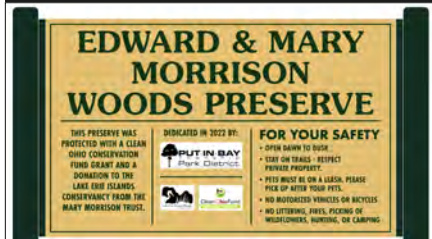


Morrison Woods Preserve Dedication August 7!

By Lisa Brohl



Photos: Above—New Morrison Woods trail
Below—Proof Image of sign being installed at the trail entrance



Join us at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday August 7th, 2022 as the Put-in-Bay Township Park District and their partner the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy dedicates a new preserve—the Edward and Mary Morrison Woods Preserve. This is as part of the Island Green Week celebrations for 2022. A celebration will be held at the Morrison Woods Preserve entrance at the corner of Put-in-Bay and Meechen Rd. Limited parking is available on site and along the roadside as well as at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center.

A reception will follow at the Center's back porch after the dedication. Benches have been donated by the Naugle family and Betty and Charles Finkbeiner and have been installed by PIBTPD contractor Mark Lekanka. A beautiful new trail is ready for all to use in the young forest with blue ash, eastern red cedar, rough-leaved dogwood. For more information on any of our wonderful islands preserves you can visit www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org or www.putinbayparks.com

Our Mission:

To encourage conservation and Protection of Natural and Agricultural Lands in the Lake Erie Islands for the Benefit of Future Generations.



FUTURE GENERATIONS

Speaking of Future Generations.... Here are the Shelton Grandchildren experiencing bird banding with our beloved master bird bander Tom Bartlett! More banding on pages 6-8!!

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2022 Middle Bass Island Music Festival July 16!



Saturday, July 16, 2022 | noon - 7pm

Middle Bass Island

MUSIC FESTIVAL

at Middle Bass Island State Park and Lonz Winery Patio and Pavilion

Details on Page 3!!

Arbor Day 2022 *By Kelly Faris*

On Friday, April 29, the Village of Put-in-Bay celebrated its 14th Arbor Day. Over twenty people participated in the planting of two trees: a Hop Tree (*petelea trifoliata*) and a Spicebush (*lindera benzonia*). The Hop Tree was used by Native Americans as a seasoning and medicine; and in the 19th century, German immigrants to Texas used the Hop Tree seeds in beer making. The Spicebush was used by Native Americans as a medicine and the crushed bark can be used as a cinnamon substitute.

The trees were planted at the Arbor Day site off Langram Avenue, near the Put-in-Bay Post Office. Funding for the annual event is provided by the Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay.

In the fourteen years since its creation by the Village of Put-in-Bay, the Tree Commission has been instrumental in planting more than forty trees in various locations in the Village and has assisted other organizations in their choice of trees to be planted.

Julius Morton held the first Arbor Day in the United States in Nebraska in 1872, and the Arbor Day celebration continues to grow not only in the United States but also around the world. Today, Arbor Day is celebrated in over 50 countries of the world, from Brazil to Korea, from China to Venezuela.

The Village of Put-in-Bay achieved **Tree City USA** recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation. The Tree Commission continues to meet the four requirements for the award: a tree board, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget, and an Arbor Day celebration.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization whose mission is to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Members of the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission are Lisa Brohl, Kelly Faris, and Kendra Koehler.

At the Arbor Day Celebration, the *Trees of Put-in-Bay* pamphlet was distributed. The pamphlet is a collaborative effort between Put-in-Bay Township Park District and the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission. A *Put-in-Bay 2022 Arbor Day History Pamphlet* was also available.



Photos: Upper—Cameron and Ken Farber, Missi Kowalski, Peter Huston, Olivia Christiansen, Jody Amsden, Andy Van Camp, Cody Kowalski; kneeling back Caleb Kowalski, Beckett Dobos; kneeling front Braylee Dobos, Piper Koehler Lower—Olivia Christensen, Beckett Dobos, and Caleb Kowalski Inset—Eastern Redbud in bloom

After the planting, refreshments, including Cameo Pizza, were served, compliments of Tree Commission Member, Kendra Koehler.

Fall 2022 Lake Erie Islands Bird Banding Schedule

H. Thomas Bartlett

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September:

South Bass Island

- 10th – Banding setup – PM
- 11th – Banding all day; open to the public
- 12th-14th – Banding all day (Road Scholar morning with owl banding sunset to 9ish in evening) – open to public afternoon only
- 15th – Banding 6:00 AM to noon
- 15th – PM banding takedown and leave SBI

Kelleys Island

- 17th – Banding setup – PM
- 18th-22nd – Banding all day; open to the public
- 23rd – Banding 6:00 AM to noon
- 23rd – PM banding takedown and leave KI

Middle Bass Island

- 24th – Banding setup – PM
- 25th-29th – Banding all day; open to the public with owl banding sunset to 9ish some evenings
- 30th – Banding 6:00 AM to noon
- 30th – PM banding takedown and leave MBI

October:

Kelleys Island

- 13th – Banding setup – PM
- 13th – Owl Banding Sunset to 10 PM
- 14th-31st – Songbird banding at Jones Preserve; 6:00 AM to 2ish PM
- 14th-31st – Owl Banding Sunset to 10 PM

November:

Kelleys Island

- 1st-16th – Songbird banding at Jones Preserve; 6:00 AM to 2ish PM
- 1st-22nd – Owl Banding Sunset to 10 PM
- 4th-6th – Kelleys Island 10th Annual Owl Festival

December:

Kelleys Island

- 17th-19th – Owl Banding Sunset to 10 PM
- 18th – Lake Erie Island Christmas Bird Count

There may be some songbird feeder banding between November 16th and December 19th on Kelleys Island. And additional owl banding between November 22nd and December 18th.

**All banding is dependent on weather conditions. All dates and times are subject to change.
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Middle Bass Music Fest is Coming Again This Summer!

Middle Bass Island State Park and Lonz Winery Patio and Pavilion will be rockin' and a rolling, jumpin' and a jiving and generally a fun place to be on July 16, 2022, when the Middle Bass Music Festival rolls into town. It's going to be a great time with live music, an artist tent, food trucks, beer, wine, and all your neighbors hanging out enjoying some Middle Bass Island charm.

Headlining this year's event will be the Shootouts in support of their recent release *Bullseye* via Soundly Music. The Shootouts' deep love of traditional country music forms the bedrock of their signature sound and have since grown into the unique blend that make up The Shootouts – equal parts vintage Nashville, Texas swing, and Bakersfield bravado. The Shootouts are a fantastic local recording act and worth seeing in person.

Local island talent Lucas Guy will be bringing his band Lucky Fools to the festival this year playing some of his familiar favorites as well as music from their new just released EP. Due to popular demand The Chardon Polka Band is BACK for another appearance at our music fest – A wildly entertaining look at polkas in the modern age! They were so fun last year, you couldn't stop laughing. We are also bringing in Latin City Soul, a unique ten (10) piece band that demonstrates their versatility to interpret a

masterful songbook – from Salsa to Rhythm and Blues to Latin Jazz. Rounding out the lineup for this year is festival favorites The North Coast Goats playing their interpretation of classic rock, blues and country music.

When you get hungry you can enjoy the BBQ from Jimmy G's, Rosie's Rolling Chef Food Truck, or the Island Grind and to quench your thirst you can get some beer from Catawba Island Brewing Company, and wine from Heineman's. There is a new stage location this year. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket so you can move with the sun/shade. No coolers please – water bottles okay and refills will be available.

The Middle Bass Music Fest is brought to you by The Middle Bass Dock Company, The Middle Bass State Park & Ohio Department of Natural Resources, The Island Grind at the Lonz Winery Presshouse, Lake Erie Shores and Islands, Ohio Arts Council, Middle Bass Men's Club, South Shore Marine, Bass Islands Charters LLC, and your Lake Erie Islands Conservancy www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org. Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will be the recipient of any proceeds from this event. They will also be selling tee shirts, tote bags and handing out a variety of information on our island activities and preserves. Learn about how you can help preserve island property for future generations.

We will have tables available for local artists to sell their creations-contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or at leiconservancy@gmail.com to reserve a table.

There will be an extra Miller ferry at 7:00 PM from Middle Bass to take back attendees-no cars.

Benny on Bass will be making an appearance again as our music fest icon.

HOW DO YOU GET TO MIDDLE BASS?

There are several ways to get to Middle Bass Island that don't involve your own boat. The best option is Miller Ferry from Catawba. **Website:** www.millerferry.com

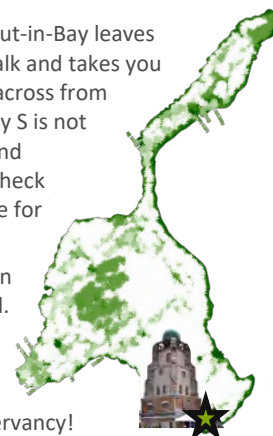
Take the 9:15 AM, 11:15 AM or 1:15 PM Miller from Catawba to Middle Bass main dock, across from Lonz's. Return to Catawba at 5:15 PM or 7:00 PM.

Or take the Jet Express from Port Clinton to Put-in-Bay. This is another great option from the mainland. As mentioned above, to get to the show, first take the Jet Express to Put-in-Bay. From there, take a water taxi to Middle Bass Island. When returning this route also works well because the Jet Express runs boats back to Port Clinton late into the night.

Website: <https://jet-express.com/the-jet-express/>

Water Taxi from Put-in-Bay leaves from The Boardwalk and takes you to the main dock across from Lonz's. If the Sonny S is not running, Inter-Island Charters will be. Check our Facebook page for updates.

Hope to see you on Middle Bass Island. It's going to be a fun day-and a great way to support the Conservancy!



Saturday, July 16, 2022 | noon - 7pm

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A cartoon illustration of a man with a grey beard, sunglasses, and a white t-shirt, holding a large green fish. He is standing on a beach with a sunset background. A small black bird is flying in the sky above him.A square QR code located in the bottom left corner of the poster.

Scan for more information or to make a donation to the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy
All festival proceeds benefit the Conservancy

Welcome AmeriCorps Intern for 2022:

Kenneth McArtor! *By Lisa Brohl*



Kenneth McArtor, born and raised in Wadsworth Ohio, graduated from Wadsworth High School in 2020. He now attends Eckerd College, located in Saint Petersburg Florida. Kenneth is majoring in Marine Science with a focus on biology. Last summer he worked with Saving The Blue, a nonprofit that strives to recover and restore a variety of threatened marine species while connecting people to ocean wildlife. Kenneth took part in shark research tagging over fifty sharks. He is now joining the LEIC, PIBTPD, and LEINWC due to his love for South Bass Island as he grew up coming here in the summers.



Photo: Kenneth McArtor working with Saving The Blue tagging sharks



GLIA Birding Conservation Webinar *By Lisa Brohl*



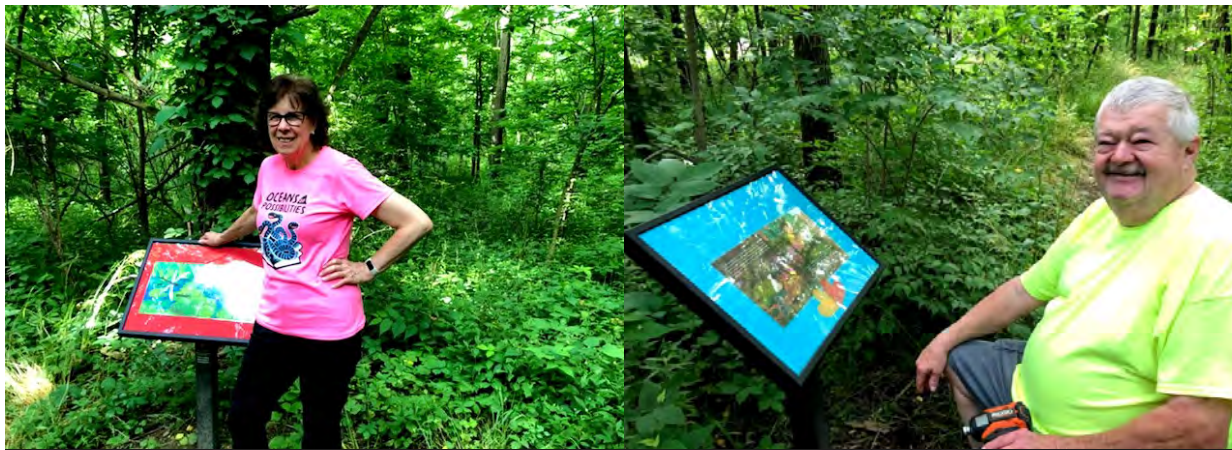
Conservancy Chair Lisa Brohl served as a speaker for the recent Great Lakes Islands Alliance Great Lakes Birding Conservation Webinar. Here is the

YouTube link of the webinar for you watch and to share (<https://youtu.be/qWDFwi8syNE>). Stay tuned for more information on our upcoming summit on the Bass Islands. 100 people signed up for the webinar and 40 attended.

New Put-in-Bay StoryWalk® Fun at Dodge Woods Preserve!

Stop by the Put-in-Bay StoryWalk® at the Dodge Woods Preserve for the latest story: In the Small, Small Pond by Denise Fleming. This is the coolest story! Your kids can do the motions of the animals in the pond as they travel between the pages. The illustrations are wonderful!

Special thanks to Mark and Karen Wilhelm for installing!



Photos: Erie Islands Librarian Karen Wilhelm and husband Mark Wilhelm install the new book.

Back to the Wild Visit *By Lisa Brohl*

Back to the Wild visited the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on May 4, 2022. Sam Villa and Brittany Jordan brought their wildlife friends for everyone to enjoy. 68 people including lots of Put-in-Bay children, came to enjoy the show. Thanks to the Put-in-Bay Recreation Committee, Miller Boat Line, Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center and the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy for sponsorship of this great program.

Back to the Wild often meets us at the ferry dock or airport to take in injured wildlife from the islands. If you wish to contribute to their great operation, check out their website at www.backtothewild.org.



Photos: Left—Mikayla and Nadine Saunders Right— Back to the Wild's Sam Villa and Brittany Jordan with eastern screech owl



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Earth Week Lake Erie Islands Style

On Earth Day, April 22, 2022, Andy Van Camp of the National Park Service



Photos: Above—Garlic Mustard going, going... Right—Sebastian Talarico, Susan Ferguson, and Sabrina Schultz

garlic mustard from the Woods. The native island wildflowers are truly more plentiful where the mustard has been removed.



Photos: Above—Pictured (Left to right) Caleb Kowalski, Emil Michael, Ava Fiorilli, Mrs. Kowalski, Kate Hubner, Macy Ladd, McKenna Stacy, Mrs. Danes (not pictured, Alice Lentz) Below—The clean-up crew on the job

For the Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up, the Put-in-Bay High School National Honor Society and Environmental Club had a group of 9 show up to Schieff East Point Preserve during Earth Week. They picked up 70lbs of trash within 1hr from State Route 357 and the Preserve. Thanks everyone!



The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center offered prizes for those who completed the Earth Week Challenge!

Garlic Mustard Pull Competition! By Lisa Brohl



The City of Green near Akron, Ohio issued a challenge as to which community can pull the most garlic mustard in a day! Put-in-Bay accepted the challenge and had a great group of volunteers who showed up to help us meet it! The Portage Parks also accepted the challenge. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate as well and the ferries were not running the night before or that morning which lowered our attendance at Put-in-Bay this year.

Michael Marefka and Aaron Musick of EnviroScience led the PIB volunteers at the Cooper's Woods Preserve on Saturday, May 6th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. They showed everyone the difference between the invasive garlic mustard and other native wildflowers and spoke about the importance of removing it from our woodlands. They supplied everyone with heavy contractor bags that volunteers filled with garlic mustard and brought back to weigh. A personal tally was kept for all as well as our total



Photos: Left to Right—Susan Ferguson with Carolyn Koehler Jackson, Lisle and Cal Jackson; Mike Murefka and Aaron Musick of EnviroScience weighing everyone in with their garlic mustard; Top puller Lisa Behrens with Chair Lisa Brohl

for the group that day. Thanks to Lake Disposal who worked with us to supply a dumpster for the day at a discounted rate!

Over five hours, thirteen PIB volunteers removed 958.6 pounds of garlic mustard from the woods! They pulled 56 lbs/person with a figure of 73.7/ lbs/per person/per hour. So our volunteers were fewer but mighty!!!

The Island's top picker was Lisa Behrens at 147.4 pounds total. Susan Ferguson placed 2nd with 140.6 pounds. Third place went to Carolyn

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Spring Bird Banding Reports (South Bass, Middle Bass, & North Bass)



Photos: Clockwise from Upper Left—Conservancy members Randi and Jack Wertenbach visit the South Bass Island Banding Station at the Barnhill's this spring; Molly Domer releasing bird; Molly Domer, former nature camper, helps record data; Conservancy Advisory Board Member Bob Russell visits the banding station; Alice Lentz helps at the banding station; Randi and Jack Wertenbach viewing captured Cardinal with Tom Bartlett. Right—Sandy Funtal releasing a ruby-throated hummingbird. Far Right—Alice Lentz releasing a bird.

Spring South Bass Island Road Scholar 2022 Bird Banding Results May 1-4 and May 8-11

15 (3,12)	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1 (1,0)	Field Sparrow
1 (1,0)	Sharp-shinned Hawk	1 (0,1)	Lincoln's Sparrow
1 (1,0)	Red-bellied Woodpecker	2 (1,1)	Swamp Sparrow
2 (0,2)	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	32 (28,4)	White-throated Sparrow
1 (0,1)	"Trail's" Flycatcher	1 (0,1)	White-crowned Sparrow
11 (3,8)	Least Flycatcher	23 (0,23)	Baltimore Oriole
1 (0,1)	White-eyed Vireo	103 (30,73)	Red-winged Blackbird
2 (0,2)	Blue-headed Vireo	4 (3,1)	Brown-headed Cowbird
1 (0,1)	Red-eyed Vireo	29 (11,18)	Common Grackle
3 (2,1)	Blue Jay	10(7,3)	Ovenbird
4 (0,4)	Tree Swallow	5 (1,4)	Black-and-white Warbler
4 (2,2)	Black-capped Chickadee	2 (0,2)	Nashville warbler
1 (0,1)	White-breasted Nuthatch	2 (0,2)	Mourning Warbler
15 (5,10)	House Wren	3 (1,2)	Common Yellowthroat
2 (0,2)	Carolina Wren	1 (0,1)	Hooded warbler
2 (2,0)	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	2 (0,2)	Cape May Warbler
21 (12,9)	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	8 (0,8)	Magnolia warbler
2 (0,2)	Veery	9 (3,6)	Yellow warbler
1 (0,1)	Gray-cheeked Thrush	3 (0,3)	Black-throated Blue Warbler
12 (1,11)	Swainson's Thrush	6 (6,0)	"Western" Palm Warbler
1 (1,0)	Wood Thrush	19 (11,8)	Yellow-rumped (Myrtle) Warbler
18 (5,13)	American Robin	2 (0,2)	Canada Warbler
25 (3,22)	Gray Catbird	8 (4,4)	Northern Cardinal
1 (0,1)	European Starling	5 (1,4)	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
9 (0,9)	House Finch	1 (0,1)	Indigo Bunting
4 (1,3)	American Goldfinch		
51 (28, 45)	Total Species banded	442 (150, 292)	Total Individuals Banded
7 (3,4)	Banding Days	14-19 (16-18, 14-19)	Total nets used
68 (23, 45)	Recaptures	7 (3, 4)	Escapes/released birds
0 (0, 0)	Casualties	517 (176, 341)	Total birds handled
662.25 (258, 404.25)	Net Hours of effort	0.67 (0.58, 0.72)	Birds banded per net hour
138 (60, 78)	Visitors		

First number = Total Second number is total for first week Third number is total for second week
During week 1 we were not able to opens nets on May 3 due to weather conditions

Recapture Data:

There were 68 recaptured birds which represented 56 individuals. Six individuals were recaptured twice, and three individuals were recaptured three times during the sessions. Of these 56 individuals, 2 were originally banded in 2017, 3 in 2018, 6 in 2019, 5 in 2020, 21 in 2021, and 19 earlier in 2022. The oldest recapture was a female Red-winged Blackbird. She was originally banded 5/10/2017 as an after-second year female bird which means she hatched in 2015 or before. So she is a minimum of 7 years old. Next was a Common Grackle which was originally banded 5/6/2018 as an after-second year male. So he was a minimum of 6 years old. Next was a female Northern Cardinal originally banded 5/3/2017 as an after hatch year female, so she was a minimum of 6 years old.



2022 Spring Bird Banding Team

Tom Bartlett, Bander
Paula Bartlett, Extractor and Scribe
John Lortz, Extractor and Scribe
Lisa Brohl, Extractor
Courtney Brennan, Extractor
Nancy Welter, Extractor and Scribe
Molly Domer, Scribe
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**Middle Bass Island
2022 Spring Bandout
April 23-29**

2	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	Eastern Towhee
2	Great Horned Owl	1	Chipping Sparrow
4	Downy Woodpecker	3	Song Sparrow
2	Yellow-shafted Flicker	37	White-throated Sparrow
1	Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	Baltimore Oriole
2	Least Flycatcher	66	Red-winged Blackbird
2	White-eyed Vireo	27	Brown-headed Cowbird
1	Blue-headed Vireo	8	Common Grackle
11	Blue Jay	1	Ovenbird
24	Tree Swallow	1	Worm-eating Warbler
2	Black-capped Chickadee	1	Louisiana Waterthrush
1	Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	Northern Waterthrush
1	Brown Creeper	1	Golden-winged Warbler
11	House Wren	2	Black-and-white Warbler
1	Marsh Wren	1	Tennessee Warbler
17	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	Common Yellowthroat
17	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	Hooded Warbler
1	Veery	2	Yellow warbler
7	Swainson's Thrush	1	Black-throated Blue Warbler
7	Hermit Thrush	14	Palm Warbler (Western)
1	Wood Thrush	1	Pine Warbler
25	American Robin	21	Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)
5	Gray Catbird	1	Scarlet Tanager
7	European Starling	4	Northern Cardinal
17	American Goldfinch		
49	Species Banded	88	Recaptures
376	Individuals Banded	6	Escapes/released birds
472	Birds handled	3	Casualties
730.25	Net Hours of effort	0.51	Birds banded per net hour
105	Visitors/participants	0.64	Birds handled per net hour
Red = new species banded on Island		Bold = Uncommon species banded on island	

Banding Highlights:

2 young Great Horned Owls were banded on the nest just west of East Point Preserve. These were a first for the Lake Erie Islands by the banding team. A Worm-eating Warbler was banded on April 24 and was also a first for the Lake Erie Islands by the banding team. A Marsh Wren (2nd), Louisiana Waterthrush (2nd), Golden-winged Warbler (3rd), and Pine Warbler (3rd) were uncommonly banded birds for Middle Bass Island. An American Robin banded on the morning of April 24 was the 40,000th bird banded by the banding team on the Lake Erie Islands in 27 years. These include Kelleys Island, South Bass Island, Middle Bass Island, and North Bass Island. 109 species and 5523 individuals have now been banded on Middle Bass Island over 14 years.

Recaptures:

The 88 recaptures represent 68 individuals of which 66 were previously banded by us. Two individuals appear to have been banded by another bander. We are waiting on that data. Of the 68 individuals, 7 were recaptured twice during the week, 3 were recaptured three times during the week, and 2 (a Black-capped Chickadee and an American Robin) were recaptured 4 times during the week.

A Blue Jay (1412-71849) that was banded by the team on April 28, 2021 was recaptured 5 days later (May 3, 2021) at the Long Point Bird Observatory near Port Rowan, Ontario

One of the reasons for banding birds is to help learn how long individual species may live. This spring we recaptured six individual who had survived a minimum of 6 years. The oldest was an after-second year female Red-winged Blackbird. We banded her on April 28, 2015 as an after-second year female, so she is a minimum of 9 years old! She was followed up by a Common Grackle which was banded on April 24, 2016 as an after-hatch year female. This makes her a minimum of 7 years old. We also had 2 Red-winged Blackbirds, a Brown-headed Cowbird, and a Yellow Warbler which were a minimum of 6 years old.

Observations:

The banding team also tries to record all the species of birds observed during the daily operation of banding. This week we observed 79 species at the East Point Preserve. There were other species observed on the island, but our records are only for the preserve while we are there. Unusual or uncommon species observed included Common Loon (late migrant), Merlin (uncommon migrant), Red-breasted Nuthatch (late migrant), Marsh Wren (uncommon migrant), Worm-eating Warbler (rare), Louisiana Waterthrush (uncommon migrant), Golden-winged Warbler (uncommon migrant), Tennessee Warbler (early migrant), Hooded Warbler (uncommon migrant), and Pine Warbler (uncommon migrant).

Spring 2022 Bird Banding Team:

Tom Bartlett, Paula Bartlett, Lisa Brohl, Russ Brohl, Chris Helman, Teddi Keith-Morris, Tina Larson, Ann Shelton, Ken Shelton, Nancy Welter



Photos: Clockwise from Upper Left—Lisa Brohl holding a worm-eating warbler—a first for her—a bird that eluded her for a long time!; Inset—Closeup of Worm-eating Warbler; Blue-headed Vireo; Tracy Aquila learning the ropes at the station; Bander Tom Bartlett showing a Western Palm Warbler to Conservancy board member Colleen Franz Kerkay; Congratulations Tom Kl Birder and Paula Bartlett for banding your 40,000th bird on the Lake Erie Islands that week at the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve—an American Robin. Thanks for all you do!; Kendal Shelton Shaffer releasing a bird; Golden-winged Warbler; Louisiana Waterthrush; Hooded Warbler Far Left—Prothonotary Warbler Left—Julia and Bill Carle visiting the station. Julia helped us raise funds through selling bird seed through Spencer Feed and Supply in the past Bird Photos by Ann Shelton and Paula Bartlett

Spring Bird Banding Reports continued... (See previous two pages for more!)

Second Annual North Bass Island Bandout

May 30 – June 3, 2022

Banding Results:

2	Ruby-throated Hummingbird	1	Northern Mockingbird **
2	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4	European Starling
2	Black-billed Cuckoo	4	American Goldfinch
3	Downy Woodpecker	1	Field Sparrow
2	Eastern Wood-Pewee	1	Song Sparrow
3	Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	2	Lincoln's Sparrow
5	Alder Flycatcher	4	Orchard Oriole
1	Willow Flycatcher	23	Baltimore Oriole
5	"Trail's" Flycatcher	101	Red-winged Blackbird
1	Great Crested Flycatcher	7	Common Grackle
2	Eastern Kingbird	1	Connecticut Warbler
2	Warbling Vireo	4	Common Yellowthroat
3	Red-eyed Vireo	1	American Redstart
3	Tree Swallow	1	Magnolia Warbler
4	Barn Swallow	1	Blackburnian Warbler
4	Black-capped Chickadee	33	Yellow Warbler
2	House Wren	1	Blackpoll Warbler
4	Carolina Wren	1	Black-throated Green Warbler
3	Swainson's Thrush	1	Northern Cardinal
3	American Robin	12	Indigo Bunting
9	Gray Catbird		
2	Brown Thrasher		

Total Species Banded: 42

Banding Days: 5

Net Hours of Effort: 674.75

Total Birds Handled: 297

Birds banded per net hour: 0.40

Participants: 66

Total Individuals Banded: 271

Recaptures: 24

Escapes/releases: 2

Casualties: 1

Casualties per bird handled: 0.34%

Staff: 10

Red = New species banded for the Island

Bold = Uncommonly banded species for the island

Red ** = New species banded for the USA Lake Erie Islands

Recaptures: The 24 individual recaptures represent 21 individuals. One individual was originally banded on the island in 2018 as an SY so is 5 years old. Another was banded in 2019 and 9 others banded in 2021. The remainder were banded earlier in the week by the banding team.

Through the 12 years of banding on North Bass Island, 53 species have been banded and 1179 individuals. More information on our North Bass Island banding effort will be in the annual report.

H. Thomas Bartlett
Federal Permit # 21624
State Permit # 24-039



The 2022 North Bass Island Bird Banding team were:

Tom Bartlett, Tiffin, Ohio
Paula Bartlett, Tiffin, Ohio
Lisa Brohl, Put-in-Bay, Ohio
Russ Brohl, Put-in-Bay, Ohio
Teddi Keith-Morris, Middle Bass Island, Ohio
Brain McClain, Sandusky, Ohio
Ann Shelton, Middle Bass Island, Ohio
Ken Shelton, Middle Bass Island, Ohio
Janet Stearns, Middle Bass Island, Ohio
Nancy Welter, Huron, Ohio



Russ Brohl, Brian McClain, Lisa Brohl, Teddi Keith-Morris, Janet Stearns, Nancy Welter, Tom Bartlett, Ann Shelton, Paula Bartlett, and Ken Shelton (Left to Right)

Photos: Clockwise from Above—Connecticut Warbler-first time one was banded on North Bass Island; Brown Thrasher; Orchard Oriole; Northern Mockingbird-This is the first time a mockingbird has been banded on any of the Lake Erie Islands!; WEB-Women Extractors Bass Islands; Field Sparrow-first time banded on all Bass Islands; Lisa Brohl with a Red-winged Blackbird-the 1,000 bird banded on North Bass Island Bird Photos by Ann Shelton and Paula Bartlett

Special thanks to Andrea Tibbels for allowing us to continue banding on the state lands on North Bass Island, Susie Clipp for assisting in our getting equipment to and from the island, and Heineman's Winery for use of some of the property they lease on the island. We appreciate the continued support of the Miller Boat Line and the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy for transportation for banders.

Special thanks to Ken Shelton and Russ Brohl for the use of their boats to move equipment and staff to and from the island. To Nancy Welter of organizing the stay on the island and all of the staff for their hard work managing the nets and feeding the stable flies.

ISLAND GREEN WEEK

Put-in-Bay | Middle Bass | Kelleys Island

AUGUST 6th-13th.22

SAT 8.6

LAKE ERIE ISLANDS NATURE & WILDLIFE CENTER - PIB -

11am-5pm | Cost: \$4 Adults, \$3 Children & Seniors, \$10 family. See the newly renovated Nature & Wildlife Center with the beautiful indoor turtle pond, wildlife viewing window, and so much more! A must do for every family! Located on MEECHEN RD. A must do during Island Green Week. **OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY!**

SCIENCE SATURDAY - KI -

11am-1pm | Cost: FREE. Science Saturdays is a partnership between Kelleys Island State Park, Kelleys Island Audubon Club, and the Kelleys Island Field Station. This is a weekly series of events throughout the summer that feature interactive exploration centered around a particular topic. Families and learners of all ages are invited to explore firsthand science fun during this free drop-in event. Complete Schedule of Science Saturdays at <https://www.kelleysislandfieldstation.org/>

POKER KAYAK DAY - MBI -

12pm | Cost: \$20 pre-registration, \$25 on site. Kayakers start and finish at the Middle Bass Island State Park west beach (no starts later than 1pm). The paddle around the island includes three more stops (State Park Marina, MBI East Point Preserve, & Kuehnle State Wildlife Area/Petersen Woods Preserve). A welcome packet outlines the course and has information about the stops. Stops are staffed with volunteers for safety and to distribute poker cards and snacks. Finish with a cook-out while 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners are decided. Registration is available at <https://bit.ly/3tcE7A5> Deadline to register is July 30th. Proceeds benefit the Put-in-Bay Township Park District. (Rain Date August 7)

SUN 8.7

MORRISON WOODS

PRESERVE DEDICATION - PIB -

2:00pm | Cost: FREE. Put-in-Bay Township Park District and their partner the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will dedicate a new preserve: the Edward and Mary Morrison Woods Preserve. A celebration will be held at the Morrison Woods Preserve entrance at the corner of Put-in-Bay Rd. and Meechen.

HOTEL VICTORY

GROUND'S LANTERN TOUR - PIB -

7:30pm | Cost - FREE. South Bass Island State Park will host a Lantern Tour of the infamous Hotel Victory grounds. This family event starts with a beautiful sunset and ends at the Hotel Victory Swimming Pool Pavilion.

MON 8.8

STARGAZING CRUISE - PIB -

8pm | Cost - Adults \$25, Kids \$15. The Miller Ferry cruise will leave from the downtown Miller Boat Line dock on Put-in-Bay just before sunset. The stars will light up the sky as an astronomer engages with the guests, sharing information about the night sky, planets, and stars. Bring your own chair & beverages. Tickets available starting in July at the LEINWC or by calling 419-285-3037.

TUE 8.9

WILD TUESDAY - PIB -

1pm-3pm | Cost - FREE. Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center. The purpose of Wild Tuesday programs is to educate visitors and residents about Ohio's native wildlife by supplying up-close and firsthand experiences. For Green Week, Kristin Stanford will be bringing snakes for a fantastic program on the islands' native snakes.

WED 8.10

AQUATIC VISITOR CENTER TOURS - PIB -

10am-5pm | Cost - FREE. In a 1-hour tour, people of all ages can explore Lake Erie's complex ecosystem through experiential activities and tanks of live fish. Children under 16 can borrow fishing gear and fish for free off the pier. **TOURS AVAILABLE AUGUST 10TH TO 13TH.**

10TH ANNUAL

PIG ROAST & RAFFLE - PIB -

6pm-9pm at The Goat Restaurant | Cost - \$20 Pre-Purchased, \$25.00 on site. Join us at the Goat Biergarten for a delicious slow-roasted pig along with tasty sides while enjoying live music. As a special treat for this being our 10th annual event, we are bringing back the Rattlesnake Raffle! Limited tickets available, \$20 each, to win a day at Rattlesnake Island with pool time, a delicious meal at their private restaurant, and a trip to their gift shop! Tickets available starting in July at the Nature & Wildlife Center.

THU 8.11

GIBRALTAR ISLAND TOURS - PIB -

10am-12pm or 1-3pm | Cost - \$10 per person. Transportation to and from Gibraltar is paid separately via the Boardwalk water taxi. This is a wonderful experience for every member of the family. An hour-long guided tour of Gibraltar Island, home to Jay Cooke's Castle, Commodore Perry's 1812 Lookout, Stone Lab's classrooms and more. For more information call 419-285-1800 or visit ohioseagrant.osu.edu/visit.

LAKE ERIE AWARENESS DAY - PIB -

10am-4pm | Cost - FREE. Lake Erie Awareness Day brings you the magic of Lake Erie's history, culture, and natural resources. Spend the day touring the island while learning about Ohio's greatest water treasure. Visit multiple education stations where you will learn about island history, native plants and animals, the dangers of plastic pollution, and boating safety. Fun giveaways and a great day in nature awaits you. Go to all the stations and be entered to win a fabulous island themed prize. Visit go.osu.edu/Plastic-FreePIBDay for station locations and more information.

FRI 8.12

LONZ WINERY CELLAR TOUR - MBI -

4:30pm | Cost - FREE. Tour the famous Lonz Winery Cellar and Grounds. This family event will start with a guided tour through Lonz Winery Cellar and end at the Island Grind Press House with the option to purchase refreshments. The tour will highlight various still-existing features of the Lonz Compound, a history of the grounds and the winery, and exciting facts about life on Middle Bass Island.

HOMECOMING - KI -

Cost - FREE Homecoming is an event sponsored by Kelleys Island Landowners Assoc. and serves as a weekend for those who love this island to enjoy fun, food, and entertainment. The festival will last 2 days! All Homecoming events will take place at the Kelleys Island Pavilion, on Addison St.

SAT 8.13

SOUTH BASS ISLAND

LIGHTHOUSE GROUNDS - PIB -

11am-5pm | Cost - FREE. Visitors can climb the stairs to take in a magnificent view of Put-in-Bay from the top of the tower, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ground are open dawn to dusk, tours will be determined based on staff levels. For more information visit <https://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/visit>

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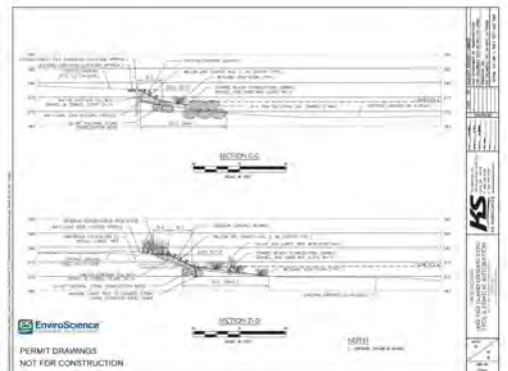
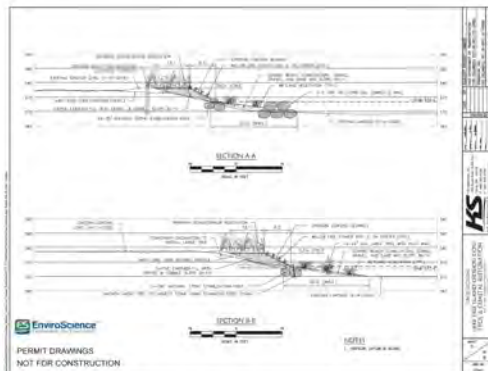
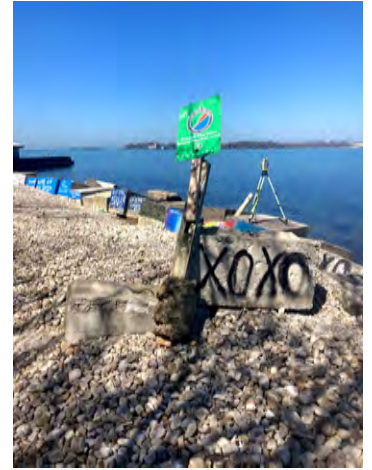


Scheeff and Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve Restoration Projects

By Neal Hess

With the help of multiple funding agencies, the Put-in-Bay Township Park District is well underway with our largest and most ambitious habitat restoration project yet. As you may be aware, our Scheeff East Point Preserve on South Bass Island and the East Point Preserve on Middle Bass Island have both been experiencing severe coastal erosion over the past several years, which has been exacerbated by high Lake Erie water levels. The erosion has resulted in the loss of several feet of shoreline, numerous trees that have washed into the Lake, and the need to reroute portions of our trail at the Scheeff East Point Preserve. Similar erosion and loss of land issues are being experienced by landowners throughout the Islands and coastal Great Lakes.

The Park District is currently mid-way through the engineering and design process to address these coastal erosion issues using "Living Shoreline", natural restoration and shoreline stabilization techniques. Funding from three different grants is being used to complete the engineering and design work: a National Coastal Resilience Fund grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), a Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), and an Emergency Erosion Assistance Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).



A portion of the ODNR Emergency Erosion Assistance Grant and the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant will also be used for the actual shoreline restoration work. Receipt of the ODNR Emergency Erosion Assistance Grant is the result of a close collaboration between the Park District and Put-in-Bay Township. The Township will be administering this grant and they received money from it to engineer and construct a permanent fix to the Middle Bass Island Deist Road severe flooding and erosion issues. The Park District is currently applying for additional funding through the NFWF Coastal Resilience Fund for the project and we are hopeful that we will be successful. It is our hope that construction can occur in late 2022.

The "Living Shoreline" restoration engineering plans call for the construction of low-profile, boulder sills near to the shore to dissipate wave energy, protect the restored shoreline, promote the development of backwater wetland features, and to provide submerged aquatic habitat for mussels and fish. Large trees that have fallen at and nearby the preserves will be used to create natural, wooden groin and rootwad features that will further protect and help to retain the natural beach infill material, while also improving nearshore aquatic and shoreline habitat. To restore the lost shoreline area, a large amount of natural beach material, consisting of a mixture of natural gravel, cobble, and shell hash material, will be deposited and the area planted with a diversity of native vegetation, including wetland plants and native shrubs. Finally, a large amount of foreign debris, such as concrete and sheet metal, that was historically placed along the shoreline in a failed attempt at erosion prevention, will be removed.

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Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference

By Lisa Brohl

Conservancy member Bobbie Dunn and board member Ken Farber manned a table at the Ohio Wildlife Diversity Conference in Columbus on May 11. The conference is a great place to get the word out about our projects! The conference theme was "New Critters on the Block" and included great speakers on wildlife topics such as crayfish, bears, wetlands, and more. Thanks to them both for their assistance!

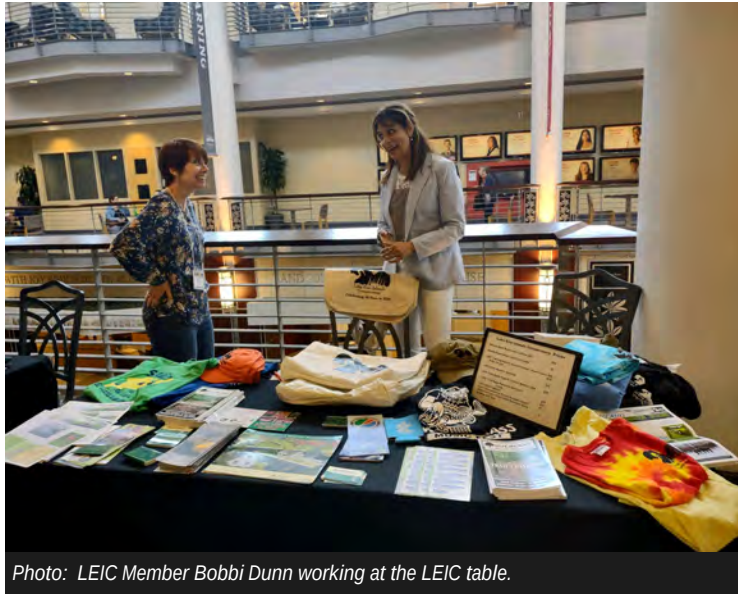
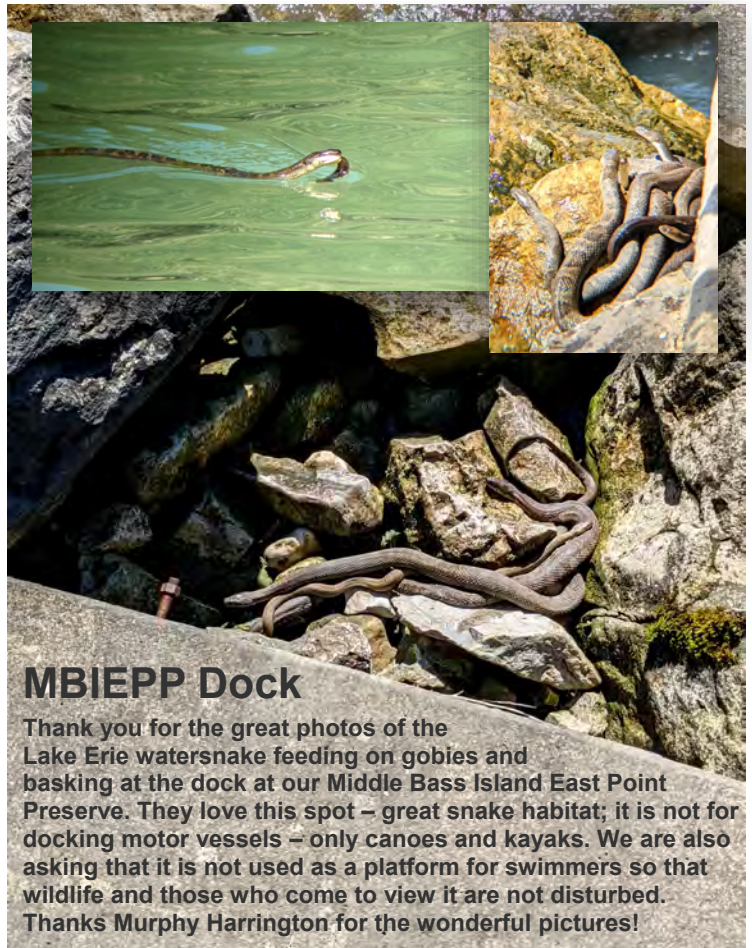


Photo: LEIC Member Bobbi Dunn working at the LEIC table.



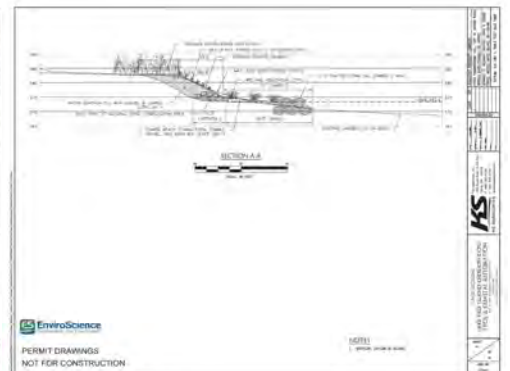
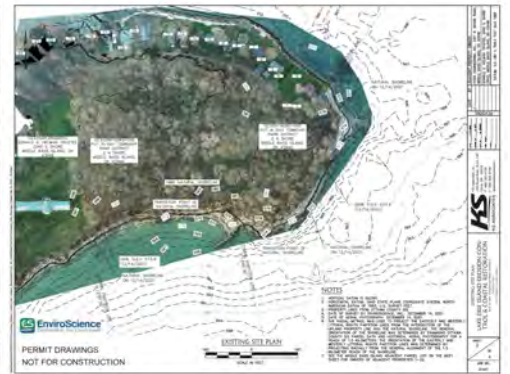
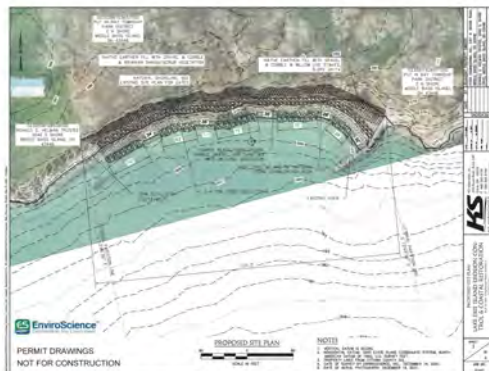
MBIEPP Dock

Thank you for the great photos of the Lake Erie watersnake feeding on gobies and basking at the dock at our Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve. They love this spot – great snake habitat; it is not for docking motor vessels – only canoes and kayaks. We are also asking that it is not used as a platform for swimmers so that wildlife and those who come to view it are not disturbed. Thanks Murphy Harrington for the wonderful pictures!

(SCHEEFF AND MIDDLE BASS Continued from page 10)

If you have any with questions on these restoration plans, you can come to the next Put-in-Bay Township Park District meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 10:00am at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. Monthly meetings are always on the second Wednesday of each month. Plans can also be reviewed on the Park District website at www.putinbayparks.com.

We intend to provide frequent updates about this project within this newsletter and on our website. Our goal will be to use natural shoreline restoration features and materials that will not only protect our park shorelines from erosion, but which will also improve the nearshore aquatic and terrestrial habitat for the myriad migratory and year-round wildlife that utilize our preserves. Additionally, it is our hope that this project can be used to help influence and inform other coastal erosion control and shoreline restoration projects throughout the Western Basin of Lake Erie.





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Dawson-Morris Memorial Award given to LEIC *By John Hageman*



Photos: John Hageman presenting Chair Lisa Brohl the 2022 Dawson-Morris Memorial Award given by the Outdoor Writers of Ohio for the conservation work of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. Thanks for the \$500 for our island Land Preservation Fund!

Following a year with no nominations nor award given for the Outdoor Writers of Ohio's Dawson-Morris Memorial Award in Conservation, 2 groups were nominated for consideration this spring.

After the voting was completed by the (OWO) Board of Trustee members, this year's official winner is the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, who I nominated. (I collect the nominations, but do not vote on this award.)

In my nomination, I included this summary of their mission and a partial list of their accomplishments, provided by Director Lisa Brohl:

"The mission of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy (LEIC) is to encourage conservation and protection of natural and agricultural lands in the Lake Erie Islands for the benefit of this and future generations.

Founded in 2000 as a chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy, serving Northwest Ohio, the LEIC now has its own non-profit status and has been instrumental in protecting and conserving natural areas from rapidly encroaching commercial and private development;

providing resting places for migratory birds; and habitat for a host of indigenous flora and fauna, including the Lake Erie water snake.

The LEIC works closely with the Put-in-Bay Township Park District protecting over 100 acres of lakeshore, cliffs, wet woodlands, and karst topography as well as the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center to promote education about our valuable island natural resources."

A trophy and \$500 check was presented to the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy on June 24.

In an unprecedented twist, OWO Vice President Hazel Freeman felt strongly enough about the efforts of the other group that was nominated that she sought permission from the board members to also recognize them.

Through the generosity of her Brobst family trust, the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center at the Lake County Metroparks Penitentiary Glen Reservation will also receive a \$500 check.

They were nominated by Bev Frischkorn, who stated,

"Each year, nearly 2,500 injured or orphaned animals receive first aid and rehabilitation at the Kevin P. Clinton Wildlife Center. Patients include common backyard wildlife such as rabbits, squirrels and songbirds, Owls, and uncommon species such as the peregrine falcon, bald eagle, and bobcat.

Their goal is to return healthy wildlife back to the wild. Special attention is given to animals whose populations are in decline. Their focus is the rehabilitation of native Ohio wildlife species."

Previous local winners include the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Museum and Back to the Wild animal rehabilitation center. Groups can win multiple times, but only once per every 5 years.

Nominations can be submitted to John by anyone annually before March 31 at: hageman.2@osu.edu with the name of the group; full contact information of their director; mission statement; reasons the group should be considered for the award; and contact information of the person making the nomination.

The award is usually presented at the Outdoor Writers of Ohio annual spring conference, but which has not been held since 2019.

Founders Day a Success

Our new AmeriCorps intern Kenneth McArtor helped make Founders Day in DeRivera Park a success for the Conservancy. We sold t-shirts and other LEIC logoed merchandise as well as native plants/ trees / wildflowers at our table! If you are

interested in any of the items we have available, please check our out Lake Erie Island Conservancy Items and Gift Ideas page in this newsletter.



Photo: AmeriCorps intern Kenneth McArtor at LEIC booth

Ottawa County Community Foundation Grant for LEIC *By Lisa Brohl*

Chair Lisa Brohl attended the Ottawa County Community Foundation grant breakfast on June 16 in Port Clinton. The Conservancy was awarded \$2,500 to assist with the Great Lakes Islands Alliance conference to be held in October on the Lake Erie

Islands. We will assist with hosting representatives around the Great Lakes to discuss shared conservation/land preservation issues as well as school, transportation, and other infrastructure issues. Thanks to the Ottawa County Community Foundation for their assistance!!



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Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Items and Gift Ideas

By Lisa Brohl

There are Conservancy t-shirts in black, blue and moss, Conservancy hats in two colors, Sailcloth and organic cotton tote bags, as well as Middle Bass Music Fest beverage cozies available for sale. Consider a Conservancy membership or donation to our Land Protection Fund for a gift that keeps on giving into the future!



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for details.*



LEIC and PIBTPD Wish List

The Preserves are waking from their icy slumber and are in need of much attention and love. If you are willing, we accept donations of your time and skills or if a monetary gift works better, that is wonderful too. We are grateful for any and all! We are certain visitors to our Preserves will be just as grateful as us for your help! Do let us know if you or anyone you know can help out with any of these items at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087. New members—Check us out at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Website and Social Media Assistance • Volunteers Always Needed: spread mulch on trails, remove downed trees and pick up litter—garlic mustard pulling, amur honeysuckle removal—all preserves. • Adobe, Access, and Arc GIS Programs or volunteers with these skills. • Recycled Copying Paper, Ink for Printers (Brother LC 61, HP 970XL, HP 971XL—must not be generic) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larger Office Space • Land Protection Fund Donations • Golf Cart for Summer Transport of tools and people. • New Bicycle Rack for the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail—approximately \$900—can have name on rack • Paper Shredder |
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Attention Nature Lovers and Photo Buffs: Interested in submitting your Conservancy nature photo(s) for the 2023 LEIC Calendar? See instructions and details below!

- Send all of your Conservancy related entries to LEICPhotoSubmit@gmail.com with "2023 Calendar" in the subject line. Pics for the Newsletter can be sent there too!
- Include the photographer's contact info (name, email, phone, etc.), a short description of subject and details. Make sure to include where/when the photo was taken. Minimum Size: 300 dpi at 11.5" wide by 9" tall.
- If selected, you'll receive photo credit and 1 calendar!

We can't wait to see all of your wonderful submissions, so go enjoy the seasons of the preserves: spring, summer, fall, and winter!!

Research Happening at Our Preserves

By Lisa Brohl

- ♥ Emma Land from Roanoke College, Virginia is spending eight weeks at Stone Lab as a Research for Undergraduates (REU) student at the Ohio State University Stone Laboratory working with Lisa Brohl and Dr. Doug Kane on changes in Forest Composition on the Lake Erie Islands. Emma is visiting forest sites on South Bass and North Bass to compare current tree cover species and importance with previous data collected in the 1970-80's by Drs. Hamilton, Forsyth, and Boerner, in early 2000's by Dr. Douglas Kane's students, with current data. Work on Middle Bass Island and on Kelleys Island was completed in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Emma has visited Cooper's Wood Preserve, Jane Coates Wildflower Trail, and the future Duff Wood's Preserve as part of her project. The emerald ash borer as well as invasive species may have changed the composition of our forests.
- ♥ Dr. James Marshall of Rockford College will be banding birds at the Scheeff East Point and Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve while at OSU Stone Lab this summer.
- ♥ Dr. Kristin Stanford had her snake research team at Scheeff East Point Preserve as well as many other island locations.



Photos: Emma Land at Jane Coates Wildflower Trail



Eastern Fox Snake is a species of concern in Ohio. We are lucky to have them here on the island—welcome them to your yard as they eat mice! This beauty was at LEIC advisory board member Linda Shull's home.

Island Wide Garage Sale-LEIC Site *By Lisa Brohl*

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy held a garage sale at the home of John and Paula Ladd on May 14, 2022 during the Island Wide Garage Sale. Thanks to the Ladds, Stacy and Alan Clink, Russ and Lisa Brohl for set up/ take down and all those who donated goods for sale-Carl and Patty Lo Presti, Susan Byrnes, Mary Ann Meyers, Jean Hilt, Kelly Faris, Stacy and Alan Clinks, Kathy Holcott, Judy Burgess, and Russ and Lisa Brohl for making it a success! We made \$380 for the Conservancy that day in addition to passing out literature on our Conservancy. A special thank you to the Blair, Annabelle and Lilah Trunk for their help in setting up and to John and Paula for the delicious volunteer breakfast!



Photos: Annie Trunk wiping off rain; Lilah Trunk carrying plants; Carl Lo Presti dropping off goods; Jean Hilt with Clinks; Susan Byrnes with Stacey Clink dropping off goods; Stacey and Alan Clink setting up; Lilah and Blair Trunk cleaning tables

(GARLIC MUSTARD Continued from page 5)

Koehler Jackson with 122.6 lbs. Fourth and fifth place went to LEIC board members Lisa Brohl at 114.4 lbs and Susan Byrnes with 113.2 lbs.

In Green, Brendan Morgan and Nick Cutter of EnviroScience led the "Getting Mean in Green" Team. Despite the colder temperatures and early rain Green saw 28 volunteers go to war. Green's top individual puller at Southgate Park was Dave Plum, tipping the scales at 102.8 pounds of unwanted growth. In 2nd place was Green High School Environmental Sciences teacher Carrie Wagar, harvesting 101 pounds of garlic mustard. New in Green this year was a team competition. In the team category "The Sharks", consisting of Green High School Environmental Science students, devoured 490.4 pounds of the invasive weed. In 2nd place was "Red Scare", collecting 253.8 pounds of garlic mustard. Mike Elkins Green's administrator of Parks Planning and Development said Green's volunteers pulled 1,844 pounds of garlic mustard out of Southgate Park and averaged 21.95 pounds per person per 3-hour shift.

Elkins said, "This competition isn't about which community wins. The real winners are our nature preserves — Southgate Park in Green, Cooper's Woods in Put-in-Bay, and the Portage Parks District. We all are winners for what was accomplished today." Elkins praised the partnership with EnviroScience for their continued support of the annual competition.

Portage Park District gathered pullers for the event at three separate parks with a combined total of 604.1 lbs. pulled from 9 am to 1 pm. Dix Park yielded the most at 425.7 lbs., Townner's Woods came in with 134.9 lbs., and Shaw Woods had 43.5 lbs.

PIBTPD Commissioner Kendra Koehler and the PIB Community rallied to get some great prizes for participants and winners. There were t-shirts, hats, stickers, gift certificates from The Goat and Das Lokal Biergarten. The Reel Bar donated T-shirts and a grand prize gift certificate. the Cameo Pizza for

subs and pizza, The Reel Bar donated T-Shirts and a grand prize gift certificate. The Lake Erie Islands Historical Society gave two grand prizes for family entrances to the museum, a four-piece Hotel Victory collection, a Bass Islands lake chart, Put-in-Bay coins from years ago, old Put-in-Bay Postcards, two island fishing posters, a large "Don't Give Up the Ship" burgee and t-shirts, two Resale shop certificates. Stuffed wild animals were gifts for kids from The Put-in-Bay Gazette and the Resale shop. The Gazette provide reusable "green" gift bags with all of the sponsors logos on them for all participants, Tree City USA Flags were given by the Village Tree Commission. There was also a \$40 gift certificate from Crystal Cave and their gift shop, a Monarch Butterfly book, two Put-in-Bay pennants, two antique beer steins made in Germany, a flexible light strip and a Perry's Cave Family Fun Center Child's Combo Ticket from Jeff and Kendra Koehler, a gift certificate for one double kayak rental from Put-in-Bay Watercraft Rentals and a long-sleeve t-shirt from Mossbacks Island Grill. Thanks once again to the Put-in-Bay community for their generosity and help with Cooper's Woods.

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy is working with EnviroScience to remove invasive plants/trees from our Cooper's Woods Preserve with funding from the Conservation Fund. They have been removing amur honeysuckle last year by cutting and applying herbicide to the base. You can see their work from last fall with the piles of the cut brush left behind. We will continue to work on the invasives this year to clean up those amur honeysuckle missed last year.

Participants included: PIBTPD Commissioners, Lisa Brohl, Kendra Koehler and Kelly Faris, Piper Koehler, Caroline, Liesl and Cal Jackson, Lisa Berens, Susan Byrnes, Valerie Chornyak, Susan Ferguson, Sarah Toole, Russ Brohl, Peter Huston.

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Preserve News! *By Lisa*



The Lake Erie Islands Water Trail signs at the Scheeff East Point Preserve and at the Middle Bass Island State Park need to be reinstalled. The high water and tourists have been tough on them!



Put-in-Bay Township Park District contractor Mark Lekanka and Kenny Crawford mulch the new trail at the Morrison Woods Preserve.



New trail signs installed at the entrance to the Cooper's Woods and Benjamin Woods Preserves.



Engineer from KS Associates at the Scheeff East Point Preserve this spring working on restoration.



With some lower water levels this spring, we can see the reef some days from Scheeff East Point Preserve to Buckeye Island owned by the Geiss Family. A reminder that the island is private property.



Conservancy member and volunteer Gerald Shanley with large Ohio Buckeye on Cleveland Tract of the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve.



The Bradford Pear with its white flowers common in spring has been added to the state of Ohio's invasive species list. Beginning later next year, it will be illegal to sell and plant the tree in Ohio.

EnviroScience is shown in this photo removing the Bradford Pear from our Scheeff East Point Preserve where it has been spreading. This is being paid for by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.



A new sign up at the Middle Bass Forested Wetland Preserve about our disappearing ash trees. Thanks to Chris Helman for getting the sign up and for the Jim and Betsy Brohl family for providing it.

PIBTPD employee Chris Helman planted a few more oak trees to fill in holes at the Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve. Gaps have been created where ash trees have succumbed to emerald ash borers and also to removal of invasives such as white mulberry.



The Put-in-Bay StoryWalk featured a book titled "Listening with My Heart" in memory of Justine Bianchi this winter/spring.



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Patti Lo Presti donated more plants and mulch for the Muriel Sneller Pollinator Garden at the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission site next to the Put-in-Bay Post Office.

Thanks Patti for making it a beautiful spot!



Thanks to Denise Johnson for the donations of trees to be planted in our preserves—they will help reforest a few spots where we have lost ash trees.

Summer Events to Check Out! ***See page 20 for additional details*

Purple Martin Banding!—Wednesday, July 13, 10:00 a.m. ~~CANCELLED~~ We're sorry, but come see us in 2023!

Scheeff Clean Up Program—Monday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Join AmeriCorps Intern Kenneth McArtor at the Scheeff East Point Preserve on July 11 at 10:00am for a shoreline cleanup. Learn about the issues of plastics pollution and what you can do locally now to fix

It is a great place for a summer walk and come meet Kenneth! Wear shoes you don't mind getting wet and dirty and bring gloves if you have them. Some gloves available and garbage bags.

Middle Bass Music Festival—Saturday, July 16 at 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.—Details on Page 3

Island Green Week—Saturday, August 6-Sunday, August 13—Details on Page 9

Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day—Saturday, August 6 at 12:00 p.m.-4:00p.m.



(Rain Date Sunday, Aug. 7th) Cost is \$20 if pre-registering and \$25 on-site day of the event – BUT YOU CAN DONATE MORE TO BENEFIT THE PRESERVES!!

For registration forms, go to <https://bit.ly/3tcE7A5>, or stop at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife

Center or at the Middle Bass Island State Park or e-mail at tlarson@umich.edu or leiconservancy@gmail.com.

Deadline to register for this awesome event is July 30th!

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Put-in-Bay Township Park District's newest preserves on Middle Bass Island.

Morrison Woods Dedication—Sunday, August 7 at 2:00 p.m.—Details on Page 1

Lake Erie Awareness Day—Thursday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Lake Erie Awareness Day brings the magic of Lake Erie's history, culture, and natural resources to Put-in-Bay!

Spend the day touring South Bass Island while learning about Ohio's greatest water resource and visiting education stations to learn about island history, native plants and animals, the dangers of plastic pollution, and boating safety. Fun giveaways and a great day in

nature awaits! Go to all the stations and be entered to win a fabulous island themed prize.

Learn more at:

<https://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/news/calendar/2022/08/11/c06dr/lake-erie-awareness-day>



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Renee Fultz and Cody Kowalski helping Back to the Wild pack up their wildlife friends after May program.

Chad Machinski and Murphy Harrington tried to rescue an injured great blue heron at Kuehnle State Wildlife Area. Chad has contributed photos for our calendar and Murphy will be conducting research at our Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve late summer/fall on bird migration.



Susan Ferguson picking up garbage from the Morrison Woods Preserve. Thanks Susan and also Linda and Rudy Rence for cleaning up there too!



Thanks to PIBTPD Chair and LEIC treasurer Kelly Faris for cleaning all of our preserve benches this spring! They look great! Below is one of the new ones installed at the new Morrison Woods Preserve!



We wish to thank Lucas Kostura, Lyla Stiedl and Elora Hubner for folding, taping, and mailing the spring newsletters! It is a big job and we appreciate the help. Lucas has decided he does not want an office job in the future as a result!!! Thanks Marty and Kelly Faris for picking up the newsletters in Toledo from Bostwick-Braun.



Thanks to Kent McGrain and Grandma Linda Shull for filling our brochures boxes at our preserves on a busy hot Saturday!



Thanks Sarah Barney and Amy Alford for helping us with GIS maps for our new trail and preserves for OSU REU intern.



Thanks Aaron Shaffer for helping us stake up the hoptree at the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission site next to post office. Spicebush replaced and check out the Muriel Sneller butterfly garden! Rabbits and or deer have been rough on trees and plants this year.

Life member Mark Nemec helped us with boundaries at the Duff Woods Preserve as we make decisions on where to put trails.

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Background Photo: Ninebark in bloom at the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission site. This shrub is found on the rocky cliffs on the island. *Photo by Lisa Brohl*

LEIC June Board Meeting

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy held their June board meeting on Middle Bass Island at the Island Grind. Some board members also toured our Middle Bass Island preserves before the meeting. It was a great chance for all to see the beautiful spots we have all been working hard to preserve.

Thanks to Miller Boat Line, Colleen Kerkay, and Chris Helman for transportation to make this meeting possible. We enjoyed a ride with Inter-Island Charters and a nice meal with Jane Wolnik at the Island Grind as well.



Photo: Far Left—Marsha Collett, OSU Reu Emma Land, AmeriCorps intern Kenneth McArtor, Colleen Kerkay, Paula Ziebarth, Susan Byrnes, Kristin Stanford, PIBTPD employee Chris Helman Photo by Lisa Brohl Center—Paula Ziebarth checking out nesting box Far Right—Kristin Stanford with fox snake

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Native Plant Sale 2022 *By Lisa Brohl*

Thanks to Ken and Cameron Farber for delivering our Native Trees and Plants for our sale too! Celebrate Native Plant Month by planting native! We have more plants for sale! Call or text 419-366-2087 to get some. Thanks also to Gail Martin from Natives in Harmony and Ed Kapraly from Riverside Native Trees for supplying our sale every year! We really appreciate all of our customers who purchased native plants that will offer habitat and food for our wildlife and pollinators! Watch for info on a milkweed sale later this summer with Riverside Native Trees. We will be offering several species of milkweed native to the islands as a fundraiser for the Conservancy!



Photos: From Top to Bottom—Cameron Farber with Ed Kapraly of Riverside Native Trees; Ken and Cameron Farber with Gail Martin from Natives in Harmony.



IN MEMORIAM

George Weisenbach

We were sad to hear that George Weisenbach, formerly of Middle Bass Island, passed away on April 7, 2022 at St. James City, Florida on Pine Island. George assisted our Conservancy land preservation efforts in the early years with all of his appraisal expertise. Send condolences to Sharon Weisenbach, 4907 Gulf Gate Lane, St. James City, Florida 33956

Muriel Sneller's Pollination Garden *By Patty Lo Presti*



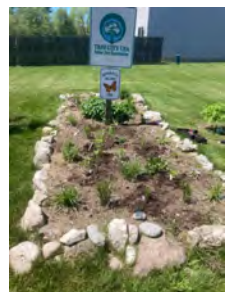
*Photos: Above—Muriel Sneller in her yard
Right—Thanks to the donation from Patty and Carl Lo Presti in memory of Rocco Valentine for more native plants to add to Muriel's garden at the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission Site!*

Muriel had many friends on the island, some of whom she knew for 50 years. In the early years, before Put-in-Bay became a major tourist destination, Muriel and her husband Bill spent much of their time with friends from large parties to small dinner parties, bridge games and so many brunches! In those days folks tended to just "House Hop" for entertainment.

Muriel loved rocks and collected them from where she went and placed them around her

property. The small rocks are from her travels. The majority of the rocks encasing the garden come from her property at the end of Ibis Road. The others have been gathered from homes of her friends, Don and Betty McIlrath, Scott Sneller, Larry Ripich, Bill and Lois Jellison, Beth Burns, Joan Booker, Rocco and Marge Valentine, Laureen Mooney, Carl and Patty Lo Presti, Mac McCann, Marsha and Jerry Baumhart. These rocks represent the strength of friendships and memories of times gone by.

Muriel may not have liked the attention of a garden honoring her, but she would have loved the purpose it serves. She loved all things nature, and planted plants at her home that would bring nature to her. A garden in her honor is a perfect remembrance for a woman who touched so many lives.



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****All LEIC associated Events scheduled for the coming months could potentially be cancelled due to the current COVID-19 global pandemic. Please watch Facebook or the LEIC Website (<https://lakeerieislandsconservancy.org/>) for updates.**

Please Note: While we are hoping you and your family are taking appropriate measures to stay safe as we all navigate this challenging time, please remember that the Island Preserves (<https://lakeerieislandsconservancy.org/maps-of-the-lake-erie-islands/>) are all open and a wonderful place for you to get out and get some fresh air and exercise with your family.

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