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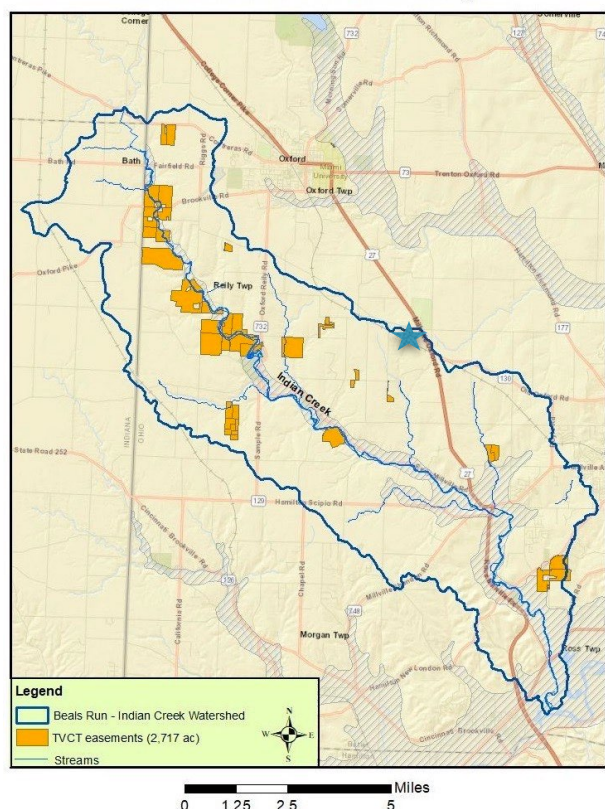
OUR MISSION IS TO CONSERVE NATURAL HABITATS, WATERWAYS, AND AGRICULTURAL LANDS
IN SOUTHWESTERN OHIO, FOR THE BENEFIT OF PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS,
THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

3VCT Partners Establish Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategic Plan

By Monica Rakovan, Ph.D., Founder and President of ENSOAQ

In 2020-2021, Environmental Solutions AQ (ENSOAQ) assisted our project partners, 3VCT and Preble Soil and Water Conservation District, in developing the Nine-Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategic plans (NPS-IS) for two watersheds in the Great Miami River Basin. In collaboration with 3VCT, ENSOAQ drafted the NPS-IS for Beals Run-Indian Creek watershed and the plan was approved by Ohio EPA in May 2021.

Beals Run - Indian Creek Watershed Map



Based on the critical areas and projects identified in the Beals Run-Indian Creek NPS-IS plan, a grant proposal was submitted to H2Ohio to restore a 12-acre natural wetland and stabilize 600 feet of severely eroded stream bank (photo at right). The goal of this and other similar restoration projects is to protect natural resources and improve overall water quality and habitats. As we just learned from the H2Ohio Program, a total of twenty applications were submitted and this project was selected as one of the thirteen funded applications. This project will be one of the very few wetland restorations of this scale funded in this region. We expect this project will be implemented in 2022. Stay tuned for more news and information about this exciting project!

One of the interesting tools that was used in the NPS-IS plan preparation is the Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework (ACPF). ACPF is an agricultural watershed management tool using high-resolution spatial data and ArcGIS to identify opportunities for installing conservation practices within a watershed. Developed by the US Department of Agriculture, the ACPF is being used in hundreds of watersheds across the US to inform and engage local communities in agricultural conservation. ACPF was very helpful during the Beals Run Indian Creek NPS-IS preparation. It helped engage stakeholders in the watershed planning

process by having them propose conservation solutions, which are options and scenarios that can be evaluated at watershed and farm levels, including in-field, below-field, and riparian zone practices.

On November 4, 2021, ENSOAQ presented at the 50th Water Management Association of Ohio Annual Conference. ENSOAQ shared the experience in preparing the NPS-IS plans for the watersheds in the Great Miami River Basin and the lessons learned from using ACPF in these plans, since our group was the first to use ACPF in this region. To learn more about us, please visit ensoaq.com.



Monica Rakovan presents at the 50th Water Management Association Conference about preparing the NPS-IS plan.



Open Spaces – Room to View

The summer season is behind us now for certain. I trust you squeezed as much out of yours as I did. I made good on one commitment to myself, to find as many miles as I could manage from the saddle of my bicycle, most of them within the footprint of the Three Valley Conservation Trust.

Along many of the prettiest roadways, as I lifted my gaze from my front wheel and passing asphalt, I would see a familiar green-on-white sign designating a property protected by 3VCT. Most often those journeys took me through rural farmland, past many other acres with pockets of woodland, well-maintained drainages, and other signatures of generational commitment to the conservation of land and water so important to us all. These properties often bordered other properties with a microwave tower or new driveway cut that signaled prosperity of a different kind on the march.

Chair's Report

By Daniel Cox

I wonder how many other cyclists, commuters or commercial drivers ever take notice of the Three Valley Conservation Trust signs and make the connection between protected open space and the restorative value of a scenic journey. I am grateful that the very tangible commitments each member, donor, community partner and participating landowner makes can pay such lovely returns to fellow travelers and pilgrims on the road.

Soon will come the season for resolution. In the new year you may find yourself stiff with cabin fever and itching for a view different from the one out of your frosted window. When the need to move and find a new horizon grabs you, contact the fine folks at the Three Valley Conservation Trust office and request a copy of a map of protected properties. Start planning your own drive-by scenic tour, or a scavenger hunt if you are the competitive type. I am confident that you will be rewarded by the journey and, perhaps, by a new appreciation for the landscape you do so much to protect.

P.S. If you are the cycling type, please keep an eye on your June calendar when the Friends of Preble County 4-H will again host their annual Buckeye Bridge Ride. If the route rotation holds, you can expect to pass a few protected acres with pride.

Respectfully,
Daniel C. Cox

Congratulations to our Land Protection Specialist, Caitlin Brown!

Caitlin was recently selected as one of ten regional conservationists to attend the Greater Dayton Environmental Leader Program operated by Partners for the Environment. The program is a year-long cohort-based training program to educate and engage early-career community members to become leaders who will understand natural resources and regional assets and take action to advocate for and to improve and protect the environment. Each selectee is partnered with a leadership mentor who helps them learn about local, state, and federal environmental issues, develop leadership and collaboration skills, and build strong networks. Each participant works on a project with regional environmental issue focus. Caitlin and her mentor will work to develop a soil health education program. Congratulations, Caitlin!



Congratulations to Three Valley for the American Farmland Trust Grant

By Caitlin Brown, Land Protection Specialist

In August of 2021, 3VCT was awarded a \$10,000 grant by American Farmland Trust (AFT), to implement a soil health action plan to promote regenerative agricultural practices on our protected properties. AFT provided a three-day training for our Stewardship Manager and Land Protection Specialist focused on engaging landowners around soil health. The training equipped us with new skills, ideas, and resources that will help guide us in our efforts to educate landowners about best practices and spread awareness about soil health benefits.

3VCT's soil health plan is still being developed and we will keep you updated on its progress. We plan to provide educational materials about soil health and regenerative agricultural practices and host an interactive soil health field day in the spring to bring our community together to learn about how to transform our local soils.

Executive Director's Report

By Randy Evans

As I take this time to jot down some thoughts for you all, my mind wanders, as it often does, through the properties we help protect. There are so many beautiful farms, streams, and woodlands which we are fortunate to visit each year. In early November, I joined others to observe a northern saw-whet owl survey taking place on our newest easement. The Brian and Donna Wise property is one of those rare "once-in-a-career" conservation opportunities. Hosting nine species of native orchid, a few endangered species, and several confirmed species of concern, it became a yearlong goal of our team to help the Wise family protect this property in perpetuity. Brian and Donna are gracious hosts and lead fascinating nature walks on the property. We look forward to visiting often and hope many of you will join us.



We had a busy summer here at 3VCT - thanks to your continued support, we accomplished so much! From hosting our summer internship program for college students and monitoring over 18,000 conservation easement acres, to maintaining and improving Ruder Preserve and working to close four new easement properties, it was a productive year. The warmer months gave us many opportunities to visit with members of our community, establish new friendships, and reconnect with long-time supporters. We were able to enjoy the annual meeting, our first in-person event following the pandemic shutdown. Thanks to so many dedicated board members, especially Julie Primack for hosting the event, and to Reva Evans, our office coordinator for the extensive organizing. Thanks also to Fred Voge Farms and our Board Chair Dan Cox (The Smoke Master) for the exceptional brisket main course. We were honored to have so many of our community members in attendance and blessed with the potluck of side dishes they shared with us. The 3VCT board and staff came away with a profound sense of comradery and appreciation for our community supporters. We have more events coming up and are always open to new suggestions.

Speaking of the future, we have many land protection projects closing soon, and with them are stories that long to be shared. You will read more about our recent easements, new opportunities for land conservation, farmland protection, and our goals to increase natural resource quality in the pages ahead. The staff is extremely excited for all we have planned in 2022. As we creep toward December, I spend time thinking about our future goals, and late-year property visits always stimulate ideas. I often stop to admire adjacent properties and think of what we could accomplish in the years ahead and one question is always there ... how can we conserve more? Each of us likely has specific goals in mind (personally, I would love to see 3VCT protect 50,000 acres before we reach the half-century mark). What are your hopes for the organization you helped build and sustain? Please share them with us; we are eager to hear your ideas.

Rachel Carson once shared, "In nature nothing exists alone." As a 3VCT supporter, you are a cornerstone of this work; you play a central role in protecting and stewarding land in our community. I find it comforting to know we are doing this together and I believe, together, we can reach our shared goals.

Enjoy the cooler, crisp days ahead. **Deinceps Una!**



Proposed Henshaw wetland (blue) and berms (brown) to create them

Local Wetland in the Works

By Stephen Gordon

Natural habitats, waterways and agricultural lands form the core of Three Valley's conservation mission. For over a decade, the Paddys Run Conservation Project, in collaboration with willing landowners, has helped conserve these special places. One newly proposed project for a parcel known as the Henshaw Corner would expand and preserve a significant wetland remnant in Morgan Township. Part of a 232-acre easement-protected parcel owned by Stanley Henshaw, the project site has historically been under cultivation. The wetland parcel encompasses 7.5 acres of tillable land bordered by approximately 3 acres of riparian habitat bordering Paddys Run.

Despite decades of row crop tillage, a corner of the parcel remains wet and often holds pooled water through much of the year. The wet nature of the corner has long attracted the attention of Jeff Davis, local state-licensed herpetologist and author of *In Ohio's Backyard: Frogs and Toads*. Henshaw's Corner not only hosts widespread populations of spring peepers and American toads, it is among the few places in Ohio that host seven amphibian species, including Blanchard's Cricket Frog, an Ohio Species of Concern. Given the ecological significance of this site, Three Valley has assigned a project team including Jeff Davis, to explore the feasibility of an expanded wetland installation at Henshaw Corner. The proposed project would fund construction of earthen berms, establish a buffer along the riparian corridor, and restore native plantings. Its proximity to vehicular access will provide opportunities for field study and outdoor education. Restoration and enhancement of the Henshaw parcel will add to the protection of amphibians and other wetland species in southwest Ohio.

Land Protection and Stewardship Committee

Article and photos by Caitlin Brown, Land Protection Specialist

Since our last newsletter, 3VCT has added four easements totaling 190 acres. We now have 215 easement properties that protect 24,166 acres.

The **Royer Family Farm** (right) is a 66.52-acre donated easement located in Trotwood, Ohio. With approximately 3,688 feet of stream and 39 acres of natural habitat, this property provides habitat for a variety of wildlife. It had been Judy Royer's dream to protect her property and it was an honor to make this family farm our 212th easement.



The **Angst Nature Preserve** (left) consists of two separate conservation easements totaling 84.21 acres. It is located on Trenton Oxford Road in Hamilton, Ohio. Helen Angst donated this property to 3VCT in 2019 with the dream of turning the property into a nature preserve. In August of 2021, Butler County MetroParks purchased the property from 3VCT and the conservation easements were placed on the property. The Angst Nature Preserve features 32.64 acres of natural areas, 44.61 acres of tillable land, and 5,052.41 feet of streamfront. As of September 22nd, 2021, the Angst Nature Preserve is open to the public.

Wise Property

Our 215th easement is a 38.95 acre donated easement located in Middletown, Ohio. Brian and Donna Wise have spent countless hours out on their property removing invasive species, such as Amur honeysuckle shrubs and olive trees, and are always looking for more ways to strengthen the conservation value of their property. Their property is a biodiversity hotspot, with over 50 identified tree species and nearly 100 identified plant species, including nine different species of native orchids. They have also identified a large population of the endangered Unexpected Cynia Moth. We are so proud to help them protect this spectacular natural habitat.



Finance Committee

By Ed Teets, Chair

As the Covid pandemic continues, 3VCT suffers what most non-profits are experiencing - lack of donations. Our donations are still much lower than in pre-Covid years when we could have auctions, dinners, and other fundraisers.

However, the good news is the continuously positive stock market. Although we budget to use only 4% of our three-year-average dividends annually, we have had to use slightly more because of our low donations. However, the dividends and amazing increase in market value of our endowments have more than covered what we have had to use to meet expenses. So that is a good thing.

The other good news is the sale of the Angst farm to Butler Co. Metro Parks. Most of you might remember that Helen Angst donated her 80+ acre farm to 3VCT and wanted us to then sell the farm to Metro Parks, ensuring that both parties benefited. 3VCT received \$213,171 from the sale, most of which went into our endowments, and Butler Co. Metro Parks now has a new park in Wayne township - the only one in that township.

So, generally, the past year has been a "mixed bag" of ups and downs. At the moment, however, we have an optimistic attitude about the financial future of 3VCT.

Outreach and Education Committee

By Donna McCollum

Despite the past year+ of Covid restrictions, 3VCT's outreach committee has conducted some great activities. Conservation Conversations and Book Club meetings have been held virtually. In September, during the Great Outdoor Weekend, Barb Hamilton and Sandi Woy-Hazleton welcomed a few dozen visitors at Ruder Preserve for the annual Hike and Pie. The same day, 37 Miami University and community members joined Donna McCollum, Daisy Frabell, and Emmanuel Aina for the Clean Sweep of The Miami River, cleaning up the banks of Four Mile Creek from north of the Black Covered Bridge to the DeWitt Log House at Route 73. In October, the committee helped organize and prepare the Old Stone Riding Stable, Julie Primack's farm, for the Annual Meeting and, thanks to our generous members, raised ~\$7000 with the 2021 Puzzle Project. Finally, at least 110 volunteers have been helping out at Ruder Preserve on a variety of projects.

This winter and spring, Ben Mattox will continue to lead the Book Club and Tricia Hillman will restart the Little Mudders preschool program. For details of upcoming activities, call the office (513-524-2150), check the activities menu at 3VCT.org, or friend 3VCT on Facebook for periodic announcements. We hope you'll join us whenever you can!

Outreach and Education Committee - Book Club

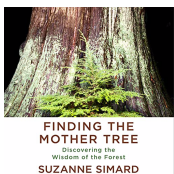
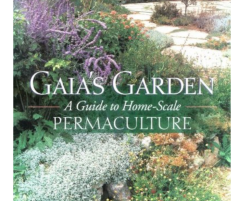
3VCT's book club has had a lot of fun this year, with often rousing discussions. If you've been following our books over the last several months, you might notice . . . we *Buzzed* through the *Timefulness* of geologic time, eating *Doughnuts* (*Economics*, that is) while exploring *Nature's Best Hope* to avoid needing a *Ministry for the Future*! Maybe this winter we will *Find the Mother Tree* in *Gaia's Garden* and *Mr. Bloomfield's Orchard*! (Chortle, chortle!)

We have one book remaining in 2021, and have chosen the first two books for 2022 to get us started for the spring (see below). We also hope to celebrate the latest theatrical performance of our leader, Ben Mattox, with dinner before the play *Two on the Aisle, Three in a Van* in April. (Ben plays an aging hippy; he says that's why he's growing his hair long ...!) Details will be announced on the website (3VCT.org) and by email when we decide them!

Currently, the 3VCT Book Club meets bi-monthly at 7pm via Zoom. Contact the 3VCT office (513-524-21500) or web site (3VCT.org) to learn how to join the discussion for one or all of these books. Please join us!

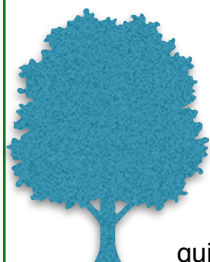
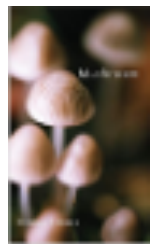
Dec. 16: *Gaia's Garden* by Toby Hemenway; Leader is [Cori Yaeger](#)

Gaia's Garden has sparked the imagination of home gardeners the world over by introducing a simple message: working with nature, not against her, produces more beautiful, abundant, and forgiving gardens.



Feb. 10: *Finding the Mother Tree* by Suzanne Simard; Leader is [Donna McCollum](#)
Born into a family of loggers, Suzanne Simard came to love and respect trees as much more than lumber. Her personal revelations led her to discover "that forests are social, cooperative creatures connected through underground networks by which trees communicate ..." She has been praised as another Rachel Carson for her ability to convey complex subjects in a way that inspires us all.

April 14: *Mushrooms: a natural and cultural history* by Nicholas Money; Leader is [Nicholas Money](#)
Miami's own Nik Money loves fungi! In this introduction to mushrooms, he leads us through their astounding biology, their cultural and imaginative appeal, and the idiosyncrasies of famous mycologists who have studied them, almost as fascinating as the fungi themselves!



LEAVE A LEGACY OF CONSERVATION Planned Giving / Estate Planning

Planned giving is any major gift made during your lifetime or at death as part of your overall financial and/or estate planning. Planned giving may include gifts of equity, life insurance, real estate, personal property, retirement proceeds or cash. Planned giving can address your personal financial concerns while enhancing Three Valley's financial sustainability. However, this type of planning requires the assistance of knowledgeable legal and financial professionals.

To learn more about planned giving and leaving a legacy to Three Valley Conservation Trust, contact a legacy committee member: Mark Boardman, Sandi Woy-Hazleton, Cathryn Loucas, Randy Evans, Reva Evans at giving@3vct.org

Outreach and Education Committee

- Little Mudders

Little Mudders, the 3VCT outdoor exploration program for preschoolers organized by LaTricia Hillman, was a big hit in 2018 and 2019. We had to cancel it in 2020 due to social distancing required by Covid-19. However, as it becomes safer to gather outside in small groups, we plan to restart the Little Mudders in 2022 with a limited schedule of three months.

The Little Mudders program is a great opportunity for kids to nourish their curiosity for nature. We will explore local easements and natural areas, being sure to get wet and muddy venturing through woods and watersheds! A minimal fee will be charged by 3VCT to cover costs of a "nature kit" and Little Mudders T-shirt. For details, call the office (513-524-2150), check the activities menu at 3VCT.org, or friend 3VCT on Facebook for weekly announcements.



*Peschoolers collect invertebrates in Four Mile Creek
Photo by Donna McCollum*

Tentative Schedule: March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21

Ruder Preserve Update

By Donna Mccollum, Ruder management team

We have been very busy recently at the Helen S. Ruder Preserve. Lots of projects have been started, continued or completed, thanks to ~115 wonderful volunteers, young and old, who contributed almost 600 hours of labor. Each group also got a lesson on invasive species, land trusts, and why native species are important, spreading the importance of good stewardship of land!

Summer brought mostly individuals or very small groups working independently, as we all practiced social distancing. But there was no lack of labor needed or projects to do!

- * Mark Boardman and I worked on the framework of a new kiosk at the parking area, which will soon house signage enabled by a 2020 grant
- * Mark Boardman and Ed Teets finished the building the second section of the boardwalk, including a resting station.
- * Several boy scouts from Troop 930 did a great job of staining the second section, including the handrails. - thanks Jack and Jack, Isaac, AJ, Henry and Henry, Jesse and Pierce!
- * Barb Hamilton and I worked on the handrails for this 2nd section.



Kiosk at the parking area at Ruder. Photo by Mark Boardman

In autumn, some individual work continued, but we were also able to welcome back some groups of student volunteers.

- * Mark and Ed Teets painted part of the boardwalk with nonskid paint and finished (mostly) building the kiosk,
- * Each week Steve Gordon, Mark and I met 6-9 students in Jacque Daugherty's service-learning class, WST 341 to:
 - plant and water in native shrubs and trees,
 - clear large honeysuckle on the east bank of 4 Mile Creek,
 - pull small honeysuckle on the west bank of 4 Mile Creek,
 - work on a ramp from the resting area to the creek-side trail,
 - move piles of honeysuckle from future construction areas,
 - set posts for the third section of the boardwalk, and
 - finish the cane stops and handrails on this 2nd section.
- * 8 groups of Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity or Miami's varsity Eports team members worked with Daisy Frabell, Mark and me on six weekend days to:
 - mulch shrubs planted near the parking lot to keep the weeds out and create a line for mowing,
 - cut and treat with herbicide the Asian bittersweet in thickets along the grassy easement strip,
 - clear large honeysuckle on the east bank of 4 Mile Creek, and
 - remove 3 large Osage orange trees near the entrance/kiosk area to provide light for native shrubs and trees.
- * A Miami senior, Lauren Vajentic, worked with me every week to weed and label ~95 plants we have planted and protected over four years. One highlight - those 95 individuals include 47 woody species! Great diversity!



APhiO members Jillian and Paul pose for Donna McCollum as they remove Asian bittersweet.

WOW! What a fantastic accomplishment list! THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!

Natural History Moment - The Marbled Salamander, An Autumn Anomaly

Article and photos by Jeff Davis

Those of us who anxiously await the arrival of spring each year are excited by the earliest spring wildflowers, the calls of tiny Spring Peepers, and the sun's warmth on our faces as we walk through the leafless woods. Spring also marks the beginning of the ambystomatid salamander breeding season. Ambystomatids are commonly called "mole salamanders," so named for their habitat of living underground - like moles. Spotted, Tiger, and Jefferson Salamanders leave their burrows on 50-degree nights in late February or early March and walk through the rain to the vernal pool from which they emerged as metamorphs years earlier. Early breeding has served them well; their eggs hatch by April,



Vernal pool used by Marbled, Spotted, and Jefferson Salamanders.

hopefully giving their larvae ample time to feed, grow, undergo metamorphosis, and move onto land before their pool dries completely during mid-summer. If the pool dries early, the adults' reproductive effort for that year is lost. Those of us who enjoy an encounter with the early spring breeding salamanders plan annual pilgrimages to vernal pools to witness the breeding event. But then, it's over. After just a few days, the adults return to their burrows and we rarely see them again for a year.

However, one species of mole salamander allows us to witness a breeding event just before the onslaught of winter. The Marbled Salamander breeds, not during the spring like its relatives, but during autumn. These handsome salamanders reach only four or five inches in length and they're somewhat pudgy. Their color and pattern are remarkable. They are enamel black with crossbars along the back that are either silver (females) or brilliant white (males). The species is a rarity in southwest Ohio. As far as I am aware, there is just one remain-

ing population in the area and, as luck may have it for that population, the woodlot it inhabits was placed under Three Valley Conservation Trust protection just a few years ago!

This species' reproductive strategy is unique, since breeding in September and October requires different behaviors. Vernal pools are usually dry in autumn, so when the Marbled Salamander moves to them, it does not enter the water to engage in aquatic courtship dances like its relatives. Instead, courtship occurs on land, then females retrieve sperm packets from spermatophores (little sperm-containing membranes deposited atop a gelatinous "podium" by the male), fertilization occurs in the female's reproductive tract, and she lays her eggs under a rock, log, or leaf litter that will eventually flood with autumn rains. She doesn't select a spot on the floor of the pool to lay her eggs because a light rain event might saturate the bottom of the pool and cause the eggs to hatch and if the pool later dried up the freshly-hatched larvae would perish. Likewise, she doesn't lay her eggs near the rim of the pool because there might not be enough rain to flood the pool to the brim and the eggs might not hatch before a winter freeze kills them. Instead, she selects a place about midway between the floor of the pool and its high-water mark. There, water levels should ensure larval survival through the winter but there is less risk of leaving the eggs stranded on dry ground where they would eventually die.



White crossbars on this individual identify it as a male.



Marbled salamander egg mass with female curled around them.

For spring-breeding mole salamanders, as soon as the females lay their eggs, they leave the pool and return to the woods. But the female Marbled Salamander remains with her eggs and protects them from desiccation by curling around them. The female's skin secretions may also prevent the eggs from being attacked by fungi and perhaps even from predators like shrews. Mole salamanders have glandular skin that secretes a distasteful milky fluid. Shrews that attack them are repulsed by the fluid. When autumn rains return and the vernal pool begins to fill with water, the nest is inundated and the eggs hatch. The larvae move into the depths of the pool and the female returns to the woods, where she will take refuge under a log or in an abandoned small mammal burrow.

So, what is the advantage of breeding during autumn? The larvae of spring-breeding salamanders have a limited amount of time to grow and develop; April through early July – if the vernal pool holds water that long. Marbled Salamander larvae begin feeding in late October or November and continue through the winter months. By the time other salamanders move into the ponds to breed the following spring, Mar-

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By late March or early April, when other salamanders are breeding, Marbled Salamander larvae are already an inch or more in length.



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bled Salamander larvae are a full inch long. In April, when the spring-breeding species' eggs hatch and their tiny tiny larvae start moving about the pool looking for food, they become the favored prey of the much larger Marbled Salamander larvae. With such protein-rich, readily available food, Marbled Salamander larvae experience an incredible growth spurt, and are ready to undergo metamorphosis and leave the pool by late spring. Not only does this give them the advantage of leaving the pool early should there be insufficient spring rains to keep it full, but it also provides them the advantage of having a longer period to feed on land and fatten up for the winter.

Remember those spring pilgrimages to vernal pools I mentioned earlier? At the last remaining Marbled Salamander site in southwest Ohio, while wading in the pool, looking for adult Spotted, Jefferson, or Tiger Salamanders, I was amazed to see hundreds of Marbled Salamander larvae, already well-developed while their closest relatives are only beginning the reproductive process!

Support Three Valley Conservation Trust

Membership—show your commitment to land conservation in SW Ohio by becoming a member, renewing your membership, or providing a gift membership. As a Three Valley member, you join people committed to conserving open land, preserving agricultural legacy, clean air and water, and habitats.

Donations—provide additional support for monitoring and protecting our 215 easements and acquiring new ones.

To become a member or to donate, go to <https://www.3vct.org/donate> or call the 3VCT office at 513-524-2150, ext. 5.



Planned Giving/Estate Planning

See p. 5 to contact a committee member.

Attention current easement holders

Please remember that if you plan to transfer your property title through sale or gift, you are required by your easement to notify Three Valley Conservation Trust 30 days in advance. This insures that new owners of the property are aware of the easement.

Would you like to help?

Three Valley has always relied on volunteers in many ways, from helping with the auction and other fundraisers to getting newsletters ready to mail to helping monitor easement properties. One way we would like you to get involved is to join one of the ongoing committees. If you would like to contribute, check out the standing committees below to see where you fit. Contact the 3VCT office at 513-524-2150 for information.

Outreach and Education - recruits the next generation of 3VCT supporters and educates current ones

Land Protection and Stewardship - evaluates properties proposed for easements

Property Management - makes decisions about what goes on at all Trust-owned properties

Development - determines strategies for developing a financially sustainable organization through key partnerships and donors

Finance - keeps track of accounts, formulates the budget and informs the board on all financial matters

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