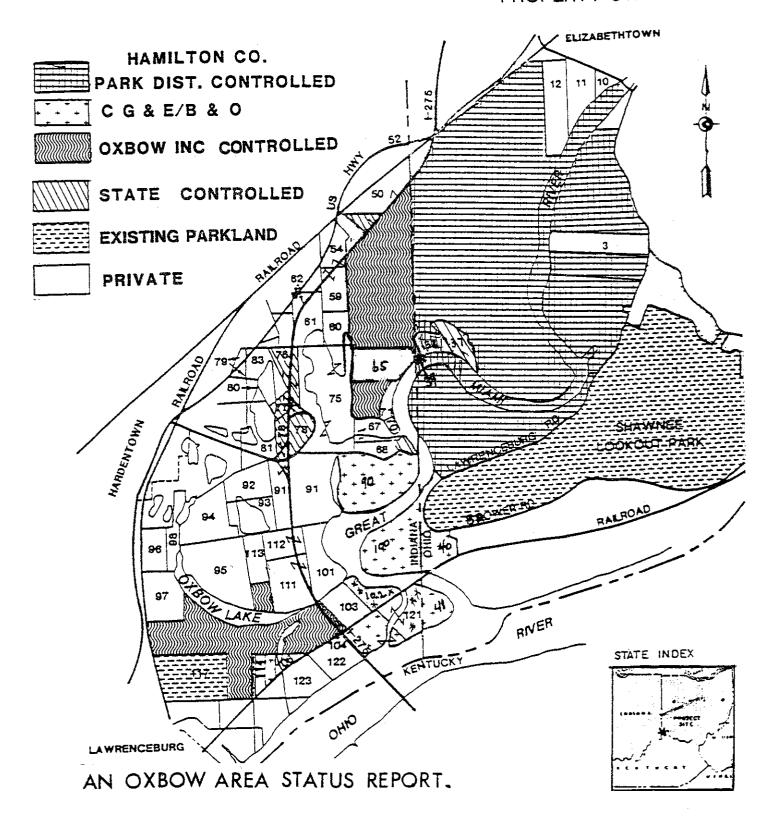
# wetland matters

# OXBOW, INC. NEWSLETTER

NO. 28 MARCH - APRIL, 1991

OXBOW AREA
PROPERTY OWNERS



# OXBOW AREA STATUS AS OF JANUARY 31, 1991.

OHIO STATUS	ACRES	PERCENT
Ham. Co. Park Dist. Owned/Leased Land Ham. Co. Park Dist. Acquired Conservation Easement Ham. Co. Park Dist. Conserv. Ease. Commitments Ohio Dept. Nat. Resources Acquired Land C.G.& E. Owned but Undevelopable Land River Acreage at Low Flows Privately Owned-Under Negotiation by H.C.P.D.	315 500 790.455 114.652 14.831 49.092 94.380 219.582	19.7 49.5 7.2 0.9 3.1 5.9
Remainder of Shawnee Lookout Above Floodplain	1,598.492 694.071 2,292.563	100.0

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Remainder o	f Shawnee Lookout Above Floodplain	3,098.492 694.071 3,792.563	100.0

Map and Status Report compiled by the Hamilton County Park District.

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March, 1991 marks the fifth anniversary of Oxbow, Inc. as a non-profit conservation Corporation dedicated to protecting and preserving the Oxbow wetland habitat for migrating waterfowl and the wildlife associated with the area.

Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is approaching 1,200 dues-paying members who generously and whole-heartedly provide support through their dues and special donations as needed for land acquisition or conservation easements.

As shown on the January 31, 1991 Hamilton County Park District Status Report, Oxbow, Inc. owns 225 acres adjacent to the Oxbow lake, and has purchased conservation easements on 178.476 Indiana acres contiguous to the 790.455 Ohio acres already protected by Hamilton County Park District conservation easements.

However, the work is far from being done. To complete our conservation easement commitment, Oxbow, Inc. must raise \$41,804.40 by June 30th. We <u>must</u> persuade any member who has not sent a donation earmarked for the conservation easement project to please take time and put a check in the mail. There is still time to make the easement project 100% successful! Donations are tax deductible.

# SPECIAL NOTICE! SPECIAL NOTICE! SPECIAL NOTICE!

Please note! Oxbow, Inc. has had a change of TELEPHONE NUMBER and MAILING ADDRESS. The new telephone number is 513-471-8001. Checks and correspondence should be sent to: Oxbow, Inc.
P.O. BOX 43391
Cincinnati, OH 45243

# NEW MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Michael Kluesener, Dennis Mason, Betty Myers, and Richard Pope have been elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Oxbow, Inc.

Each brings a special talent to improve the ongoing success of of the Corporation.

Oxbow, Inc. welcomes these new Trustees to the Board.

Ned Keller, a former member of the Board, has taken a leave of absence to fulfill his term in office as President of Raptor, Inc. We wish Ned success and look forward to his return.

# OXBOW, INC. AWARDED GRANT.

Oxbow, Inc. is honored to have been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Monsanto Fund. This generous grant will allow Oxbow, Inc. to continue the preservation of habitat so necessary to migrating waterfowl and shorebirds.

It is also hoped that grants, such as this from the Monsanto Fund, will encourage other business leaders to assist in the preservation of this unique wetland.

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank Mr. M.A. Scott, Plant Manager, for his personal interest in the Oxbow area and for his effort in securing the financial assistance of the Monsanto Fund.



# A HISTORY OF THE OXBOW AREA. Don Bogosian

# PART 7 - HAYES' STATION AND DUNN'S STATION.

In 1791, Captain Joseph Hayes of Pennsylvania came to Ohio and settled with other pioneers at "the Point", the narrow, peninsula-like piece of land between the Great Miami River and the Ohio River. They called their settlement "Hayes Station". It consisted of a group of log cabins east of the Great Miami River and west of what is now Shawnee Lookout Park.

In 1793, Alexander Guard and a few other people joined the Hayes' group and renamed the settlement "Goose Pond Farm", even though the actual Goose Pond, a locally known wildlife haven even then, was located about a mile or so up the Great Miami, at what is now the Shawnee Lookout Park boat ramp.

Hayes' descendents prospered and went on to settle much of the area known as the Oxbow. In the 1840's, his one son, James Hayes, Jr., built the fine brick home on Lawrenceburg Road, east of Shawnee Lookout Park. It is one of the few historic brick structures in Miami Township. It is built on the I-plan, very characteristic of the early Ohio settlers. The main part of the house faces the road with additional rooms trailing off to the rear.

William Henry Harrison of North Bend, the ninth President of the United States, acquired the land near the confluence of the Great Miami and Ohio Rivers, called the "Point Farm", and gave it to his son, John Scott Harrison, who reared his son Benjamin there. Benjamin Harrison went on to become the 23rd President of the U.S.

Captain Hugh Dunn of New Jersey, settled at the previously mentioned Hayes' Station in the spring of 1793. Later that summer, Dunn built a block-house less than a mile north of Hayes' Station, but still south of the Goose Pond, and called it "Dunn's Station".

By the summer of 1794, a number of crude cabins, including those of Abraham Garrison and William Rittenhouse, were strung out along the Great Miami River from the actual Goose Pond to the Point. These early settlers were somewhat protected from Indian attacks by a United States military establishment erected the previous winter, west of the Great Miami in what is now Indiana, very near the actual Oxbow lake. It was commanded by Major Henry Byrd and was constructed by the orders of General Anthony Wayne. The primitive and undisciplined troops at Byrd's Station, as it was officially called, earned the name "Rowdy Camp" for the base. Nevertheless, Indian attacks continued in 1794 and 95, until, in 1796, the Treaty of Greenville cleared this part of Ohio of all Indians.

In 1795 Dunn moved to what is now Elizabethtown and eventually came to own much of the land in that area. His son, Micajah Dunn, had a cabin built in the Elizabethtown area. This cabin is now preserved in Shawnee Lookout Park.

# Year-end financial report 1990

1990 was a rather successful year even though there was much talk of "recession", "unemployment", "higher taxes", etc. While we were unable to add any real estate to our land acquisitions, we did contract for nine easements which protects the land from "development" and "improvements". In so doing, 225.981 acres were protected at a total cost of \$219,963.28. Of this amount, \$41,804.40 must yet be raised by June 30, 1991.

Let me say now that it was a pleasure, and a distinct honor, to have been the Treasurer of Oxbow, Inc. since its inception nearly five years ago. In these years the organization has grown from the nucleus of 24 people to its formidable size of almost 1200 members today. Now, it is time to pass the office over to more capable people than I. We are very fortunate to have a skilled, professional accountant on our Board of Trustees. Actually, Jim Rettig has been helping me over the humps for the past two years. How lucky we are to have him take over as Treasurer of Oxbow, Inc! We are in good hands. THANKS JIM.

And THANK YOU, ALL! Your support and cooperation have made my work so much more enjoyable.

Art Wiseman.

#### STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE.

# DECEMBER 31, 1990

Income Membership dues Donations Land acquisitions Interest Memorials & tributes Gain on sales	25,351.37 25,186.25 5,625.00 7,573.84 2,890.00 6,976.00	Expense Office supplies 381.22 Publ & Newsletter 4,013.08 Postage 896.92 Fund raising 704.19 Miscellaneous 2,543.62
Fundraising Crop income Miscellaneous	16,578.59 7,655.50 0.00	
TOTAL INCOME	115,099.87	TOTAL EXPENSE 8,539.03

#### BALANCE SHEET.

#### DECEMBER 31, 1990

Assets		Liabilities	•
Cash	72,281.72		
Gradison fund	36,078.05		
Equipment	82.75		*
Land	175,551.60		
Easements	59,775.12	Capital	
T-shirt inventory	4,100.50	Retained income	347,869.74
TOTAL ASSETS	347,869.74	TOTAL EQUITY	347,869,74

Percent of expense to income for 1990 - 7.4%



# BIRDATHON '91 COMING SOON!!!

BIRDATHON '91, the Fourth Annual Cincinnati BIRDATHON, takes place this year on MAY 10th and 11th. BIRDATHON '91 is a major fundraiser for Oxbow, Inc. and we encourage your participation.

For new members, unfamiliar with the BIRDATHON, it's a 24-hour period in which teams or individuals strive to identify, by sight or call, as many species of birds as possible within the count area, described as any county in Ohio, Kentucky, or Indiana, any part of which falls within a 50-mile radius of the Oxbow. Participants gather pledges of so much per species. Some people form teams and compete, and some just bird for fun and to raise money.

There are a number of levels on which members, or non-members, can participate.

- 1) Bird like a fiend, squandering fossil fuel driving 500 to 600 miles, staying up all night, getting cold and sick, and generally having a good time in an effort to be the team recording the most species, thereby winning possession of the coveted "Golden Starling Award".
- 2) Exercise moderation. Select a couple of good birding areas near your home and bird Friday after 5 and Saturday morning. Record all the birds you see in your yard or while going about your Saturday errands and you'll easily have 50 to 70 species, depending on how well you know your warblers.
- 3) Sit near an active feeder and drink beer.
- 4) Pledge to one of Oxbow, Inc's teams, or to an individual participant and don't count any birds at all.

Effective fundraising is predicated on advance work strong-arming friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and complete strangers to pledge to you or your team. Don't feel guilty! After all, how many Girl Scout cookies, citrus, candy bars, and magazine subscriptions have you had to purchase? How many bowl-a-thons, walk-a-thons, dance-a-thons, and other -thons have you pledged to? We rest our case. It's for a good cause. Don't be shy!

This year we encourage participants to minimize the use of autos. A good birder can easily identify 100 species within their city limits in May. If you're interested in forming a team that will move on human power or public transportation, contact Anita Buck, 513-681-2574, and we will try to put you in touch with like-minded birders.

Oxbow, Inc's. No.1 team of Karl Maslowski, George Laycock, Jack Gottschang, and Jerry Meyers are ready. The No.2 team of Paul Wharton, Joe Bens, and Tony Leukering are devising a strategy to win back the "Golden Starling Award" from the University of Cincinnati team. All Oxbow, Inc. members, birders or not, may solicit pledges. Contact Anita Buck for instructions and materials. Join the excitement! Have FUN with BIRDATHON '91!

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Oxbow, Inc. has established Memorials in honor of those who have passed on. Each Memorial, established in the name of a friend or loved one, will be enrolled permanently in the records of the Corporation. Each contribution to a Memorial will be acknowledged to the family or to those selected by the donor and should be sent to Oxbow, Inc., P.O.Box 43391, Cincinnati, OH. 45243. Be sure to enclose the name and address of the donor and those to receive an acknowledgment. Donations are tax deductible.

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IN MEMORY OF

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We regret the recent passing of a good friend of Oxbow, Inc. Sam Phipps, Land Acquisition Supervisor for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, was an ardent fan and supporter of Oxbow, Inc. and its goals for the Oxbow area. Our first meeting with Sam at the State Office Building in Indianapolis turned a preconceived bureaucratic, departmentalized agency into a friendly, warm, and decidedly homey visit. Sam was always available when Oxbow, Inc. needed the help of the Department. Sam's warmth and down-home hospitality will be missed but not forgotten. Oxbow, Inc. has established a Sam Phipps Memorial for all who wish to remember him. Donations should be sent to Oxbow, Inc., P.O.Box 43391, Cincinnati, он. 45243.

To his wife, Mary Ann, we express the sympathy of Oxbow, Inc's. Board of Trustees, its Officers, and its members, and say to her the "thanks" we did not get to say to Sam.

# FIELD NOTES

# FROM A WINTER'S DAY.

Morris Mercer



A real winter field trip has been difficult to come by the last few years. One evening in late January, I stopped at the Oxbow. The evening wasn't cold, but it did look as a winter evening should. The Oxbow was flooded and mostly ice-covered. Several great blue herons stood hunched and one-legged on the ice, uncomforted by the presence of many ducks and some 200 Canada geese. A patch of open water seemed alive with other ducks and geese.

Just before sunset a heavy grey cloud of fog seemed to creep in from the Ohio River. As the fog passed over, the willows, weeds, and thistles became trimmed in white lace. There was no breeze. The stillness was broken only by the quack of ducks and the haunting cry of the wild geese. I looked up to see a long Vee of geese above the setting sun. The sun was a large red ball balanced for a moment on the Indiana hills. It was now that the sun cast itself as Midas, the greedy king. Everything touched by its light turned to a soft gold color. A flight of mallards appeared out of the fog, ghost-like, and gracefully glided into the patch of open water.

Just as it seemed it couldn't get any better, I turned to the east. Just above Shawnee Lookout a pale, nearly-full moon had replaced the sun, and would soon light up the vallies of the Ohio and Great Miami Rivers. The earlier colors of the Canada geese, mallards, black ducks, pintails, American widgeons, ring-necked ducks, goldeneyes, buffleheads, red-breasted and hooded mergansers, and the many gulls in the air, were now all silhouettes.

This had been such a beautiful evening I thought heaven must be like this. I would have enjoyed watching as twilight melted into night, but, it was turning toward home time.

As I think back, I wish everyone could have seen the Oxbow as I saw it on that one, beautiful, winter evening.

Morris.



#### "AND THE LUCKY WINNERS ARE . . . "

Oxbow, Inc. members Dick and Nancy Haynes, Chapel Road, Okeana, Ohio, held the winning ticket on Ralph Scott's "Misty Morning" print. The Haynes had plenty of time to forget that they had even purchased a ticket! They picked it up at the Toys for Adults Show last fall. The winning ticket was not drawn until the last week of January after the Bob Hart Boat and Travel Show.

Dick and Nancy are volunteers who give of their time to work in Oxbow, Inc's booths. We wish to congratulate them on their good fortune, and leave them this thought - since every day is not a sunny day, we hope you enjoy a "Misty Morning"!

# Natural Resources Tax Refund Checkoff Program

It's tax time again! How quickly that, and birthdays, seem to roll around. But with it comes your opportunity to, almost painlessly, do a good thing for wildlife and natural areas. Just check off your refund on your State Income Tax form, directing it to the Department of Natural Resources, DIVISION OF WILDLIFE or DIVISION OF NATURAL AREAS AND PRESERVES. If you do not have an overpayment, but wish to donate, you can still do so.

To donate to wildlife, make your check out to "Nongame and Endangered Wildlife, Special Account".

To donate to natural areas, make your check out to "Natural Areas and Preserves, Special Account'.

OHIO:

Mail your check to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Deputy Director Recreational Management

Fountain Square Columbus, OH 43224

INDIANA:

Mail your check to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Fish & Wildlife

Licensing Division

607 State Office Building Indianapolis, IN 46204

Donations to these funds are tax deductible for Federal Income Tax purposes for those who itemize, and are considered 1991 donations. The following is a report of the 1990 OHIO FUND Income and Expense.

# (Division of Wildlife)

# Checkoff Expenditures as of June 1990

Land Acquisition \$561,156 (21%)

(Program priority is on wetland acquisition [656 acres])

Facilities Development \$166,625 (6%)

(Program priority is on development of access for recreation. including handicapped access)

Special Projects \$1,924,840 (71%)

(These include bald eagle protection, river otter reintroduction, urban peregrine falcon releases, education programs in schools and a statewide wetland inventory)

**Dept. Taxation Fees \$69,098 (2%)** (required by checkoff legislation)

> TOTAL: \$2,721,719 (CHECKOFF DONATIONS: \$3,676.996)



Fountain Square Columbus, Ohio 43224 Richard F. Celeste, Governor Joseph J. Sommer, Director

# (DIVISION OF NATURAL AREAS AND PRESERVES)

# Checkoff Expenditures as of June 1990

Land Acquisition \$1,469,260 (36%)

(1685 acres at 26 areas in 19 counties)

Facilities Development \$896,486 (22%)

(48 major projects at 65 sites)

Special Projects \$494,069 (12%)

(examples: county natural area inventory scenic river monitoring and tree plantings, Breeding Bird Atlas. landowner contact program)

Research & Preserve Monitoring \$429,052 (10%)

(including 96 research grants on endangered species and natural

Information & Education \$288,695 (7%).

(examples: checkoff promotion [less than 3%] nature preserve directory brochures, newsletter)

Administration \$462,820 (11%)

(salaries and program operating expenses)

Dept. Taxation Fees \$84,430 (2%) (required by checkoff legislation)

> TOTAL: \$4.124.812 (CHECKOFF DONATIONS: \$4,366,586)

# ATTENTION

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

Volunteers are needed for two upcoming events scheduled for April. To celebrate EARTH DAY, 1991, Oxbow, Inc. will have a booth at the Cincinnati Zoo. The Zoo's EARTH WEEK-END will be held April 20 - 21 from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. Volunteers will be provided with free admission to the Zoo.

Seven Hills High School is sponsoring Conservation Exhibits in Ault Park, April 25 - 28 from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. They have invited Oxbow, Inc. to participate. Art teacher Dixie Nabb is creating a wetland as one of the exhibits.

Volunteers will be needed each of the days to staff the booths. You will need to give two to three hours of your time. Board members will be present to help you.

For more information, or to volunteer your services, please call John Getzendanner in Indiana at 537-5728, and Oxbow, Inc. in Ohio at 471-8001. Come out and talk to people about the Oxbow - sell them a Charlie Harper shirt - make them a new member. Spring is a good time to get out and about. And anyhow, IT'S FUN!

Sincere thanks to all of the volunteers who worked at the Toys for Adults Show and the Bob Hart Boat and Travel Show. If you are fully recovered, call and sign up for these spring dates.

WE NEED YOU!

# GIFTS FOR OUR EARTH.

A letter, which was received from Jean Durbin, a teacher at Lloyd Mann School, informed Oxbow, Inc. that her third grade class was recycling aluminum cans. She wrote,

"They also voted not to have a class Christmas gift exchange, but rather to give Christmas gifts to our Earth".

A check for \$53.07 read,"from can recycling and their Christmas gifts". This is the second year that Jean's third graders have honored Oxbow, Inc. with their selfless efforts. We appreciate the dedication of these students and promise them that Oxbow, Inc. will use their donation to insure a protected Oxbow for themselves and future third graders to visit and enjoy.

We say to them, "Thank you for your gift to our Earth".



# Meetings

#### RON AUSTING BREAKS ATTENDANCE RECORD!

90 members and guests came to Lawrenceburg from far and near to attend the February 12th meeting to hear Ron and see his pictures of nesting birds. Our next speaker is out to break Ron's record. Can he do it?!

TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH, 7:30 P.M. Cincinnati Zoo Education Building. Enter through the Exit Gate on Erkenbrecher Avenue.

Speaker, Jerry Johnson will present "A New Look at the Oxbow". Jerry is a sought-after member of Oxbow, Inc's Speakers' Bureau. His slide presentation is so informative about the Oxbow that we have asked him to repeat his program for our Indiana friends on

TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH, 7:30 P.M. at the Lawrenceburg Public Library. Turn left off of U.S. 50 onto Walnut Street. Turn right onto High Street. The Library is on the right side of High Street.

For all of our members who have asked to hear how and why Oxbow, Inc. was formed do not miss this program!

Come and help Jerry win the "Golden Projector Award" from Ron!

# SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, 9 A.M.

# **Field Trips**

Meet in the parking lot of the Fifties Root Beer, U.S. 50 and the I-275 Lawrenceburg-Greendale Exit Ramp. This should be a good time for waterfowl.

Leader, Dave Styer 513-772-4395

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 21st, 9 A.M.

Meet in the parking lot of the Fifties Root Beer, U.S. 50 and the I-275 Lawrenceburg-Greendale Exit Ramp for a spring trip into the Oxbow area.

Leader, Steve Wagner 513-831-7606



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#### Oxbow, Inc.

A nonprofit organization formed by conservation groups and concerned citizens of Ohio and Indiana for the purpose of preserving and protecting a wetlands area known locally as the Oxbow, Hardintown, or Horseshoe Bottoms, from future industial development and to preserve the existing agricultural floodplain at the confluence of the Great Miami and Ohio rivers for use as a staging area for the seasonal migrations of waterfowl. This is an agricultural area rich in geological, archaeological, and anthropological history

Help us save this unique wetland. You can make your state a richer place in which to live by helping us preserve this precious resource

Membership in Oxbow, Inc. is encouraged and solicited.

Individual	\$10	Organization/Club	\$25	Cornerstone	\$250
Family	\$15	Supporting	\$50	Sponsor	\$500
Contributing	\$25	Patron	\$100	Benefactor	\$1000

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