



**Owl Creek Conservancy**  
*Conserving Land Since 2000*  
**In the Knox County Area**  
**2020 Annual Report**







# Owl Creek Conservancy

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## *Treasurer's Analysis of 2019 Results* *Annual Meeting to have been held June 28, 2020*

Owl Creek Conservancy achieved another financially successful year in 2019. Membership revenue matched budgeted amounts and \$100,000 was gifted for acquisition of conservation easements.

Operating expenses were slightly over budget at \$28,519. We also incurred \$54,140 of expenses in acquiring and monitoring easements.

We received \$26,814 for our Memorial Fund, which is dedicated to generating income to support the Conservancy's activities. Reserves in the Stewardship Fund and in the Memorial Fund increased \$105,694 to a total of \$544,609. The Stewardship Fund of \$289,669, which is dedicated to the legal defense of easements and to generating income to support the Conservancy's activities, equates to \$71.89 per acre of protected property. Acres conserved at the end of 2019 total 4,029.089 and are spread over 37 separate easements with reserves of \$7,829 per easement.

For 2020, we budgeted income and expense totals at \$37,100 and \$31,640 respectively. With almost half of 2020 completed, both income and expenses are on track.

As of May 31, 2020, the Conservancy is responsible for 4,823.828 acres covered by 40 easements. Although our Memorial Fund and Stewardship Fund suffered in the financial meltdown of February and March, most of the book losses were recovered by the end of May. We look toward to a more positive experience over the remaining months of 2020.

As you may recall, in 2018 we moved our Memorial Fund to the Knox County Foundation. After reviewing the results of that move and determining the needs of our Stewardship Fund, we moved it to the Knox County Foundation in 2019. In 2020 we established the Owl Creek Conservancy Endowment Fund at the Knox County Foundation as part of planning for the financial support needed to meet the Conservancy's permanent obligations to land-protecting easements. We appreciate the professional management available for our three funds at the Knox County Foundation. We also appreciate entwining our presence in the Knox County Foundation, which reaches a much larger audience than the Conservancy could reach alone. Thus, in addition to having professional management of our assets, housing the three Funds at the Knox County Foundation provides a mechanism to enlarge the Conservancy's presence in our community.



## Treasurer's Report — June 2020

	2018	2019	5/31/2020
<b>INCOME</b>			
Memberships	\$ 39,413	\$ 34,778	\$ 13,055
Givens Grant	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -
CE Acquisition Fund	\$ 150,539	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Memorial Donations	\$ 24,486	\$ 26,814	\$ 350
Stewardship Payments	\$ 2,700	\$ 4,000	\$ -
Note Card Sales	\$ 1,199	\$ 1,054	\$ 234
Investment Income	\$ 9,730	\$ 11,639	\$ 1,722
Other	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ 5
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 248,087</b>	<b>\$ 178,285</b>	<b>\$ 115,366</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
CE Acquisition	\$ 42,008	\$ 47,510	\$ 334,598
Insurance	\$ 1,501	\$ 2,758	\$ -
LTA Insurance Pool Premiums	\$ 1,914	\$ 2,088	\$ 2,183
Consultant (admin asst)	\$ 10,703	\$ 11,033	\$ 4,719
Fundraising	\$ 1,272	\$ 3,535	\$ 88
Legal/Corporate Fees	\$ 1,435	\$ 1,695	\$ -
Public Events/Education	\$ 5,524	\$ 5,241	\$ 873
Association Membership	\$ 500	\$ 575	\$ -
Office Expense	\$ 1,021	\$ 1,522	\$ 609
Sales Tax	\$ 80	\$ 71	\$ -
Monitoring	\$ 2,226	\$ 6,631	\$ 3,749
Other	\$ 210	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 68,394</b>	<b>\$ 82,659</b>	<b>\$ 346,819</b>
<b>NET GAIN FOR PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ 179,693</b>	<b>\$ 95,626</b>	<b>\$ (231,453)</b>
<b>END-OF-PERIOD FUNDS</b>			
General Fund-Unrestricted	\$ 101,927	\$ 53,747	\$ 41,283
CE Acquisition Fund-Temporarily Restricted	\$ 418,073	\$ 526,328	\$ 292,990
Memorial Endowment-Permanently Restricted	\$ 188,870	\$ 289,668	\$ 291,702
Stewardship Endowment-Temporarily Restricted	\$ 250,044	\$ 254,940	\$ 244,495
Kokosing Holdings, LLC	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005	\$ 1,005
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$ 959,919</b>	<b>\$ 1,125,688</b>	<b>\$ 871,475</b>
<b>ASSETS RESERVED FOR SUPPORT OF EASEMENTS</b>			
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 250,044.00	\$ 289,669.00	\$ 291,703.00
MEMORIAL	\$ 188,871.00	\$ 254,940.00	\$ 244,495.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 438,915.00</b>	<b>\$ 544,609.00</b>	<b>\$ 536,198.00</b>
ACRES OF EASEMENT	3,994.68	4,029.09	4,823.83
STEWARDSHIP FUNDS PER ACRE	\$ 62	\$ 72	\$ 60
NUMBER OF EASEMENTS	36	37	40
FUNDS PER EASEMENT	\$ 6,946.00	\$ 7,829.00	\$ 7,292.58



# OCC President's Report

## Summer 2020

### Part I – Business

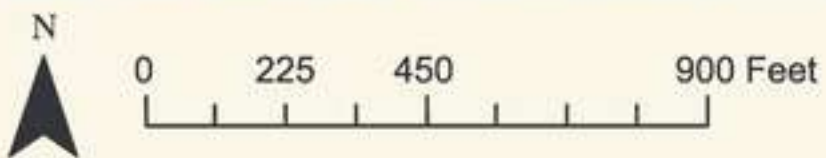
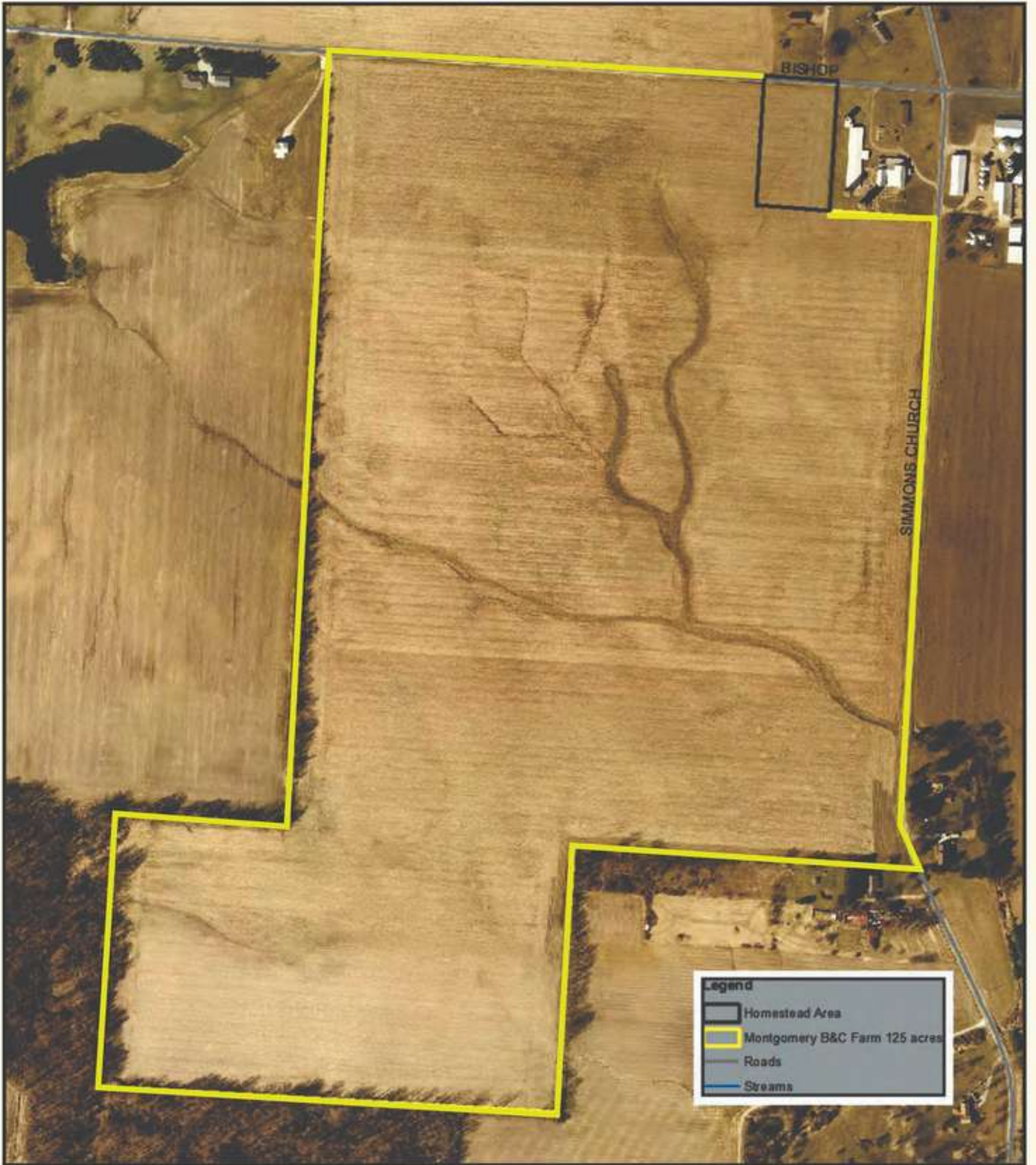
It is an understatement to observe that this has been an unusual twelve months, especially for the first half of 2020. Although we were not able to invite members to our customary annual meeting, we offer this report on how we have carried on with our work for the citizens of Knox County and surrounding communities.

I am pleased to report that the Owl Creek Conservancy has four new life members for 2019/2020. The Conservancy established the category of Life Membership to recognize the donation of either a conservation easement (in full or in part) or at least \$2,000 within a four-year period. Barry Buxton and Brian and Cindy Montgomery are recognized for their substantial contributions to land protection in Knox County through agricultural easements. We were excited to see that the Buxton farm supported Bobolinks, which are declining across North America. Substantial donations were made by Peter White. The listing of our life members attests to the number of persons and organizations who have entrusted the Conservancy with significant assets and to a sense of community and permanence. We believe potential donors find it useful to know that others have entrusted assets to the Conservancy and that all of us intend the Conservancy to continue operating permanently.

Today, the Conservancy has 191 members. This represents a slight decrease in membership (4%) compared to the same time in 2019. The Board of Trustees is pleased that our all-volunteer Conservancy can do so much with the funds we receive, but even more could be accomplished if we double or triple our membership. Please, invite your friends to join the great work to conserve the lands and waters of our home!







*Montgomery Farm*



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The Board of Trustees began our new business year on July 1 with three new members: Kimberly Davidson, Kyle Walls, and Jeff Wells.

Kimberly (Kim) was born and raised in the rural community of Bladensburg, where her mother was the school nurse for 35 years and her father the local proprietor of the grocery store. They were both devoted to the community and to the preservation of community spirit, and they instilled that spirit in Kim. She graduated with a BS from Penn State University and immediately began her 30-year vocation in zoos, where she fully developed her interest in and commitment to wildlife, wild places and conservation. She served on numerous national and international animal conservation programs and committees, in positions as officer and/or advisor. She retired as Assistant Director from the zoo in Salt Lake City, and returned with her husband, Richard Barker, to her childhood home in 2013. Together they established the Bladensburg Community Heritage Foundation (of which she is president), which is devoted to the restoration, development and preservation of the old

Bladensburg School. She also serves as the secretary for the Bladensburg chapter of SERTOMA (SERVICE TO MANKIND).

Kyle was born and raised on a cattle farm in central Indiana and attended Indiana University's Kelley School of Business with a focus on business management and marketing. After college Kyle spent five years in South Dakota working for a quarter horse operation and cattle ranch. After meeting his wife, they moved to her home town of Mount Vernon, Ohio. Kyle has been actively involved in the agricultural industry with Ohio Farm Bureau as well as the Ohio Cattlemen's Association where he is currently the Vice President of the Board of Directors. Kyle and his wife, Ashton, won Ohio Farm Bureau's Excellence in Agriculture award in 2020 and also placed in the top ten at the national competition. Day to day he works for Park National Bank as a commercial and agricultural lender and operates a livestock operation at home. He and his wife have been blessed with a four-year-old daughter who is full of energy and has a shared passion for agriculture.





Jeff has been a Knox county resident for over 50 years, graduating from the Mount Vernon High School, and The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Business. After working as a teenager at the McConnell Berry Farm, he purchased and operated Blueberry Hill, a 20-acre blueberry farm located in northeast Knox County, for more than 15 years. He elected to retire from Siemens Energy, Inc., formerly Rolls-Royce Energy and Cooper Energy Services, with over 37 years of service after holding various manufacturing management positions. Jeff has a life-long interest in the outdoors including hiking, bike riding, golfing, hunting, fishing, and along with his wife, Pat, enjoys gardening and bird watching. He has also been an active volunteer for the CES Credit Union for over 30 years and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

I am sad to report that two of our members are

leaving the Board of Trustees. Beth Morgan and Beth Waller completed their three-year terms. In addition to providing guidance during our regular meetings, both "Beth's" contributed in special ways. Beth Morgan oversaw our fundraising and note card sales, and she provided a wonderful setting for our January, 2020, annual retreat. Beth Waller was a frequent contributor to efforts to monitor OCC's conservation easements, and she provided a unique and appreciated insight for our decision-making. In her last year with the Board she served as Vice-President.

Three officers of the Board of Trustees were elected for two-year terms in June. Ian Watson was renewed as Treasurer and Richard Stallard was renewed as Vice-President for Land Protection. Howard Gratz was elected Vice-President. I thank all our officers and Trustees for their many and necessary contributions.





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This past year has been very successful for the Conservancy. We engaged with the community through our continuing “Explore the Nature of Knox County” program, we supported awards for the FFA Envirothon and participated in the 2019 Craft Sale in Mount Vernon. Each January we hold a Board retreat during which we review the past year and set goals for the coming year. I am pleased to report that we met the major goals of our last retreat with respect to adding easements, continuing collaboration with like-minded entities in Knox County, promoting awareness of the value of preserving land, and increasing our stewardship and memorial funds. We also met the goals of continuing to use sound financial management and ensuring that we have adequate funding for protecting easements. As part of sound financial management, we recently expanded our collaboration with the Community Foundation to oversee investments for our endowed Memorial Fund. We continue to be challenged to expand the Board and find mechanisms to more equitably spread monitoring responsibilities. At the retreat, we discussed strategies to move forward in fulfilling our mission, and especially how we might fund and hire a professional executive director. We also reviewed our policy on potential conflicts of interest, a review that LTA recommends be done annually.

All this activity involved considerable efforts from our Trustees, who reported at least 1600 hours of volunteer time dedicated to our mission. The activity requiring the most time was preparing easements and baseline conditions reports and second was monitoring easements; these are good to be at the top of the list because they directly reflect our mission. Substantial time went to attending meetings and raising funds. Self-education, recruiting, leading and attending events in the Explore the Nature of Knox County also were completed with volunteer time and effort.

Speaking of the Explore the Nature of Knox County series, over the past year many people enjoyed the experiences provided by the collaboration of Owl Creek Conservancy, the Brown Family Environmental Center at Kenyon College, the Knox County Park District, and the Ramser Arboretum. After our last annual meeting in 2019, the Explore program encouraged people to enjoy the night sky and the Kokosing River, and to celebrate the fall harvest and outdoor holiday celebrations organized by the Brown Family Environmental Center and the Park District. Events scheduled for the first half of 2020 fell victim to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are hopeful that some of our fall programs will be possible. The Explore program is designed to showcase Knox County’s treasures worthy of conserving, so please watch our web site for announcements about future events.





## Part II – Report on Conservation Easements

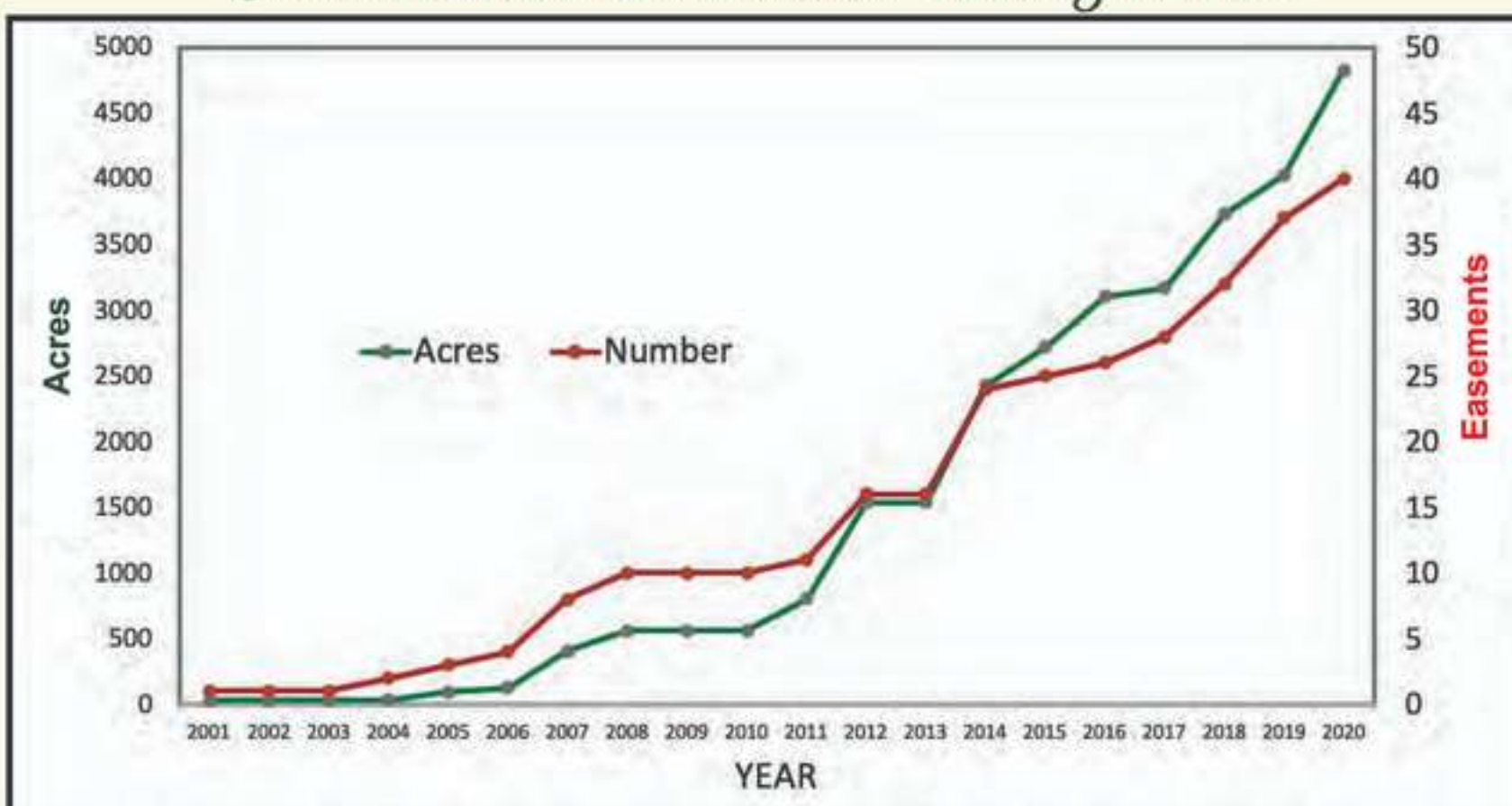
*(Richard Stallard, Vice-President for Land Protection)*

The Mission of the Owl Creek Conservancy is to conserve land and water in the Knox County Area. We use land-protecting conservation or agricultural easements (Easements) to implement our mission. Easements typically follow a legal model for contracts. They identify what is to be conserved (the Conservation Values of the property being conserved), list the retained rights and the restrictions on the future uses of the property, and define terms for enforcement of “...the terms, conditions, and restrictions imposed by....” the Easement. Easements require building trust, education, and negotiation by potential Grantors of Easements and a representative of the Conservancy. Easements also involve coordination of professional assistance from attorneys, accountants, mortgagers, surveyors, title companies, and when external funds are involved, agencies such as the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Public Works Commission. All Easements require time and dedication to detail to bring into existence. Whether or not external funding is involved, the process in our hands has been as short as three months (when the participants knew exactly what they wanted to do) and as long as thirteen years (when a large number of participants, external funding and legal wrangling presented complications). Typically, Easements require about a year of attention from initiation to recording in the public record.

Since July 1, 2019 we have completed three new Easements:

January 31<sup>st</sup> of 2020 saw completion of the Conservancy’s largest Easement, one covering a 526-acre property owned by Bruce and Kathy Lanker, bringing their total conserved land to 1140 acres. The newly conserved property, comprised of four parcels, includes approximately 460 acres of NRCS-designated prime or locally important tillable farmland; an approximately 27-acre Woodland Area; 1,030 feet of Granny Creek, a major tributary to the Kokosing State Scenic River, within a 13.7-acre Riparian Area; and 12.6 acres of NRCS-designated wetland. The southeastern 336 acres of the Protected Property lay within the five-year time-of-travel zone within the greater aquifer recharge area for the municipal water system of the City of Mount Vernon. At its widest points the Protected Property extends about two miles north to south and about a mile east to west and it abuts two other conserved properties, a 59-acre area owned by Alan and Traci Cassell to the west and a 58-acre parcel owned by Daniel W. Galbraith to the east. [Lanker Parcels, pages 9 & 10]

### *Conservation Easements Through 2020*















1 in = 900 ft

# LANKER III PARCELS

Date: 6/30/2020

## Legend

-  Lanker Parcel Boundary
-  OCC easements
-  Parcel Boundary
-  2018 Aerial Photography



In April of 2017 Doug Givens and President Ray filed an application with the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) to fund partial purchase of an agricultural easement for a farm owned by Brian and Cindy Montgomery. [Montgomery Parcel, page 4] The Easement closed March 18<sup>th</sup>. The Protected Property includes 125 acres of NRCS-designated prime or locally important tillable land. The Easement is near or abutting six other Protected Properties owned by Richard and Nancy Montgomery and one Protected Property owned by Jeff Montgomery, bringing the total acreage conserved by the Montgomery family to 1,002 acres.

*...for assuring permanent conservation of a Protected Property.*

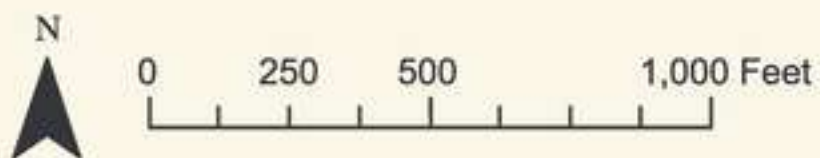
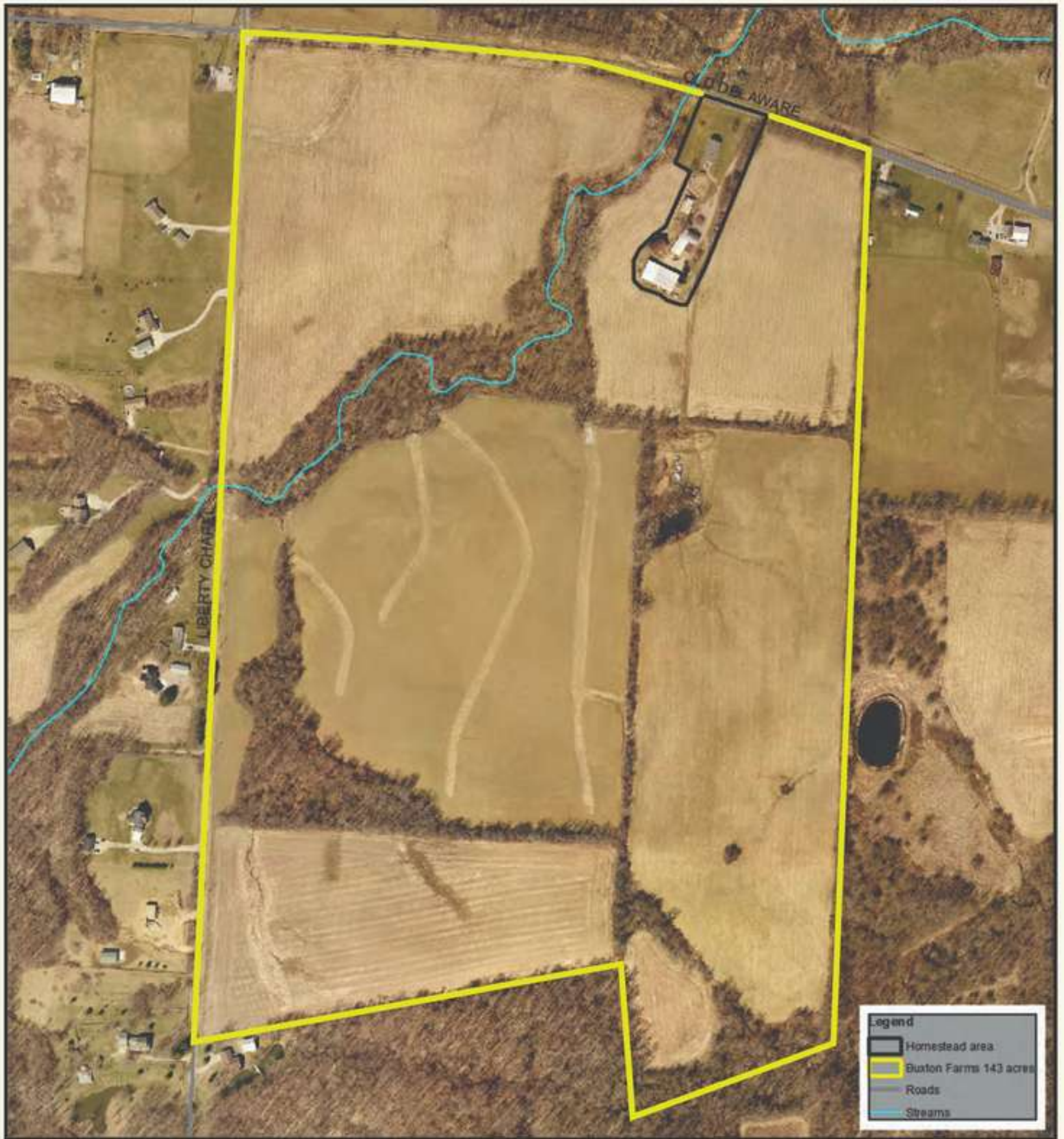
In April of 2017 Doug Givens and President Ray also filed an application with LAEPP to fund partial purchase of an agricultural easement for a 143-acre farm owned by Barry Buxton. [Buxton Parcel, page 12] The Easement closed on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Protected Property includes 121 acres of cropland and 17 acres of woodland. It also includes about 2,690 feet of Armstrong Run flowing through a substantial riparian forest and draining through part of the greater aquifer recharge area for the City of Mount Vernon's municipal water supply before emptying into the Kokosing State Scenic River. The Protected Property is the first one in Liberty Township for which the Conservancy has responsibility. The Conservancy is now responsible for Easements in 13 of Knox County's 22 townships.

The invaluable assistance of Attorney Morgan Giles with the two agricultural easements completed in 2020 is most gratefully acknowledged.

Completing and recording a land-protecting Easement is the beginning of the Conservancy's responsibility for assuring permanent conservation of a Protected Property. Easements obligate the Conservancy to: 1) monitor each Protected Property at least annually in perpetuity for compliance with the terms, conditions, and restrictions of its







*Buxton Farm*



Easement, and 2) when finding non-compliance, to enforce the restrictions imposed by the Easement. At all times and in every situation, the Conservancy must confine its deliberations and judgment to the language of the Easement and must construe and apply that language strictly in accord with the purposes for which the Easement was made and liberally in favor of protecting and conserving the Protected Property.

Special appreciation for participating in monitoring teams over the past year goes to Howard Gratz, Ray Heithaus, Mark Phelan, Beth Waller and Gordy Yance. Special appreciation also goes to landowners Dan Galbraith, Janet Kohr, and Jeff Wells for accompanying the Conservancy's monitoring teams. Monitoring teams not only examined the full slate of 18 Easements in the fall of 2019, but also the full slate of 20 Easements in the spring of 2020, while maintaining social distancing in the time of COVID-19.

Over the past year we detected one significant violation on a Protected Property, a structure where the land-protecting Easement prohibits any structure. Attorney Brandon Crunkilton negotiated removal of the structure, the second such violation on the same Protected Property in successive years. The most common violations of the terms of land-protecting Easements are those caused by trespassing neighboring landowners. In the past year a neighbor trespassed more than 1,000 feet to mow a conserved streambank as though it were his own lawn, when the CE prohibited any disturbance of the area in the process of reverting to riparian forest. A neighboring landowner trespassed to spread gravel on a previously little-used farm lane inside another Protected Property, where the CE limited any paving to that associated with future development of a permitted homesite. The Grantor of the violated Easements is cooperating with the Conservancy to prevent trespass and to remedy the violations.

The basic and first obligation of the Board of Trustees to each Easement is to enforce "...the terms, conditions, and restrictions imposed by..." the Easement, i.e. the plain wording of the Easement. Persons who conserve their properties through Easements are entrusting something of immense personal and often financial value to the Conservancy's perpetual protection and they do so, trusting in future Boards of Trustees, whom they







could never know, to meet the sacred obligation to enforce the plain wording of each Easement. Boards of Trustees are successive and contracts entered by one Board of Trustees legally bind all subsequent Boards of Trustees. Easements are perpetual contracts whose terms the Board of Trustees is obligated to enforce as written. No Board of Trustees may amend an Easement to countermand or obviate or otherwise nullify the plain wording of the text of that Easement. Nevertheless, Trustees learn that enforcement of "...the terms, conditions, and restrictions imposed by..." any Easement is complicated in that "violations" of the plain wording may be substantive or technical. Building a structure outside a designated building area is a plain substantive violation; failure to have a "Conservation Plan" for the Protected Property is a technical violation. Obviously, judgment is

required. Therefore, it is reasonable to demand correction of substantive violations (followed by action by an attorney, etc.) and to draw technical violations to Grantors' attention for them to correct when possible. Neither can be waived; both must be remedied.

Enforcement is not only complex; it requires an immense amount of time to document whether or not a violation of an Easement is detected in the annual monitoring of each Protected Property. Detection of a violation of the "...the terms, conditions, and restrictions imposed by..." any Easement is step one in what is ordinarily a lengthy, demanding process culminating in resolution of each violation. Each additional Easement expands the time and work needed to meet the Conservancy's permanent obligations to Protected Properties.





*Buxton and Lanker Properties*





In the 20 years since its founding in 2000, the Conservancy has accepted responsibility for 40 completed Easements protecting 4,824 acres, encompassing more than 7.5 square miles, more than 3,750 acres of farmland and 971 acres of forestland. Just think: In those 20 years our Conservancy used ordinary property rights and ordinary legal tools not only to help landowners set permanent plans for the future uses of the properties they love, but we also helped them permanently prevent inappropriate development of their productive farmland, forests, wetlands, flood plains, stream banks, and aquifer recharge areas. While protecting tillable ground, the Conservancy simultaneously protected land providing other benefits such as: 1) flood storage capacity on 421 acres of 100-year, FEMA-designated flood plain along the Kokosing State Scenic River and 2) aquifer recharge capacity in 1,024 acres within the five-year time-of-travel zone of the area supplying water to the City of Mount Vernon, Gambier and parts of Clinton Township.

These and many other aspects of past successes have come from the work of volunteers who participated in the Focus 2100 Plan in 1998, which laid the foundation for the Conservancy; volunteers who became supportive members; and volunteers who served as Trustees directly responsible for implementing the Conservancy's mission by collaborating with willing landowners. In 2004 the Board of Trustees engaged Vicki Kauffman as a consultant to manage the Conservancy's records, data bases and website. With a consultant in place, successive Boards of Trustees focused not only on implementing the Conservancy's mission to conserve the lands and waters of the Knox County Area, but also with the assistance of Attorney Edward F. Meyers on continuing and devising policies to secure a future in which the Conservancy could provide stewardship in perpetuity to lands conserved through Easements.



In 2002 the Board adopted a Stewardship Policy to assure the availability of funds for the legal defense of the Conservancy's Easements and to provide income to support the Conservancy's routine activities. Similarly, in 2002 the Board began compliance with the Standards and Practices of the Land Trust Alliance, the national organization of land trusts, to meet the highest and evolving requirements for conserving and protecting land permanently. Actions such as these established a sound financial and administrative base for the Conservancy, whose most important concern is for the institutional stability and the permanence required to meet the perpetual obligations it has accepted in Easements protecting conserved properties.

Successive Boards of Trustees have carefully implemented the Conservancy's mission and have also conscientiously looked to the Conservancy's future. Projecting the Conservancy's twenty years of success into the future plainly shows that volunteers alone are unlikely to be able to sustain such success in the future without dedicated professional assistance. Consequently, the Board is developing plans for funding and hiring an Executive Director to assure not only that the Conservancy can meet its permanent obligations to Protected Properties, but also to assure a future as successful as its past.





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### **Part III – President’s report, continued:** *A 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Overview*

The Owl Creek Conservancy is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, but with much less partying than we imagined a year ago. I am reminded, though, that over the past 20 years, we have worked through many changes and challenges. Two recessions (with one recovery), a pandemic changing everyone’s “normal,” continuing loss of farmland combined with a trade war affecting commodity prices, and confronting the realities of enforcing our permanent obligation to enforce easements top the list. Through it all we have learned much, including how greatly we appreciate our core support from the OCC membership and generous donors, and also that a vibrant organization must learn, adapt and improve.

Where have we been, and where are we now? From a fledgling land trust learning how to set up our first conservation easement, we have grown to be responsible for 40 easements covering more than 4,800 acres. We owe special thanks to Maureen and Jim Buchwald for getting us started with our first two easements, and to all donors who have granted easements on multiple properties. Also, we thank the families who have worked with us through sometimes-opaque and always lengthy procedures to have farms protected by the State of Ohio

Agricultural Easement Program. Our land protecting agreements (Easements) have grown stronger through experience and expert legal advice. In his report on Easements, Richard Stallard described some high points of where we are now and how we reached this point.

How do we adapt to current and future changes? Hopefully, the economic and life-style stresses of the COVID-19 pandemic will be transitory, but, based on a recent report by the American Farmland Trust, we will continue to be challenged by losses of agricultural land (see [www.farmlandinfo.org](http://www.farmlandinfo.org) for more detailed information). Nationally, about 2,000 acres of farmland per day were converted to highly-developed or low-density housing purposes between 2001 and 2016. These conversions affect not just food production, but many other public goods as we have discussed in previous annual reports. The Owl Creek Conservancy acknowledges the importance of economic development, but we are committed to moving toward a smart balance that includes improving our agricultural and natural landscapes. Combined with our sister conservancy, the Philander Chase Conservancy, much has been accomplished to protect Knox County lands, but we are far from a critical level to ensure a quality and balanced future for generations to come. Just as we have adapted to challenges in the past, we will need to adapt to a welcome new challenge – our own success.





## *Life Members 2020-2021*

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← \*One Conservation Easement donated in full or in part +One Agricultural Easement (co-holder ODA) →

*Memorial contributions since 5/31/19 were made in memory of:*

***Roselyn Beery, Jane Carr Duston, Joyce and Bill Kline,  
Richard (Dick) Murray, Jim and Stella Spicer***

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