



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

Milkweed Madness!

By Donna McCollum

Entomologist Doug Tallamy, in his book Nature's Best Hope, states if we all put just half of our lawns into native habitats, we would have a "homegrown national park" larger than all U.S. national parks together. Would you like to be part of the effort? If so, a good start would be to find a patch of grass you don't want to mow anymore and plant native plants there. It might be a shady patch under a tree where grass doesn't grow well anyway. Or it might be an area that stays damp, so it is hard to mow. Maybe it's a sunny corner you could round out to make mowing easier. Or would you like to move the border of your garden bed out by a foot to plant some showy flowers? Any area, no matter what size, taken out of lawn and put into native plants will help restore habitat for a multitude of organisms who might find a home there.

Some of the best plants for a sunny spot are milkweeds, genus *Asclepias*. Three Valley is working with Riverside nursery to make 6 species of milkweeds available for your gardens, while raising money for the Trust. The six species include butterfly weed and common, prairie, Sullivan's, swamp, and whorled milkweed. A species for every habitat! Find more information about each of them and place an order at www.3VCT.org – 2022 Milkweed Order Info.

For now, though, let's think about why 3VCT has decided one good conservation practice is to plant milkweed plants. You may have seen butterflies at your flowers before, and we all know our bee and wasp pollinators are in real trouble, but perhaps the biggest value of native plants is the food they provide for leaf-eating insects.

The leaves capture radiant energy from the sun and turn it into chemical energy (carbohydrates) that can be used by other organisms. The largest group of herbivores on the planet is insects; they eat about 95% of all vegetation that gets eaten on earth. You might shudder at this, thinking maybe feeding so many insects is not a good plan! But the truth is, these insects make primary producers' (plants') energy available to the rest of the trophic levels. Just think about all the animals that eat insects . . . ants, birds, lizards . . . and so many more! Common milkweed alone feeds over 450 species of insects, including everyone's favorite, monarch butterflies, of course!

Monarchs, like all moths and butterflies and many other insects, go through complete metamorphosis – i.e. egg => larva => pupa => adult. The larval stage is a caterpillar, the favorite food of soooooo many animals, especially birds. Why would that be? Well, caterpillars are larger than most other insects, they are fairly soft, they are often visible as they feed on leaves out in the sunshine, and they are filled with proteins, fats, carotenoids and other nutrients baby birds need. And baby birds eat a LOT of caterpillars. Research shows it takes over 4,000 caterpillars to raise a nest full of downy woodpeckers and 6-9,000 to raise a clutch of Carolina chickadees!



Artwork by Sandra Tyler, of Rosie Way Design. Monarch caterpillar on common milkweed.

Please consider doing your part for nature. Buy yourself a plant, or buy yourself 20 plants! Buy your neighbor a plant or several. Buy your sister a few for her birthday and your dad a few for father's day (along with a promise to plant them when they come in!). Plants will arrive in early September, just in time for fall planting so the roots can get a good start before the dry season next year. Not only will you be spreading the wealth of native plants, your purchase will support Three Valley's mission.



**By Tom Vogel
Board Chair**

No Time to Rest on Our Laurels

When looking back over the past 27 years of success of your Three Valley Conservation Trust, it is easy to be jubilant – 218 easements comprising some 25,000 acres. Our founders would certainly be amazed and proud, and rightly so. We should certainly take pause to celebrate our success...but this is no time to rest on our laurels! The world is changing and it is time to ask the question: Now what?

Given 3VCT's accomplishments since its founding, it would be very easy to fall into a sense of complacency. After all, we have achieved conservation results beyond the wildest imagination of our founders. But we must not be satisfied; it is time to build a new era of success, an era characterized by additional easements and acreages, a greater sense of partnership with our landowners, and working with businesses and other organizations in the area as they strive to become stewardship partners in both their and Three Valley's success.

Recently, our Board and Staff have been strategizing, plotting the course for 3VCT's future. In many respects, challenges to land conservation are more daunting than ever. Yet, the opportunities for conserving farmlands, woodlands, wetlands, and prairies are more abundant than ever. Our nation's leaders on both sides of the political spectrum recognize the time has come for a new era in conservation, a period in which land conservation is becoming fundamental to achieve goals in surface and groundwater quality, carbon sequestration, and lest we forget, feeding the world's soon-to-be 8 billion people.

As a Board member over the last two-plus years, I am confident in saying your Trust is up to the task. Long-time Board members have recently commented that both the board and staff are more professional and talented than anytime in the past. Our executive leadership with Randy Evans at the helm is superb, as Randy brings a most unusual combination of scientific knowledge and leadership expertise to his role. Our land stewards, Caitlin Brown and Maria Fagin, have developed exceptional capability in assessing and monitoring our easements. In addition to their work in the field, they have achieved real success in seeking grants and becoming adept at drone technology to improve our productivity in monitoring our easements. We will also be gaining additional grant-writing expertise with the addition of April Hamlin to the team. We look forward to her becoming a vital cog in the Trust's long-term success.

Three Valley Conservation Trust is poised for another generation of success in land conservation. You, as members of the Trust, are vital to its future. Your involvement and financial support are the glue that holds the Trust together for both today and the future. Conservation matters, folks, and it is your legacy that you can pass on to future generations.

Howard Creek-Dry Fork Whitewater River Watershed Planning Project

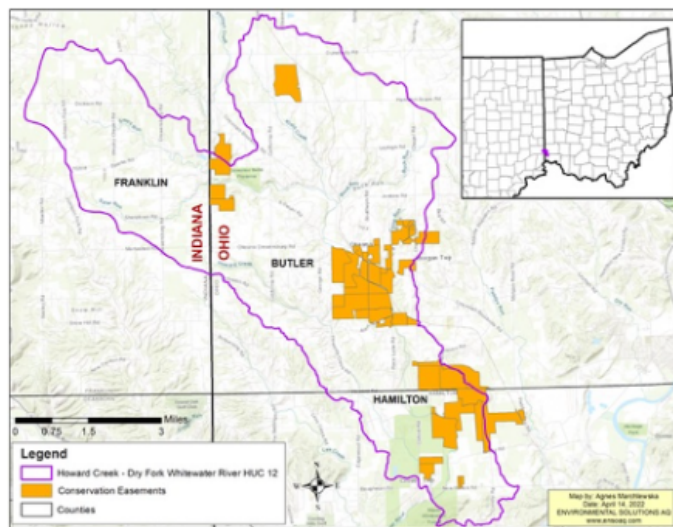
By Agnes Marchlewska, Environmental Solutions AQ

Public Meeting Notice

Three Valley Conservation Trust (3VCT), in partnership with Upper Dry Fork Collaborative, will hold a second public meeting May 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m to discuss developing a watershed management plan (9 Element Nonpoint Source Implementation Strategy) for the Howard Creek – Dry Fork Whitewater River Watershed.

The purpose of the plan is to improve the water quality within this watershed by identifying and evaluating sources of impairment and determining what water quality goals, restoration methods, and conservation practices are needed. In the plan, critical areas will be identified and may include sections of stream where bank erosion is threatening stream quality, potential wetland areas that are too wet to support crop growth but valuable for habitat improvement, excess sedimentation of the creek, invasive species that are overwhelming riparian areas and more.

Local landowners and easement holders are encouraged to participate in the meeting and assist in: identifying critical areas, developing watershed restoration and protection strategies, and later implementing these strategies.



Howard Creek watershed. Map prepared by Agnes Marchlewska

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Executive Director's Report

Have you heard the peepers? Have you witnessed the arrival of purple martin scouts? Can you smell the fragrance of nature awakening? The trees are budding, the flowers are shooting, and wildlife is becoming more active. The season of planting and stewarding is upon us. Spring is here, and conservation is in the air!

I recently spent an afternoon hiking Quail Ridge with Jon and Amy Costanzo. Each spring this is my first easement hike and I always look forward to spending time with them. Their decades-long restoration work to provide diverse native habitats offers an astounding opportunity to immerse oneself in the miracles of spring. The few hours I spend with Jon and Amy each spring always rejuvenate me and provide inspiration to work harder toward our mutual conservation goals. I hope each of you has a place like this to visit each spring, that inspires you to act and contribute toward stewarding the gifts nature provides. If not, please reach out to our staff, we would love to show you our favorite inspirational places.



**By Randy Evans
Executive Director**

Within this newsletter, we hope you also find some inspirational news. Our staff and board are working diligently each day to explore new land conservation opportunities and provide our community hope for a better tomorrow. By the time you read this, we will have hosted the first official Ohio River Basin H2Ohio project groundbreaking in Southern Ohio. The Hoffmann Wetland and Stream Restoration project will restore the largest forested wetland on Indian Creek and significantly decrease nutrient and sediment runoff in the watershed.

This project also signals a new and exciting shift in the Three Valley easement stewardship model. Looking to the future sustainability of our lands, we are preparing for the inevitable effects of climate change on our stewardship goals. As a result, we are incorporating climate resiliency into our land conservation strategies through our Soil Health program and enhanced water conservation efforts. Our partnership on the Paddys Run Conservation Project with the Ohio EPA and Fernald Trustees has provided the funding to develop two additional watershed studies in southern Butler County; read more about these in the article submitted by our partners at Environmental Solutions AQ (see p. 2) and in Steve Gordon's article on the Henshaw wetland project in Ross Township. The Soil Health program, led by Land Protection and Stewardship managers Caitlin Brown and Maria Fagin, kicked off in March with a motivating presentation by David Brandt, a well-respected Ohio farmer and international speaker on the advantages of regenerative farming to tackle climate change. Caitlin and Maria have educated themselves on relevant issues in regenerative agriculture, establishing a new cadre of partners and setting the stage to promote best management practices to ag producers and landowners. More Soil Health programming opportunities will be on our website soon.

More exciting news, our Little Mudders program is back this year (see p. 7). Board member LaTricia Hillman and staff members Caitlin and Maria are excited to welcome families to explore the unique habitats and species of SW Ohio. Many of our landowners will host these events and showcase their own efforts to restore and protect nature.

cont. from page 2, Howard Creek Project

We also invite everyone who lives in this watershed to share your thoughts and help us prioritize conservation efforts by filling out a short survey, which can be accessed at www.hcswcd.org/udf-watershed.html.

The 9 Element Plan developed for the Howard Creek-Dry Fork Whitewater River will be submitted to Ohio EPA for the review at the end June 2022. Once the plan is approved, projects identified within the critical areas will be eligible to apply for grant money to implement restoration and management measures. In July 2022, TVCT will begin developing the 9 Element Plan for the adjacent watershed, Paddys Run Watershed.

The public meeting will be held in Morgan Township Community Building at 6463 Okeana Drewersburg Rd., Okeana, Ohio 45056. No registration is required.

There is so much more happening, especially at Ruder Preserve. This year, we continue eradicating invasive species, planting native species, hosting Eagle Scout projects, and extending our limited mobility boardwalk to make the preserve welcoming to people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Ways to volunteer time or donate funds toward the Ruder projects can be found on our website or by calling the Three Valley office.

As we spring into 2022, I want to welcome our newest board member, Mark Rentschler, and thank our retiring board members, Suellen Albert and Board Chair, Daniel Cox. I also want to thank Amy Sullivan (Secretary) & Ed Teets (Treasurer) for continuing as officers and our two new board officers, Tom Vogel (Chair) and Barbara Hamilton (Vice Chair). The passion of the board and staff for conservation and our mission should provide us all great hope for the future of Three Valley and our conservation community.

To our members, donors, sponsors, and partners - thank you for supporting 3VCT's mission and making our work possible. You are our best hope for ensuring a thriving, climate-ready future. This year, I hope you feel as inspired as I do and explore new ways to get involved in conserving our natural resources.

Before I go, let me thank our Three Valley Annual Meeting speakers, Steve Sullivan, Evan Ford, and Charlie Ford, for reminding us to feed our pollinators. You can do your part - visit our website to order your milkweed plants!

See you outdoors!

Land Protection and Stewardship Committee

Article and photos by Caitlin Brown, Land Protection Specialist

Since our last newsletter, Three Valley has closed two easements, totaling 250.28 acres, bringing us to 217 easements. One was a donated agricultural easement in Butler County and the other an Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) funded agricultural easement in Preble County. We submitted ten applications in December to NRCS's Agricultural Conservation Easement Program under the Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP-ALE) component for their 2022 funding round; we hope to hear if any easements were funded in May. We also submitted twelve applications to the ODA's Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) in April; awardees should be announced in June. As the ODA local sponsor for Preble and Butler Counties, 3VCT was allotted \$214,000 for easements in the 2022 round.

The Bittner and Wilson Farm

Karen Bittner and Barbara Wilson donated an agricultural easement on their 140.28-acre family farm in November of 2021. The farm has prime agricultural soils, with 92.81 acres of tillable land. It also has over 7,400 feet of streams running through 37.66 acres of forest that provide ideal habitat for a variety of species.



The forest, farmland and streams on the Bittner and Wilson farm offer ideal habitat and keep the farm safe forever.



3VCT board members and the Rodeffer family celebrate the closing on their latest easement.

The Rodeffer Family

Our final easement of 2021 was the Rodeffer family's 110-acre farm, which was funded through ODA's LAEPP program in 2020. The Rodeffers have been part of the 3VCT family since 2007 and have multiple farms protected by the Trust. In January of 2022, the Rodeffers opened a butcher shop in Eaton, called Rodeffer Meats, which offers a variety of local beef, chicken and pork.

The Henshaw Wetland Project – A Brief Update

By Stephen Gordon

The Henshaw wetland is an exciting restoration project in Morgan Township that is a haven for seven amphibian species. The project, introduced in the fall 2021 newsletter, had been delayed by the pandemic. Today's good news is the restoration contractor has finished a comprehensive proposal and design for the existing wetland and proposed habitat expansion and 3VCT submitted an application to the Ohio River Basin H2Ohio Program on March 29, 2022. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources expects to notify funding awardees sometime in May 2022. If funded, 3VCT expects to break ground on the project in late 2022 after harvest and complete the project in late 2023.

Ruder Preserve Update

By Donna McCollum, Ruder Management Team

Spring has been good at Ruder Preserve. Restoration work has continued, thanks to several groups of students from Miami's Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity and Marine Biology Club. We have worked on removing honey-suckle and garlic mustard, of course. We also are continuing to remove non-native Osage orange trees that were overtaking the entry area. In place of those we've planted native flowering shrubs, including arrowwood viburnum, spicebush, and elderberry, as well as a seed mix to expand pollinator resources in the resultant sunny areas.

The management team also has met with two boy scouts planning Eagle Scout projects at Ruder Preserve. One scout plans to establish the pollinator gardens we have prepared the way for and the other wants to continue the boardwalk. We look forward to working with both of them!

To see some of our progress in increasing species diversity, check out the research done by an MU undergraduate student, Lauren Vajentic. She finished a report on her fall research that will soon be linked to 3VCT's web site.

This summer, we hope to see great progress in establishment of pollinator plants and further work on the boardwalk. To volunteer, contact the 3VCT office at 513-524-2150 or Donna McCollum at mccollds@miamioh.edu.

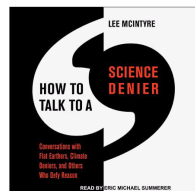
Three Valley Book Club

By Ben Mattox

Our enthusiasm as a group is growing with each meeting, so I find that very exciting and rewarding. The rest of the books for this year include:

June 9th: Bright Green Future by Gregory Schwartz and Trevor Decker Cohen; leader is Cori Yeager.

If you are looking for an optimistic view of the future, this is a great place to start.

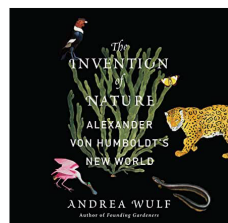


August 11th: How to Talk to a Science Denier by Lee McIntyre; leader is Ben Mattox.

This may seem like a book specifically for our times, but this has been an issue forever. A great read.

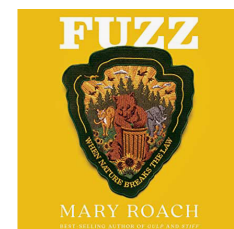
October 13th: Fuzz: when nature breaks the law by Mary Roach; leader is Bill McKenna.

As with her other books, this will be a humorous read, dealing with the interactions of humans with wildlife.



December 8th: The Invention of Nature: Alexander von Humboldt's New World by Andrea Wulf; leader is Hardy Eshbaugh.

Von Humboldt lived from 1769-1859 and was considered the most important scientist of his age. He was an explorer and adventurer, and fundamental in developing the way we understand the natural world.



Currently, the 3VCT Book Club meets bi-monthly at 7 pm via Zoom. We usually get online around 7 and, after a few pleasantries, the leader for the book poses questions for us to think about and respond to. Everyone gets a chance to participate; what is most interesting is all the different ideas people bring to the discussion. Join us for interesting and challenging books and discussions.

Contact the 3VCT office (513-524-21500) or web site (3VCT.org) to learn how to join the discussion of interesting and challenging books on one or all of these dates. **Please join us!**

Soil Health Day By Maria Fagin

3VCT staff members Caitlin Brown and Maria Fagin organized a Soil Health Day program on Saturday, March 26th at Chisholm MetroPark in Trenton, Ohio. Thirty-five people, including representatives from Butler Soil and Water Conservation District, Integrated Ag services, who provide soil sampling and nutrient mapping for farmers, and Duvelius Ag Supply, who supply local cover crops, attended an excellent presentation by "soil health pioneer" Dave Brandt.

Dave, who farms 800 acres in Fairfield County, Ohio, began no-till practices in 1971. Through trial and error, he succeeded in reinvigorating his soils by using mixed varieties of cover crops, significantly reducing erosion and the need for synthetic fertilizers and chemicals. Dave shares his



years of experience and knowledge in the regenerative agriculture business so that others have an easier road. "I'm trying to pass on what we've learned here. I don't want everyone to reinvent the wheel. I want people to see our failures and our successes." As a leading figure in soil health advocacy in our region, Dave regularly hosts soil health programs at his farm in Carroll, Ohio. Learn more about these programs under the events tab on his website <https://www.walnutcreekseeds.com/>.

We would like to thank Dave Brandt, American Farmland Trust, participants from Chisholm MetroPark, and all of our guests who made this event a success. Stay tuned as we continue to develop our soil health program and outreach efforts, made possible by a \$10,000 grant award from American Farmland Trust.

Thanks for Joining our Annual Membership Meeting

Article and photos by Julie Bath-Primack

Many thanks to all who helped make the event happen:

La Rosa's Family Pizzeria (Oxford)
Oxford Coffee Company
LPL Financial, Roger and Aaron Ames
The Oxford Community Arts Center

A special thanks to our speakers, who donated their time to talk about pollinator gardens.



We appreciate all the donors to the Save-an-Acre campaign. You more than matched the \$6,000 put up as a challenge by two anonymous donors! Fantastic!

And for those who could not attend in person, thanks to Amy Sullivan who made the event available via Zoom. Thanks Amy!



And finally, many thanks to all who helped behind the scenes to make this a fun event for our members! (you know who you are!)

Little Mudders is Back

Three Valley's preschool program, Little Mudders, met on April 30th for the first time since the pandemic hit. It's good to be back!

The Little Mudders generally will meet on the second Saturday of the month, with tentative locations at:

- **May 14** - Miami University's Institute for Food
- **June 11** - creeking, location TBD
- **July 16** - Bleu Heron trail, Houston Woods State Park
- **August 13** - TBD
- **September 10** - TBD
- **October 8** - Indian Creek Trail Walk, Indian Creek Metropark
- **November 10** - Hefner Museum, Miami University

Peschoolers and their parents at the first Little Mudders of 2022, led by preschool owner and board member LaTricia Hillman (far left). Photo by Maria Fagin

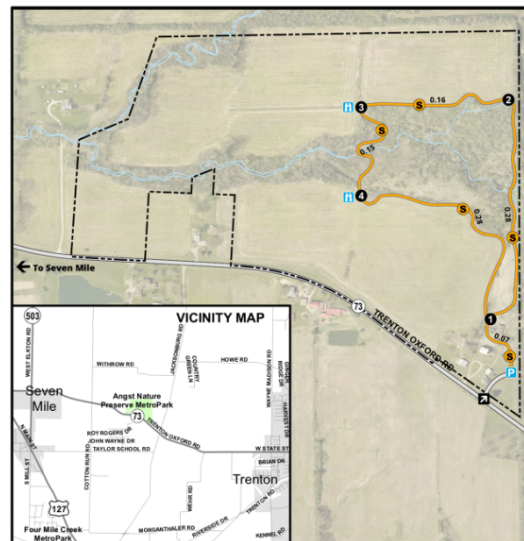


Legacy: What a Beautiful Word – The Angst Preserve

By Tom Vogel

On October 22, 2021, I gave a brief speech at the dedication of the Angst Preserve, the newest addition to the Butler County Metroparks system. Your Three Valley Conservation Trust held this amazing 84-acre property for several years until ownership was ultimately transferred to Butler County Metroparks. While attending the dedication, I was overwhelmed with the notion of “legacy.” I consider it a beautiful word; it represents the essence of a family’s life and the importance of leaving behind something significant for generations to come.

Helen Angst, the deceased matriarch of the family, had a vision for the legacy of her family’s property; she recognized the beautiful vistas and unique topography of her family farm and yearned to have it serve as a source of beauty and respite for others to enjoy for years to come. 3VCT served as a bridge between the Angst family and Butler County Metroparks, enabling Helen’s vision to become a reality. It was so encouraging, and frankly a bit emotional, to see dozens of Angst extended family members of all ages who came to the dedication and spoke about “wonderful memories of the family farm.” They seemed to know Helen’s dreams had been fulfilled and did not want to miss this historic family event. Their desire for legacy will enable today’s and future generations to experience the same wonderful memories. “I love it when a plan comes together” was the mantra of John Hannibal Smith, of the 1980s television program The A-Team. For me, it was a complete joy to see the joint vision of the Angst family, Three Valley, and Butler County Metroparks come to fruition in the Angst Preserve.



Location of Angst Nature Preserve, 4050 Oxford-Trenton Rd, Hamilton. Gold line = hiking trail. Map from yourmetroparks.net

Perhaps more than ever, the last two years have demonstrated why we need connection with the natural world. A trip to a park or preserve enlivens our spirits and enriches our souls. As a nearly daily user of my own local Five Rivers Metroparks, I can attest to the fact that recreating in a natural setting brings out the very best in people. I see joy and peace in people as they walk or cycle through the parks.

Often overlooked is the notion that the natural world will be an inspiration to young people as they experience the wonders of nature. I know that many of my colleagues on the Staff and Board of Three Valley, myself included, were inspired when we were young to learn about the natural world and develop an everlasting curiosity about it. I believe enjoyment and intrigue at the Angst Preserve will inspire many children to learn more about the natural world and how we depend on a healthy environment for both ourselves and nature to thrive.

After years of work, the Angst Preserve has become a reality, thanks to the commitment of the Angst family, Three Valley, and Butler County Metroparks. Lives will be nurtured and changed there ... you have played a part in that. I leave you with Albert Einstein’s statement: “Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.”

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 - Contact 3VCT at giving@3vct.org



Farmers Feeding the Hungry

By Tom Vogel

Deer hunting season has concluded and we have good news from Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry - their team harvested two deer from 3VCT’s Fossil Creek property this year. The organization estimates an average-size deer provides enough venison for 200 meals. Our co-operation with these honorable hunters is producing tangible food results for our less-fortunate residents.





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Share your time and talent with 3VCT

By Barb Hamilton

Three Valley couldn't accomplish its mission without many committed volunteers. As we plan for 2022 and beyond, we need even MORE volunteers than in the past! We're very excited about the new energy and the opportunities for membership engagement and community outreach as Covid restrictions are lifted and we can gather in person again.

One of the best ways to volunteer with 3VCT is to join one of our teams or committees! We have recently reconfigured our Outreach and Education Committee into several teams that will focus on particular aspects of reaching out to members and the community. Please consider helping out where you can. Thanks!

The **Development Committee**, the next committee being reinvigorated, identifies multiple fundraising avenues beyond member support.

Contact Teri Wickham at office@3vct.org

The **Land Protection Committee** works with 3VCT staff to coordinate land protection and stewardship actions.

Contact Sarah Dumyahn at harveysl@miamioh.edu

The **Outreach Committee** is now 4 teams that work on their areas of expertise:

- The **Education Team**, led by LaTricia Hilman, has begun planning educational opportunities to reach a broad audience - from the young to the young-at-heart, homeowners and farmers. She has just reconvened the Little Mudders for preschoolers and looks forward to creating other educational programs for our members and the community, such as a Farmers' Appreciation Day, workshops on what to plant for pollinators and how to get rid of invasive species, and an iNaturalist group for 3VCT.
Contact LaTricia Hillman at latricia@theloftpreschool.com
- The **Events Team**, led by Donna McCollum and LaTricia Hilman, plans and coordinates the trust's fundraising and member events. The major fundraising events for the upcoming year include:

- **Annual picnic - Saturday, June 26; 11:30-**
- **A Farm-to-Table dinner - Late August**
- **Wine Tasting for Acres - Saturday, December 3**

Additional events to look for:

- **Milkweed fundraiser – (see p.1)**
- **A family night hike - around Halloween**
- **Hike for Acres and Annual Hike and Pie - Aug. / Sept.**

Please save the above dates and look for more details at 3VCT.org, on Facebook, or in upcoming Conservation Connections!

Contact Donna McCollum at mccollds@miamioh.edu

- The **Publicity Team** produces the biannual newsletter, the annual report, event invitations and program fliers.
Contact Barbara Hamilton at barbarah001@yahoo.com
- The **Membership Team**, led by Mark Boardman, recruits and retains 3VCT members. Membership, currently 257 households, continues to increase. Their goal is 300 new members by 2030. The committee has produced the new monthly electronic newsletter, Conservation Connections, which is emailed to 750 people. It provides information about 3VCT events and conservation events sponsored by other organizations in our region. Stay tuned for activities geared to members, including special activities for those who donate at the guardian level.

Contact Mark Boardman at markboardman@MAC.com

Special note on membership status: all 3VCT memberships used to start with the calendar year and we kicked off the year with a January annual meeting. We have now moved the Annual Meeting to a better “weather” date and are calculating annual memberships from the month you join. You will get a reminder to “renew” your membership yearly in that month. We have been tracking “lapsed” members and are happy to be welcoming back many friends. We are also actively seeking to engage more friends and neighbors in our mission of conservation. SPREAD THE WORD!

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