical documents, newspaper articles, past issues of the Spotted Turtle Newsletters, and review of documents stored at Wright State Archives. Completed in 2023 in honor of BCWA's 35th Anniversary.

1972

- Congress passes the [Clean Water Act](#)

1986

- Wright State University graduate student Dave Nolin uses [surveyor records](#) from 1802 to determine where surveyors described and mapped “wet prairies” and “boggy prairie lands” in Greene County. These records revealed a long ribbon of prairie and wetland along Beaver Creek, extending from what is now Fairborn to Beaver Creek, and west along the Little Beaver Creek towards Dayton.
- [Dave Nolin](#) and [Jeff Knoop](#) of the Nature Conservancy resolved to explore this corridor. Parking close to Fairgrounds Rd., they walked North to New Germany Trebein and were amazed to find extensive and diverse wetlands throughout!
- Although some of the wetlands had been tiled, drained, farmed and grazed over the years, and Beaver Creek had been channelized around 1920, much of the original wetlands still existed as they had in 1802.

1987

- This is the year that the [1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual](#) was published to define wetlands for the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit program. Now we have official guidance for what constitutes wetlands.
- George HW Bush says “[NO NET LOSS OF WETLANDS](#)” on the campaign trail giving a megaphone to the issue of wetland conservation.
- Dave Nolin constructs a map showing the extent and ownership of the Beaver Creek Wetlands using aerial photographs provided by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission and land ownership boundaries from the county courthouse.
- With the help of funding from The Dayton Audubon Society, local architect Chuck Chambers made a version of the new map that was of professional quality and suitable for public presentation.
- Aug. 26, 1987 Beaver Creek Corridor Meeting was held to explore the possibility of establishing a green corridor along Beaver Creek in Greene County. The area was developing rapidly, and the group met to brainstorm if creating the corridor was desirable and how to proceed if so.
 - Attendees: Ed Dressler, Maggie Stacks, Jim Smallwood, from Green Co Parks, Jeff Knoop from The Nature Conservancy, Dave Nolin, Ted Soptelean, from Dayton-Montgomery Co parks, Ken Cosler, Beaver Creek Township Park District, Steve Goodwin, Jan Williams, from ODNR, and Stan Sline.

- September 1987 Dave Nolin presents the protected Beaver Creek Corridor concept to the Beaver Creek Township Park District Board. However, initial attempts to garner support failed.

1988

- When part of the corridor was proposed to be the site of two 18-hole golf courses, [Nancy Bain](#), President of the Miami Valley Native Plant Society, and [John Wilson](#) of The Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm took the initiative and convened a meeting of local conservation leaders at the Aullwood Audubon Nature Center on [February 17, 1988](#). This meeting included representatives of Aullwood, Dayton Audubon Society, Dayton-Montgomery Co. Park District, The Ohio chapter of The Nature Conservancy, and the Tecumseh chapter of the Sierra Club. After learning more about the threatened wetland corridor, they resolved to call themselves the Beaver Creek Wetlands Committee (BCWC), and advocate for its conservation.
- Naturalist [Paul Knoop](#), a member of the new BCWC and Education Director at Aullwood, was also a Dayton Daily News Columnist. He wrote an article about the Beaver Creek Wetlands in his column "Our Natural World" in the [Dayton Daily News on Feb. 27, 1988](#), greatly increasing public awareness of the wetlands.
- [Dr. Jim Amon](#) read Paul Knoop's article with interest because he wanted Wright State University to purchase part of the corridor as a living lab for Biology and began attending meetings.
- John Wilson approached wildlife artist [Charley Harper](#) about making a logo for the BCWC. Harper made an original logo based on a rare denizen of the wetlands, the spotted turtle, and donated it to the committee.
- Ann Malone of the Trust for Public Land visits during the second meeting of the BCWC on March 10, 1988 to explain the concept of a land trust, a private conservation non-profit concept that was proving to be effective elsewhere in Ohio and the United States. Also attending was Dr. James Amon of Wright State University, who brought academic credentials and a passion for wetland conservation.
- In Spring, a historic meeting is held in the kitchen of [Jane Henry](#), a Greene County naturalist and civic leader. The BCWC had resolved to form a new land trust called the **Beaver Creek Wetlands Association** (BCWA) and the documents for establishing a new non-profit were signed at this meeting. Interim officers were Dave Nolin, President, Paul Knoop, Vice President, Jane Henry, Treasurer, and Nancy Bain, Secretary.
- [April 13, 1988, Beavercreek Daily News](#) published an article regarding possible golf course development and the formation of the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association.
- [April 21 1988](#), 200 interested citizens attend a presentation by BCWA at the Beaver Creek Public Library about the Beaver Creek Wetlands. In addition to being covered by local newspapers, Dave Nolin wrote letters inviting land owners from the corridor to the meeting. The meeting room was filled beyond capacity, and unanimous support for the conservation of the wetlands was confirmed by a show of hands!
- [May 17, 1988](#)- A Special meeting is held at the Narrows Reserve to appoint/elect the first board of the BCWA. During that meeting Carol Graff, Beavercreek Council member, stressed that the board and officers needed to include significant representation from Greene County to succeed. After some discussion the first group of nominees for the Board of Trustees was convened that day, consisting of Lloyd Richardson, Jane Henry, Robert Gilbert, Lee Shatzley, Jim Amon, Bill Hagenbuch, Dave Nolin, Nancy Bain, Paul Knoop, Ken Cosler, and Jane Klein. An Advisory Board

was also formed consisting of Carol Graff, Richard Wead, Marc Marderosian, Catherine Queener, and Ray Wylam.

- By [May 31st](#) the entire slate of trustee nominees were elected by board motion. Out of the eleven trustees, the following officers were elected to BCWA: [Bill Hagenbuch as President](#), Tom Mouat as Vice President, Jane Henry as Treasurer, and [Jim Amon](#) as Secretary.
- [Lee Schatzley](#), husband of Beaver Creek City Council member Carol Graff, becomes the first chairperson of BCWA's Policy and Planning Committee. Mr. Schatzley develops BCWA's first strategic plan. Later becoming [BCWA secretary](#) starting in 1990.
- Stan Stine (a local amateur botanist) completed a thorough botanical study of the vegetation found in and around what is now Siebenthaler Fen. The study confirmed the high quality of this portion of the wetlands, documenting 220 plant species, 15 of which were listed as threatened or endangered in Ohio.
- **August 11, 1988 Beaver Creek Wetlands formally became a new 501c3 Land Trust recognized by the State of Ohio.**
- Fall-First Issue of the Spotted Turtle Trail Newsletter is published. It was put together by John Wilson, assisted by Jim Amon.
- BCWA begins reaching out to private landowners to discuss ways to protect the wetlands on their property.
- Army Corps of Engineers and BCWA discover that the American Legion has illegally filled in wetlands on New Germany Trebein Rd. without a permit required by the Clean Water Act. EPA and Corps of Engineers took them to court and won. BCWA worked with the Greene County Engineers office to remove the illegal fill. BCWA volunteers and Wright State students from Jim Amon's wetlands class then restored the damaged wetland over the next several years to a condition like before the dumping.
- [Marie Aull](#) makes sizeable donation to The Nature Conservancy to support BCWA's wetland protection efforts.
- The Ohio Chapter of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) leading the land acquisition effort in the north end of the wetlands, joined forces with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife (ODW). Together they committed \$650,000 to purchase land in the core of the wetland corridor. (Present Day Beaver Creek Wildlife Area)
- Ed Dressler of the Greene County Parks district applied for and received a Land and Water Conservation Grant from the Federal Government. It was a \$85,100 grant matched by \$85,100 from estate of Pearl E. Funk.
- [Dane Mutter](#) retires as Assistant Director of Dayton-Montgomery County Park District and joins BCWA as its first [executive director](#) on Oct. 1, 1988.
- Wetlands Slide Show narrated by volunteer naturalists made available to public and shared with groups like Dayton Audubon Society, various garden clubs, Rotary and Lions groups, Zoning committees, and Beaver Creek School System. Each presentation was modified slightly to fit the audience. [Dave Nolin](#), [Jim Amon](#) and [Dane Mutter](#) were among the first to share these presentations to the community and lead walks in Ankeny Fen.

1989

- President, [Bill Hagenbuch](#), called the First Annual Membership Meeting of the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association to order on May 16, 1989. Dane Mutter provides the [first Executive Director's report](#) to the board.
- BCWA received its first honor, the Green Valley Award from the Aullwood Audubon Center in recognition of its efforts to preserve the Miami Valley's natural heritage.
- Dayton Foundation offered first matching grant to BCWA of \$5000. BCWA also won grants from the Iddings Fund, and the Beaver Creek Jaycees.
- Membership grew to over 400.
- Greene County Commissioners acquired 33 acres near Rotary Park for a wellfield, and it also contained significant wetlands.

1990

- The Nature Conservancy acquired two parcels of wetlands – some 373 acres of its 500-acre goal. Jeff Knoop's leadership in these negotiations was especially valuable. This land was subsequently sold to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife with funds provided by their non-game tax checkoff fund.
- Greene County Park District acquired 52 acres in the southern part of the wetland corridor, now known as Beaver Creek Wetlands Reserve. This was thanks to Ed Dressler's work on Land and Water Conservation Grant over the past several months prior.
- Two mapping enterprises – one a remote sensing project of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and the ODNR, and the other an ODW identification and delineation project led by wildlife biologist, Lynn Holtzman – established approximate boundaries of the wetlands. It also used data to show the location of the sole source aquifer based on data from University of Dayton Professor Michael Clinch. Data from these maps allowed BCWA to provide detailed information to government agencies, developers, and private landowners.
- Research in the wetlands under the supervision of Jim Amon and graduate students at WSU flourished. A wetlands symposium was held at WSU for wetland stakeholders, regulators, and developers featured presentations by Amon and Dane Mutter.
- A new video about the Beaver Creek Wetlands was made available at Xenia, Fairborn, Beaver Creek and Dayton Main Branch Libraries.
- BCWA participates in 13 months of monthly meetings for the Public Advisory Group to establish OEPA rules to protect isolated wetlands under the Clean Water Act. However, in the end isolated wetlands like ours in the Beaver Creek Watershed were still not protected.
- BCWA, Ohio Audubon, and others sued the OEPA to see that isolated wetlands in Ohio would continue to be protected. Jim Amon made a multi hour phone interview with lawyers in presence of the judge – In the end, we won!
- Jim Amon is elected BCWA president and serves in this role for the next 5 years.

1991

- BCWA issued a draft position statement regarding wetlands buffer zones, toxic substances near the wetlands, and zoning. It firmly stated its non-threatening, non-confrontational stance in dealing with wetlands issues, a posture which gained respect for the organization in all its associations from that time on.
- The United Way gave BCWA a gift of a Mac SE computer, its first formal piece of office equipment.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Waterways Experiment Station funded a joint biology/geology wetlands project at WSU. This was led by Dr. Jim Amon and included Drs. Songlin Cheng, Bob Ritzi, and David Dominic of Wright State University. Many student internships and projects were completed under this grant. Thanks to this funding, [three experimental fens](#) were constructed by 1995 in Beaver Creek Wildlife Area and each tested one or more principles of fen restoration.
- Beaver Creek Township purchases a 34-acre tract from the Phillips family to create Phillips Park.
- Greene County purchases 27 acres along Beaver Creek for a sewage treatment facility, also protecting significant wetlands on the site.

1992

- Jim Amon and his crews began construction of two wetland sites on former agricultural, upland areas using grants from U.S. Fish and Wildlife (NAWCA grant and ODNR grant.)
- Many walks into Siebenthaler Fen and Ankeney Fen yielded some damage and an increase in invasive plants was noticed.
- Boardwalk Construction was proposed for the first time. The board sought matching funds and business contributions for the proposed boardwalk.

1993

- Phase 1 of the new boardwalk was completed at Siebenthaler Fen. Many loyal volunteers (outstanding among them, Dave Duell, who put in the first screw, and Richard Swigart who was a good caretaker) mobilized to construct the wetlands boardwalk using “lumber” made from recycled plastic milk bottles and recycled fiberglass from insulation manufacturing.
- Received donations from four local schools (Harold Schnell School, Ankeney Junior High, Carroll High School, and Northmont High School) and a grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (NAWC) involving a partnership with over a dozen local organizations. Together they made possible the enhancement and restoration of wetlands areas including Valle Greene delineation, Flood Control at I-675 across from Fairborn HS, Southdown Inc restoration, and the restoration of the American Legion area.
- Dr. Clyde Barbour surveyed fish species in Big Beaver Creek. Jim Amon helped him capture the fish!
- City of Fairborn purchases 17 acres of wetland and forest along Beaver Creek with assistance from BW Greenway Community Land Trust. (Part of present-day Community Park)

- BCWA was selected as a model for a newly-formed Miami Valley Open Space Council, and it received the Non-profit Organization Conservation Award for outstanding teaching about conservation.
- Greene County Park District accepts 25-acre donation of wetlands along Beaver Creek from the Cosler family for conservation. (Considered part of present-day GCPT's Beaver Creek Wetland Reserve. Although not directly connected to the original site, it is connected to the corridor as a whole via Hunter's Point Reserve and Dave Nolin Wetland Reserve.)

1994

- Jan Harry of the Voluntary Action Center of the United Way (VAC) organized volunteer workshops to which BCWA members were invited.
- First volunteer recognition party was held.
- BCWA tote bags and t-shirts offered for the first time at the Beavercreek Popcorn Festival.
- BCWA consulted in proposed golf course and sewer line construction in Beavercreek.
- Jim Amon directed wetland restoration projects at land owned by Southdown Inc., Beaver Creek Wildlife Area, and other sites.
- Spotted turtle logo was joined by heron-at-sunset logo which appeared on local billboards to advertise for membership.
- Greene County purchases an additional 27 acres along Beaver Creek for sanitary facility, but also protecting significant wetlands.

1995

- 302 acres of Beaver Creek wetlands were formally dedicated as the Beaver Creek Wildlife Area in May of 1995.
- 20 acres of mined land owned by Southdown Inc (cement company) were restored to wetland. This land was restored under a grant from the North American Wetlands Conservation Council to Wright State University and BCWA. (Present Day Cemex Reserve)
- Some of the plants removed during Siebenthaler Fen boardwalk construction were used in the Southdown Inc restoration. Some were also used in the second and third experimental fens in Beaver Creek Wildlife Area.
- Students from UD removed drain tiles near Siebenthaler fen.
- U.S. Congress takes action to amend the Clean Water Act of 1972 to eliminate protections for places that do not have standing water or that have standing water only for short periods (both like much of the Beaver Creek Wetlands). BCWA encourages residents and members to write representatives in support of continued protections for these areas.
- Public Parking lots were completed to provide public access to ODNR's new Beaver Creek Wildlife Area and at Siebenthaler Fen.
- Total of 1100 feet of boardwalk constructed in phase two of Siebenthaler Fen Boardwalk.
- A crucial member from the beginning, [Jim Maley](#), is elected president and presides over the BCWA during many important developments in the coming years.

1996

- Koogler Suburban (a local trash collector), donates 12 tons of #2 plastic for boardwalk materials, completing the Phase 3 boardwalk loop at Siebenthaler Fen. The recycled materials were transported to a Long Island producer to be converted into recycled boards, and then were brought back to Ohio.
- In partnership with ODNR, BCWA holds a three-day teacher and environmental educator Wetlands Wildlife Diversity Workshop. This event was sponsored by Miami Valley Project Green with the purpose of giving teachers the means and tools to monitor stream health.
- BCWA members attend Beaver Creek Township Trustees meeting to propose amendments to the [Hunter's Ridge development plan](#) that protected the aquifer and a one-hundred-year flood zone. It would later be restored to about 52 acres of wetland and prairie.
- BCWA joined with planners of the Greene County Wastewater Treatment Plant on Factory Road to develop a mitigation project that would restore a moderate to high quality wetland on the Beaver Creek Wetlands Reserve.

1997

- BCWA uses Beaver Creek Township's historic Coy House, recently restored on Phillips Park property as office headquarters. Before this, BCWA headquarters was in the [basement of Bill Hagenbuch's home](#).
- The twelve-foot-high Nancy Siebenthaler Observation Tower, funded by the Siebenthaler family, was constructed at Siebenthaler Fen by BCWA volunteers. It's affectionately known as "[Nan's Tower](#)."
- When the Ohio legislature failed to reject Nationwide Permit #26, which authorized the filling in of wetlands of less than three acres, BCWA gave testimony at a public hearing in support of an Audubon challenge to the permit. Jim Amon testified on an hours long phone call to the court in Columbus, providing information on the value of small and isolated wetlands.
- BCWA provided Fairborn officials with maps to help guide their decisions relating to the use of land at the headwaters of the Beaver Creek.
- Oberer Development paid for construction of a fen and marsh complex on Beaver Creek Wildlife Area as part of an EPA imposed mitigation effort to restore a fen that was destroyed during construction of the Fawn Ridge neighborhood. The new site was more than double the size of the original loss.
- Jeff Knoop and Jim Amon worked with Greene County to advise on the installation of a sewer across the wetlands to guarantee minimal disturbance and assure that water would not be lowered in the fen. The water draw down was monitored by Wright State Students.

1998

- Membership numbers total 2131. (Family memberships were counted as 2 members)
- The First 10 Years BCWA History document published.
- Sponsored Wetlands Mitigation Workshop in conjunction with Wright State

- 88 Bird Species observed in this year's Bird A Thon- a new high in our area at that time
- Worked with Greene County to designate a new wetlands mitigation bank at the Beaver Creek Wetlands Reserve. This project was initially to mitigate a loss of wetland as the Wastewater Treatment facility on Factory Rd. expanded.
- After much restoration work, Southdown Inc (Present Day Cemex) flooded on Dec. 21, 1998. Bringing water to what was a bean field showing potential to form wet prairie.
- Wright State University students under the direction of Jim Amon determined that wetland modifications in Phillips Park allow aquifer recharge of approximately 1.3 million gallons of water per day during Spring flow.
- Beaver Creek Township acquires 52-acres adjacent to Beaver Creek as part of an agreement for establishing the Hunter's Pointe development project. BCWA was significantly involved in this negotiation that provided extensive wetland and buffer protection.
- Little Miami Inc. (now Little Miami Conservancy) purchases 70 acres of floodplain forest and wetland at the juncture of Beaver Creek with the Little Miami River. This becomes the southern terminal of the Beaver Creek Wetland Corridor. The site had abundant wildlife, including a 17 nest Great Blue Heron Rookery.

1999

- Nearly 900 acres of land in the Beaver Creek Corridor protected by BCWA and numerous cooperators.
- Kiosk and additional 200 ft of boardwalk at Siebenthaler Fen construction completed.
- Beaver Creek Rotary funded water quality research conducted by Beaver Creek High School and Yellow Springs Instruments.
- After years of negotiations a land deal is brokered with Moraine Associates by BCWA trustee Don Geiger, Bill Hagenbuch (past president), and Tim Leiwig (Green County Parks). This tract of 135 acres along Little Beaver Creek (formerly called the "banana" because of its shape) contains high-quality wetlands as well as wooded floodplain land along Little Beaver Creek. The tract was acquired by Greene County Parks & Trails, who subsequently opened it as the Creekside Reserve.
- Some of the Creekside Reserve land is used to make the overpass for N Fairfield Rd over US 35. The excavation was guided by Drs Don Geiger and Jim Amon to create a wetland next to US 35.
- [Denny Jarvi](#) takes the reigns as [BCWA president](#). Serving in this role until 2006.

2000

- After substantial negotiations and consideration, the BCWA board approved the purchase of a 56-acre tract of land adjacent to the Beaver Creek Wildlife Area that was in danger of development. Jim Amon recognized how important this tract, (which included high quality wetlands and vital buffer) was to the Beaver Creek Wetlands and pushed for its protection. On January 18 BCWA closed on the property, calling it Fairborn Marsh (Present day James P Amon Biodiversity Reserve or J.A.B.R.) The owner made a partial donation for an IRS deduction and the remaining funding was made possible by a bank mortgage, which BCWA paid off in 2009.

- March 21, 2000, BCWA held open meeting to discuss protection of water and benefits of wetlands to our aquifer with community planners from country, township, and city officials.
- Dedication Ceremony for Southdown Reserve (now Cemex Reserve) held May 4, 2000. Ownership of this 164-acre nature reserve transfers to Greene County Parks & Trails.
- Dedication Ceremony for Siebenthaler Fen Boardwalk held May 6, 2000
- Air Force Institute of Technology (Dr. Michael Shelley) and Wright State University (Dr. Jim Amon, Dr. Abinash Agrawal, Dr. Allen Burton and students) come together to build constructed wetlands on WPAFB to study microbial and chemical processes unique to wetlands and their ability to remove toxic materials from the contaminated underground aquifer on base.
- September 9th, Creekside Reserve, GCPTS held its dedication ceremony.

2001

- Beaver Creek Rotary Club provides funds to Beaver Creek High School and Carroll High School for the monitoring of water quality in the watersheds of the Big and Little Beaver Creeks. Findings are shared with BCWA.
- Jim Amon taught a 5-week summer Wetland Biology course at WSU annually from 2001 until 2013.
- After 17 years of stewardship in Ohio, Jeff Knoop, moved to lead The Nature Conservancy protection efforts in Marquette, Michigan. Jeff was a major force for BCWA throughout the years, including helping to broker the purchase of Division of Wildlife holdings, organizing, and helping with major contacts, locating rare species, and helping with tax law.
- Boy Scouts, including Scott Murphy, install curb markers along Beaver Valley Road to help residents in new developments understand how storm water pollution (oil, paint, herbicides) can affect their drinking water. Scott then speaks at that year's Annual Meeting to share project details.
- May 14th, 2001. Observation tower at Siebenthaler Fen (Nan's Tower) burned to the ground. Arson investigation brought about indictment of an individual thanks to DOW, State Fire Marshall, Beaver Creek Fire and Beaver Creek Police. Ohio Division of Wildlife agrees to rebuild the tower.
- "Summer of Mud" - Big Beaver Creek saw muddy waters on almost continuous basis. Exposed soil from building of new housing developments is thought to be the culprit. BCWA encourages members to call on local officials to uphold and enforce rules to prevent sediment transport to our waterways.

2002

- Bob Jurick of BW (Beaver Creek-Wenrick or BW) Greenway makes a presentation at BCWA's trustee meeting. Jurick discussed BW Greenways work to educate the public about the importance of wetlands connecting the Beaver Creek and Wenrick Wetlands. He also discussed his group's involvement with the Greenways of Greater Dayton, a group interested in

developing a network of land trusts around the Greater Dayton area, forming an Emerald Necklace around the City.

- BCWA and GCPTs held Wetland Hike Leader Training sessions for a dozen interested volunteers. GCPT's Naturalist Cris Barnett is instrumental in sharing her experience with the group.
- BCWA reached out to homeowner associations offering talks on how they can help protect the wetlands by helping watch for erosion, dumping, unwise use of chemicals or anything that may threaten the wetlands.
- BCWA encouraged civic engagement of its members due to a Supreme Court Ruling that made isolated wetlands fall outside of the protection offered by the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Clean Water Act. The ruling said that wetlands not connected to navigable waterways aren't protected. Members are asked to write and call their Senators and Representatives to tell them it's imperative all wetlands are protected due to their value of flood prevention, recharging of ground water, and preserving rare species. Later OEPA made rules that protected these special places.
- Cemex reserve saw flooding due to beaver impact on water inlet pipes. Jim Amon and GCPT staff installed a cage over the inlet pipe at the advisement of Mike Enright, Five Rivers Metroparks.
- Marie Aull, one of our founding contributors, thanks to her very substantial donation to the Nature Conservancy which helped us purchase the first parcel of land and gave momentum to our organization, died at age 105.
- BCWA won 3rd place out of 140 for its float in the New Carlisle Salsa Festival Parade. Studebaker Nurseries in New Carlisle provided the trailer and plants displayed and the tractor was borrowed from Ron Kilgore, a builder in Beavercreek.
- Sean Martin of Boy Scouts of America along with other volunteers undertake trail and bridge improvement project at Fairborn Marsh (now JABR) as an Eagle Scout project. Two footbridges were developed and 1000 feet of improved trails.
- November 19th Special Ceremony is held at WSU officially creating the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Collection at the Archives and Special collections Department.
- Winter planting of prairie grass and wetland seeds on over 4.5 acres at Creekside Reserve occurred.

2003

- Nan's Tower was fully rebuilt after the 2001 fire, thanks to ODNR.
- BCWA was the featured organization for the Fitness Walk of Life at Healthy Planet-Healthy People Expo at the Fairfield Mall
- Richard Swigart's photo of Siebenthaler Fen on September Morning was available to membership for \$15
- April 26- BCWA volunteers planted 60 trees at Creekside Reserve. Footbridge constructed.
- Beavercreek Township obtained Koogler Wetland/Prairie Reserve (47 acres) thanks to a Clean Ohio Grant, Township funds, and donations from the Koogler family.
- BCWA float won 2nd place in Salsa Festival Parage in New Carlisle.

- Signed, and numbered, limited edition Fine Art prints on canvas, from original oil paintings by regional artist Walty Wyrauch are available to purchase proceeds benefit BCWA.
- Trail work and invasive control at Fairborn marsh carried on. Outdoor nursery initiated at this location as well. Only \$160,969 remains on Fairborn Marsh mortgage.
- BCWA revised its trail guide documents and created new BCWA information brochure.
- Oakwood High School Ecology Club donated \$500 to BCWA.
- The City of Fairborn accepted the donation of a 188-acre tract from the Oakes family. Now Oakes Quarry Park, the land includes former limestone quarry, limestone cliffs, and mature woodland.
- Beaver Creek Township Park District acquires a 13-acre parcel along Beaver Creek and establishes Beaver Creek Community Park.
- With the help of a donation by the Koogler Family and the Clean Ohio Fund, Beaver Creek Township acquires 48 acres and creates the Koogler Wetland/Prairie Reserve
- Bob Jurick of BW Greenway learned that Pearl's Fen may be for sale. He contacted The Nature Conservancy and discovered that there was a fund available to cover the purchase, and TNC acquires the site on Feb. 20.
- BCWA places [archive collection](#) at Wright State University Library's Special Collections and Archives.

2004

- Greene County Parks & Trails received Clean Ohio funds to purchase Pearl's Fen from TNC. BCWA helped GCPT in the submission of the grant proposal. GCPT acquired the fen on July 23.
- GCPTs acquired Hershner Reserve, 27 acres on the south side of US 35 across from Creekside Reserve with help from the Clean Ohio fund. This site, which contains high quality fen wetlands, had been discovered by BCWA trustee Don Geiger, who subsequently led BCWA volunteers on restoration efforts there.
- Establishment of the [Bill and Grace Hagenbuch Wetland Preserve](#) on 7 acres of the Creekside Reserve, near the long-time home of these long-time BCWA supporters.
- BCWA presented the first annual Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Environmental Achievement Award at the Beaver Creek Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony. This award was established to honor persons or organizations that have made significant contributions to the protection of the environment in our community. Those honored were Beaver Creek Township Trustees, Carol Graff, John Deal, and Richard Little. The awards were presented by then president, Denny Jarvi.
- On October 29th, BCWA brought together representatives from Sugar Creek Township, City of Fairborn Parks, Green County Planning Commission, BW Greenway, GCPT, Beaver Creek Township, and ODNR to discuss common goals and issues. The group plans to meet on a regular basis to coordinate efforts.
- November volunteers removed about 70 tiles from a strip of land next to the boardwalk at Siebenthaler Fen. After years of ineffectiveness, the tiles had started working again. Due to a break in the tiles, soil was being drawn into the tile and thereby eroding the Fen. The activity

drained the surface enough that upland plants like Canada Goldenrod started to grow. Jim Amon noticed the situation and called for a small group of helpers to dig out the tile.

2005

- Representatives from Sugar Creek Township, City of Fairborn Parks, Green County Planning Commission, BW Greenway, GCPT, Beaver Creek Township, and ODNR continued to meet to discuss common goals and issues. (Later known as the Beaver Creek Management Group or BMAG)
- Oberer Development made a proposal to develop much of Siebenthaler Nursery land potentially bringing 500+ homes within close proximity to ODNR land. Dialog with the developer and officials continues, BCWA focuses on protecting the fragile wetland resource.
- BCWA planted prairie seed on 17 acres of old farmland at Fairborn Marsh (J.A.B.R), adds 150 plants in pots at Fairborn Marsh nursery.
- Additional plantings at Creekside reserve of wetland plants near the fen and swamp rose cuttings are planted at Hagenbuch preserve.
- GCPTs completed 72' bridge over Beaver Creek at Phillips Park.

2006

- Thanks to a grant from US Fish and Wildlife Service, and GCPTs new Ambusher machine, a total of 12 acres of woodland in Creekside Reserve were cleared of honeysuckle in record time!
- Susie Scott becomes president and earns volunteer of the year award at the Annual Meeting.
- Don Geiger led a large Garlic Mustard pull with volunteers at Creekside Reserve. They use a new method developed by Don which involves using a weed whip or string trimmer to cut below the seed section and then cut stalk near the ground to complete the task. Encourages method to repeat yearly for a few years.
- A spotted Turtle Sighting was reported by Wright State Students while doing research at Pearl's Fen.
- The City of Fairborn, with the help of the BW Greenway Community Land Trust and the Clean Ohio fund, purchases 32 acres along Beaver Creek, connecting Cemex Reserve and Community Park.

2007

- BCWA partnered with the Dayton Foundation to create an endowment fund for future BCWA priorities such as land acquisition.
- Jim Amon received the Beaver Creek Chamber of Commerce Environmental Achievement Award.
- Jim Amon and Wright State install wetland and weather monitoring equipment at the Beaver Creek Wetlands Nature Reserve. The project monitored water entering the wetland from the Beaver Creek and checked it again as it departed. The project measured water temperature, depth, conductivity, ph, turbidity and oxygen, and was sponsored by US EPA in cooperation with area universities.

- Large honeysuckle assaults were successful at Creekside reserve. The prairie at Creekside was cleaned of invasives and new plants were planted by the fen.
- Eagle Scout project of Nate Spears Troop 68 completes observation platform overlooking Fairborn Marsh (J.A.B.R.).

2008

- First electronic delivery of our newsletter in pdf format via email
- BCWA turns 20!
- Wetland inspired artwork inspired by is displayed at Wright State Student Union 4/28-5/11.
- Beaver creek schools (k-12) submit wetland inspired art to be displayed at the Beaver creek Board of Education during Wetlands Month (May).
- Dam at Phillips Park was renovated thanks to 80.5 hours of volunteer time.
- BioBlitz is held at Cemex Reserve under guidance of GCPT's Chris Barnett. It's a fun, intense way of studying amazing biological diversity of a single place. Volunteers join with naturalists and experts in the area to make a list of everything living thing found.
- Richard Swigart received BCWA's Environmental Achievement Award.
- Eagle Scout Andy Herting worked with BCWA and troop 71 to build observation deck at Beaver Creek Wetlands Reserve
- 77 native plants including Cardinal flower and lobelia grown by Don Geiger planted at Creekside Reserve.
- Jim Amon presented with Bill and Grace Hagenbuch Leadership Award. Outstanding contributor to the mission of the Beaver creek wetlands.

2009

- Little Beaver Creek Restoration Project was underway. Coordinated efforts by Greene County Sanitary Engineering, Ohio EPA, Green County Park District, MEEC and BCWA will oversee in stream habitat restoration and stream bank stabilization along 2100 feet of the little Beaver Creek.
- Faculty and students from UD do biological surveys. Found 27 species in 2009 when only 5 species of fish were found in 1982 on the same stretch of Little Beaver Creek.
- Fairborn Marsh mortgage paid off!!
- Don Geiger was selected for BCWA's Environmental Achievement Award.
- Beaver Creek Management Group (BMAG) continues to meet discussing work and concerns of all involved participants like Fairborn and Beaver creek City parks, Greene County Sanitary Engineering, Greene County Planning Commission, Ohio EPA, Beaver creek Township and BW Greenway along with others join the meetings.
- BCWA and Wright State University held a Wetland Delineation and Wetland Mitigation Banking Workshop.

- Beaver Creek Township frees water flow by removing large sandbar that had formed at Phillips Park wetland. Several bridges in the park were also repaired making it easier to get mowing equipment on the trails.
- Eagle Scout Garrett Bailey of Troop 65 and a group of volunteers take on improving parking at Siebenthaler Fen. They repaired parking surface area with gravel, installed split rail fencing to match existing ODNR fencing.
- Full color aerial photographs from Greene County GIS were used by Liz Whalen and Don Geiger of UD and Jim Amon of WSU, to recognize invasive species and identify a target location for invasive removal. The Keck Lab facility at UD's Geology Department put together over a dozen of these large-scale photos. Biologists and students then go inspect the sites. Findings combined with other mapping data to display waypoints using data from the Greene County auditor's office. This invasives mapping project benefits from interagency cooperation despite strained budgets and was brought together by many people from the Beaver Creek Wetlands Management and Advisory Group (BMAG).
- Large purple loosestrife assault at Hunter's Point completed by 35 BCWA volunteers and Greene County Parks and Beaver Creek Township remove an estimated 6 billion Purple Loosestrife seeds from a 5-acre tract.
- Bare Root saplings of Sugar Maple, redbud, flowering dogwood, black walnut, and sweet gum were planted in outdoor nursery at Fairborn Marsh in Spring. These saplings were then planted in the fall to rejuvenate areas where honeysuckle had been removed.
- A new trail at Koogler Wetland and Prairie Reserve is taking shape thanks to the leadership of Rob Evans and support of BCWA volunteers.

2010

- Introduced Purple Loosestrife eating beetles to combat this top 10 invasive plant. The beetles were collected at Lake Erie by BCWA Volunteers.
- Naturalist, Jim McCormac, president of the Ohio Ornithological Society and employee of Ohio Division of Wildlife speaks at 2010 Annual Meeting. His topic was "Fabulous Fens: Wetlands Extraordinaire!"
- [Sue Rytel](#) received BCWA Environmental Achievement Award presented at Beaver Creek Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet.
- Woodman Fen is under development within Five Rivers Metroparks and will be open to the public soon. Walmart helped pay for the park and the boardwalk here due to EPA rules requiring restoration of wetlands due to the impact one of their local stores caused to another wetland site. Woodman Fen is one of the key sources of water that feeds into the little Beaver Creek and Beaver Creek Wetlands.

2011

- [Rob Evans](#) is elected president of BCWA.

- Naturalist, Tom Hissong, is the speaker at the 2011 Annual Meeting. His presentation featured the many interesting connections between native plants and birds.
- BCWA trustee, [Chris Simmons](#), was awarded BCWA Environmental Achievement Award at the Beaver Creek Chamber of Commerce Community Awards Banquet.
- Beaver Creek Golf Club on New Germany Trebein Rd. becomes part of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program. They plant native grasses and wildflowers, remove invasive honeysuckle and complete other projects including mounting and monitoring nest boxes, taking wildlife inventories and planting more wildlife gardens.
- Denise Frong, a first-year graduate student at Wright State University, conducted research in the Beaver Creek Wetlands on control methods for non-native, invasive Reed Canary Grass. Her methods sought to lessen the time and amount of herbicide needed to eliminate this serious pest. BCWA cooperates with city, township, and county personnel where possible to increase the effectiveness of this work.
- [58 acres](#) of wetland habitat are protected into a conservation easement (Present day Dave Nolin Wetland Reserve) and 21.5 acres of adjacent cropland (Present Day, Dane Mutter Prairie.) are purchased thanks to a funding source from the Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance of the Ohio EPA's known as the Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program ([WRRSPP](#)). Dane Mutter, Jim Amon, and Jim Schneider lead the effort to obtain this major funding source.
- Debbie Karr manages our first ever Monarch Tagging Event. She is also named [2011 Volunteer of the Year!](#)
- Beerman Fen was acquired by BCWA thanks to Dane Mutter and Jim Amon managing this purchase through a WRRSP grant from O-EPA.
- Koogler Boardwalk completed. 400 feet of boardwalk added in four new sections.
- The Greater Dayton Conservation Fund of the Dayton Foundation presented Dane Mutter and Don Geiger with Lifetime Achievement Awards in November 2011.

2012

- Bill Felker of Poor Will's Almanack was the speaker at our 2012 Annual Meeting.
- BCWA started to accept electronic membership dues and donations via PayPal.
- Updated PDF location brochures are available on BCWA's website for the first time.
- BCWA's first president, [Bill Hagenbuch](#), passes away.
- Pawpaws were planted at Koogler, potted by Richard Swigart. Don Geiger and MEEC provide buttonbush, swap roses, shrubby cinquefoil all scattered in Koogler as well.

2013

- Robert C Glotzhober, of the Ohio Historical Society, speaks at 25th Anniversary Celebration. His talk included descriptions of the dragonfly/damselfly study a few years prior.
- Loop boardwalk at Siebenthaler Fen is raised.
- BCWA had a booth at the Yellow Springs Street Fair.

- WSU Alumni removed invasives and planted thousands of wetland plants at Hunter's Point on April 13th.
- Debbie Karr led the effort to develop Monarch Waystation at Beaver Creek Station.
- BCWA is awarded the Partner of the Year Award from Partners for the Environment presented by Dane Mutter. Dave Nolin presented Jim Amon with the Lifetime Achievement Award from Partners for the Environment.
- Bob Limbert retired from being BCWA Administrative Coordinator after 14 years of service in this role. Debbie Karr becomes the next Admin Coordinator.
- The Tecumseh Land Trust, with the help of The Nature Conservancy, Beaver Creek Wetlands Association, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, acquired a 96-acre conservation easement south of Fairground Road, including significant wetlands and frontage on Beaver Creek.

2014

- Dave Nolin, Conservation Director of Five Rivers Metroparks and BCWA founder, was the speaker at the 26th Annual Meeting. He gives a talk on the origins of Beaver Creek Wetlands, including geology, climate, and plant communities.
- BCWA had a booth at Garden Station's Earthfest in downtown Dayton. This was the first time BCWA did outreach in Downtown Dayton.
- BCWA starts "Wetland Watchers" program. Asking volunteers to become familiar with wetland locations and visit them frequently, keeping track of what they see and sharing information with BCWA.
- Jane Klein, one of the first BCWA trustees passed away on 9/13/14. She was a lifetime supporter of Glen Helen Assoc, Cedar Bog Assoc, BCWA, and the Girl Scouts. She was one of the first trustees designated back in May 1988.
- Don Geiger accepted the Leadership in Wetland Education Award from Ohio Wetlands Association on behalf of BCWA in November.
- BCWA volunteer crews work with GCPTs and ONAPA and DNAP volunteers at Travertine Fen State Nature Preserve in Spring Valley, OH to remove shrubby species to allow for state listed and other valuable plants to reveal themselves.
- BCWA gets a Facebook page!

2015

- Mike Enright, Conservation Manager for Five Rivers Metroparks is the speaker for the 27th annual meeting. Gives presentation on "The Great Miami Mitigation Bank- From Cornfields to Wetlands."
- Members of the Ohio Bluebird Society, Bethany and Jordan Gray, install bluebird nest boxes at Fairborn Marsh for the first time.
- After 5 years of service, Rob Evans passes the torch to Jim Schneider who is elected president of BCWA.
- Beaver Creek Township Trustees reconnected Rotary Park and Phillips Park with a new bridge over Beaver Creek. The original bridge had been closed for 3 years when it became unsafe due

to age and flooding. Life expectancy of the new composite bridge is 75-100 years. BCWA helped facilitate this project.

- Lois Gschwender is recognized as Volunteer of the Year.
- 100 Monarchs are tagged between Sept. 16-26th. BCWA's 6th annual monarch tagging event was a success with 200 in attendance at Koogler Reserve.
- BCWA encouraged membership to support passage of the GCPTs 0.9 mill tax levy. Levy passes.
- Participated in the 4th of July Parades for Fairborn and Beavercreek. Decorated our Polaris and trailer as a float to reflect BCWA. Design my Chris Simmons. Passed out 1800 Bookmarks with wetland maps to parade watchers.
- League of Women Voters of the Greater Dayton Area honored BCWA with the Jo Columbo Memorial Environmental Award. In association with this award, Siebenthaler Nursery donated a cultivar of a native Red Maple tree which was planted near the entrance of Fairborn Marsh.

2016

- Hope Taft and Aaron Rourke from the Little Miami Watershed Network are the speakers for the 28th Annual Meeting. (What was the topic?)
- BCWA president, Jim Schneider, is interviewed by the Ohio Watershed Network, an OSU extension. (What was the topic?)
- The City of Fairborn acquired 22 acres along Pearl's Run, the northern branch of Beaver Creek.
- The City of Fairborn, with the help of the BW Greenway Community Land Trust and the Clean Ohio Fund acquired 25 acres along Beaver Creek, and establishes Valle Greene Park just north of Dayton Yellow Springs Rd.
- BCWA hosted Native Plant Workshop held at Beavercreek Fire Station on Dayton Xenia Rd. Info was shared on how to select and care for native flowers, the relationship between wildlife and native plants, and seed identification and dispersal. Provided participants with native plants grown from seed collected by BCWA volunteers in the Beaver Creek Wetlands.
- BCWA partnered with Dorthey Lane Market Good Neighbor Program, Amazon Smile, and Kroger Community Rewards for the first time, allowing members to donate while they shop.
- 80 trees planted as part of 3-year plan for the reforestation of Fairborn Marsh (present day J.A.B.R). Trees included Tulip Tree, Sugar Maple, Basswood, and a variety of oaks.
- BCWA hosted Teal Pumpkin Hike: Animals of Halloween at Siebenthaler Fen. Families came out to learn about owls, snakes, spiders, and bats and received non-food treats at each animal station.

2017

- [Doug Hull](#) retires from his position as treasurer of BCWA after serving from 2003-2017.
- Timothy Snyder is the speaker at the 29th Annual Meeting. He presents "What do you mean, that wasn't a prairie?" Mapping the pre-settlement Vegetation Patters of a State Nature Preserve."
- Thanks to donations from Paul and Carol Lamberger, Jane Henry, the 100 Women Making a Difference in Greene County, and Jeffrey and Angela Brown, BCWA was able to purchase a BCS 739 two wheel tractor with several attachments.

- BCWA's Monarch Waystation received a \$300 Grant from Beaver Creek Women's League. This is the second grant they awarded for this project, the first one in 2015.
- 120 new trees were planted in Fairborn Marsh (J.A.B.R) as part of Rohan Desarapu's Eagle Scout Project.
- Restored 21 acres of cropland to native prairie acquired via a WRRSP grant. Dedicated as Dane Mutter Prairie.

2018

- BCWA holds 30th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Beaver Creek. Tom Hissong is the guest speaker presenting "Discovering Ohio's Natural Wonders through a Camera Lens."
- "Vision" committee formed by BCWA board of trustees to develop the next phase of wetland protection efforts in an updated Strategic Plan. The committee's goal was to establish a 15 mile linear trail along the wetland corridor (Spotted Turtle Trail), improve access and signage, protect additional land, and increase habitat management efforts.
- BCWA received the prestigious and statewide Wildlife and Conservation Award from the Ohio Blue Bird Society. Bethany Gray nominated the organization, and the award was accepted by Trustee Mike Zimmerman. Some points mentioned in the nomination were prairie and woodland restoration, 100 species of birds documented at the sites, establishment of blue bird trails in 2015, Monarch Waystation and Tagging events, and sightings of River Otters in Siebenthaler Fen in 2017.
- Summer 2018 edition of Spotted Turtle Newsletter is printed in color for the first time.
- Jim Schneider passed the torch to Dave Nolin as he is elected president of BCWA in 2018.
- BCWA participates in Glen Helen Earth Day Celebration for the first time.
- Sarah Potter is recognized as BCWA's Student Volunteer of the Year.
- New Kiosk panels are installed at Siebenthaler Fen. BCWA advisor Art Helmstetter helped obtain the funding grants and was the project manager. Jim Amon advised content as Technical Advisor, and Josh Koenig did the graphic design.
- 144 more trees planted at Fairborn Marsh for a total of 344 planted there in the last three years. Ashish Bommasani's Eagle Scout project supported this planting.
- One of BCWA's founding Trustees, [Lee Schatzley](#), passes away on 10/26/2018
- BCWA president, Dave Nolin's, book "Discovery and Renewal on Huffman Prairie: Where Aviation Took Wing." Is published.

2019

- BCWA held 31st Annual Meeting. Guest speaker is Andrea Yeager of Arc of Appalachia.
- [BCWA awarded \\$87,500 from Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Grant](#) to cover the costs of restoring about fifty acres of abandoned farmland and to acquire a conservation easement on the property. Land is owned by Beaver Creek Township and known today as Hunter's Point Reserve.

- BCWA volunteers held two pinecone bird feeder workshops. One each at the Fairborn and Beaver Creek Libraries.
- Parking lot at Cemex Reserve used to store dead trees and vegetation from the Beaver Creek Tornado (part of Memorial Day tornado outbreak). The reserve is closed to the public until further notice.
- May 23rd, a public meeting is held at Bath Township offices regarding concerns about a potential development proposed near Pearl's Fen. Dave Nolin, BCWA president, spoke on the history and conservation of the fen. Jim Amon- BCWA Technical Advisor spoke about the natural features of the fen that make it rare, and B-W Greenway's Bob Jurick discussed development and land use. BCWA working with BWG and GCPTS, the developer, and the City of Fairborn to establish a 7.5-acre buffer between the development and Pearl's Fen.
- Several representatives from BCWA attended a public meeting at Aullwood Audubon Farm in support of saving [Paul Knoop Prairie](#).
- BCWA brings on full-time Executive Director, Blythe Hazellief.
- BCWA office moves from Coy House to Beaver Creek Township building at 1999 E Dayton Xenia Rd.
- BCWA distributed 250 free, native trees to residents impacted by Memorial Day tornado damage.
- BCWA assisted GCPT in submission of a successful application to the Clean Ohio Fund to restore Pearl's Fen.

2020

- BCWA's Annual Meeting went virtual due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Phase 1 of our Trail Project is unveiled to membership.
- 460 more free, native trees distributed to residents impacted by the Memorial Day Tornadoes in coordination with City of Beaver Creek, Beaver Creek Township, Rotary Club of Beaver Creek, and Siebenthaler Nursery. Trees purchased through a grant from the Arbor Day Foundation funded by State Farm.
- Report issued from Ohio Dragonfly and Damselfly Survey that was done 2017-2018 as a coordinated effort of ODNR, The Ohio Odonata Society, and Ohio State University. First survey of its kind since the 1990s. There were 62 different species recorded in Beaver Creek Wetlands out of 1161 observations recorded for the survey period.
- Eagle Scout Nolan Maquire led efforts to trim and finish a new section of trail that connects Oakes Quarry with Pearl's Fen. The trail between the two parks was installed by GCPTs and the City of Fairborn Parks Division on their respective sections.
- BCWA assisted with restoring Pearl's Fen and installing interpretive signage there.
- Pearl's Fen restoration work completed by mid-summer with leadership provided by BCWA.
- Pearl's Fen was dedicated as a new GCPT nature reserve on Sept. 3, 2020. Virtual Event. BCWA's president Dave Nolin gave a virtual tour.
- Beth Edsall joined BCWA staff as Administrative Coordinator in February.

2021

- Beth Edsall became the new Outreach Director March 1.
- Jacki Mayer joined BCWA as the new Executive Director in June.
- September 21, 2021 BCWA board of trustees voted to name the newly acquired 58 acre property, Dave Nolin Wetland Reserve.
- October 21, 2021, BCWA's first Executive Director, [Dane Mutter](#) passes away.
- Dave Nolin passed the torch to David Goldstein as he was elected BCWA president.
- Justin Kutter completed an Eagle Scout project to build four new benches made from recycled plastic at Siebenthaler Fen.
- BCWA volunteers refurbished the observation tower at Beaver Creek Wetlands Reserve
- Updates to Dane Mutter Prairie made as part of Spotted Turtle Trail Project. Updates included cutting new meandering path through the prairie, installing new benches and interpretive signs, and the building small observation deck.
- [Spotted Turtle](#) was seen at Siebenthaler Fen on the boardwalk after a heavy rain by Mike Mushala.

2022

- [Spotted Turtle Trail Phase 2](#) progress continued!
- Loic Gauthier completes Eagle Scout project to install 272 feet of kick rail to the Koogler Wetland/Prairie Reserve Boardwalk.
- BCWA volunteers led by Jim Schneider and Skip Beehler raised a total of 264 feet of boardwalk to clear water levels. Kick rails were added to another 97 feet of new boardwalk.
- Shandah Brannen was hired as Administrative Coordinator.
- BCWA held a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic on July 16.
- A new educational program, Fabulous Fossils, is hosted by BCWA and led by volunteer naturalist, Karen Power, at Oak's Quarry. 164 Fourth Graders from Tipp City attended the session.
- Fairborn Marsh is dedicated as [James P Amon Biodiversity Reserve \(J.A.B.R\)](#) on September 24, 2022.
- Volunteer Deb McKee started a project to cover map the Beaver Creek Wetlands to determine boundaries of prairies, wetlands, forests, thickets based on plant communities along the corridor.
- BCWA was honored with Gussie Jones Civic Award at the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce 2022 annual awards event. Awarded for our continued dedication to protect the wetlands, and our commitment in providing educational and recreational opportunities to the community through the Spotted Turtle Trail.

2023

- BCWA held a well attended Volunteer Rally at Peace Lutheran Church in February. Volunteers heard from crew leaders and were able to learn more about each volunteer activity, meet fellow volunteers face to face, and sign up to participate.
- BCWA progressed through Phase 2 of the Spotted Turtle Trail and embarks on [Phase 3](#).
- Electronic submission of volunteer hours and volunteer liability forms are implemented.
- In March, the BCWA board voted to re-affirm our [position statement](#) and it is shared with the public.
- BCWA held 35th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting at Holiday Inn in Fairborn. Guest speaker is Dr. Richard Phillips of Wittenberg University presenting, “Spotted Turtles in Southwest Ohio: What We Know and How We know it.”