



Philander Chase Conservancy

2019 - 2020 Year in Review



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20 Years. 5,580 Acres Conserved.

The year 2020 brings 20 years of conservation for the Philander Chase Conservancy. As we celebrate our anniversary year, we look back at the work all of us have done, together, to preserve the forests and farmlands of Knox County. The work we do matters — and in an era of constant development pressure, it's more important than ever before.

The Land Trust Alliance (LTA), our national organization, represents over 1,000 land trusts and “promotes voluntary land conservation to benefit communities through clean air and water, fresh local food, natural habitats, and places to refresh our minds and bodies.” They issued a call to action in the spring for land trusts across the country. The statistics they cited are sobering, and they are asking us to increase the rate of land conservation nationally from 1 million acres a year now to 10 million acres a year by 2030.

Their report states:

“In August, the Center for American Progress published research showing that from 2001-2007, the footprint

of development in the continental United States expanded by more than 24 million acres. That's roughly a football field of natural area disappearing every 30 seconds, most of it in private ownership.

And in September, the Journal of Science published a study showing that, since 1970, North America has suffered a loss of 29% of its bird population ... that means as many as 3 billion birds have gone missing from the continent's skies.”

American Farmland Trust reported recently that “between 2001 and 2016, 11 million acres of farmland and ranchland were converted to urban and highly developed land use (4.1 million acres) or low-density residential land use (nearly 7 million acres). That's equal to all the U.S. farmland devoted to fruit, nut, and vegetable production in 2017 — or 2,000 acres a day paved over, built up, and converted to uses that threaten the future of agriculture.”

The LTA call to action coincides with the 20th anniversary milestone for Philander Chase Conservancy and a pandemic that has been a stark reminder of how valuable and necessary green spaces and healthy food are to our daily lives. Over the past 20 years, we have been deeply fortunate to partner with you and other local, state and national partners to conserve the unique and beautiful vistas, farms and fields that are within a five-mile radius of Gambier. With

almost 5,600 acres conserved to date, we are having a positive impact on quality of life in our area.

An anniversary is a time to celebrate accomplishments, but it is also a time to look forward together. The Conservancy board of directors has been working closely with staff to develop scenarios for our future that we will finalize in the fall and present to the College. We are also working toward accreditation with the Land Trust Alliance to ensure we are meeting national standards and using best practices and to be a part of their call to action.

Now, more than ever, we need to expand our efforts to conserve more acreage, and we need the support of our partners to be successful. As the Conservancy enters a new decade, I want to thank everyone who has cared about our natural environment and who has worked to conserve land and educate others about why our natural world matters. I am especially grateful to Kenyon College, to our hardworking board of directors and to all of our donors who support us day in and day out. May we celebrate all that has been accomplished over the past two decades and continue to work together to introduce others to the joys of this beautiful rural area we deeply appreciate and will continue to strive to protect.

— Lisa Schott, managing director,
Philander Chase Conservancy

Conservation News

Protecting Wolf Run

In May, 62 acres of woods and farmland that adjoin Wolf Run Regional Park were purchased from Carol Houck.

An economist preserves 27 acres

When Assistant Professor of Economics Katie Black interviewed for a position in the Kenyon's Department of Economics in 2016, her presentation focused on the beneficial impact on the value of a property if it adjoins conserved property. We attended her lecture and were pleased when she

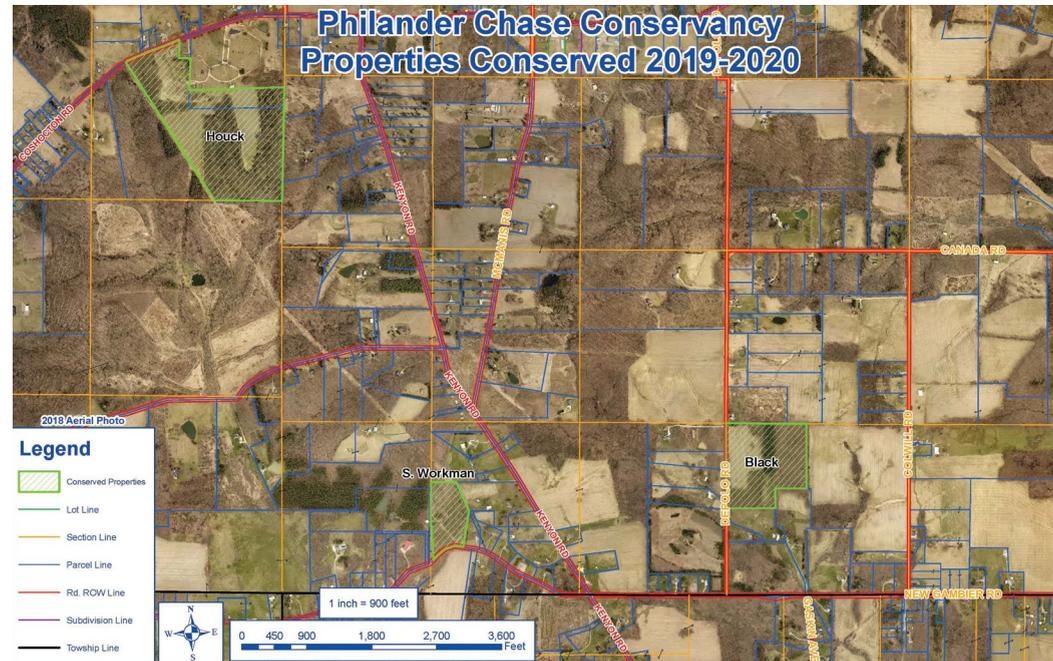
was offered the position. She has been a conservancy advocate since arriving at Kenyon, and we are grateful for the opportunities she has provided to us to speak to her urban and regional economics class on land use, property rights and public goods.

Katie and her husband Seth dreamed of raising their two young daughters in a rural setting, and Seth dreamed of having a property where he could hunt. They approached the conservancy about buying and conserving a property if one became available. In April, Katie and Seth

purchased a 27-acre property on Depolo Road in Gambier and donated a conservation easement to Philander Chase Conservancy. We wish them years of happiness on their conserved property.

More woods for the BFEC

Last August, the conservancy purchased 9.6 acres of woods across from the Brown Family Environmental Center from Shirley Workman on New Gambier Road that are now conserved in perpetuity.



Assistant Professor of Economics Katie Black with her two daughters on their new 27-acre property

Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program

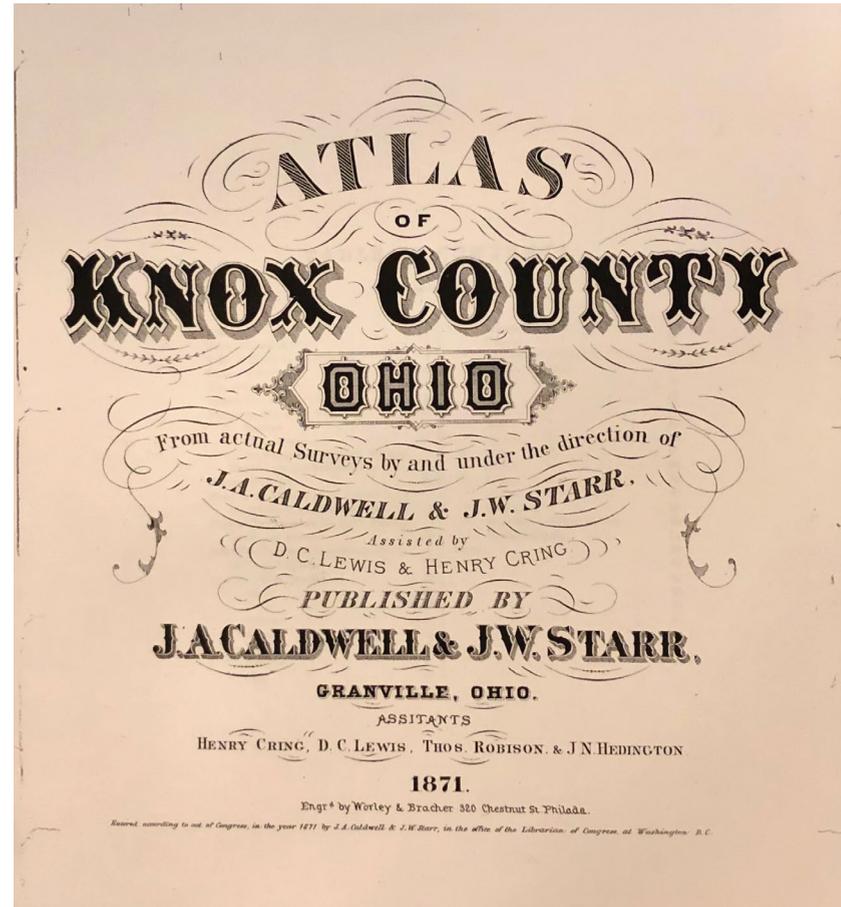
The Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP), a program of the Ohio Department of Agriculture Office of Farmland Preservation, provides funding to farmland owners for placing an agricultural easement on their property through an application process.

The Office of Farmland Preservation partners with landowners, local government, soil and water conservation districts, and land trusts to permanently preserve Ohio farms in agricultural production, strengthening Ohio's number one industry, food and agriculture.

PCC has utilized the LAEPP to conserve 17 farms to date, totaling almost 2,290 acres, with two more farms in process. Of the 88 counties in Ohio, only six counties have protected more farms through the program.

The 1871 Knox County Atlas

Angela Porter and Shannon Hundley, friends of the Conservancy, presented us with a copy of the 1871 Knox County Atlas. For anyone who loves maps (a must for anyone in land conservancy work), it is a unique and enjoyable resource that we are happy to share with anyone who wants to stop by (post-pandemic) to see it. Thank you, Shannon and Angela.



Above: Scanned image of The 1871 Knox County Atlas.

Facing page: The beautiful 166-acre McPhail family farm on Route 229 is conserved in perpetuity. Kenyon students enjoy the view of the farm on the horizon when they dine in Thomas Dining Hall.





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Celebrating 20 Years of Rural Land Conservation

1. In 1996, Kenyon contracted with the land use planning arm of NBBJ, an architecture firm in Columbus, Ohio, to develop a plan to “preserve and maintain the open spaces, scenic views, and characteristic landscapes surrounding Kenyon College and the Village of Gambier.” NBBJ worked with a group of Kenyon trustees, faculty, staff and students and presented the “Rural Vision” report to the Board of Trustees in 1997. The report resulted in the creation of the Philander Chase Corporation (now Philander Chase Conservancy) in 2000.

2. Aerial views of the lands surrounding Gambier best capture the rural beauty of the area and the reason the Conservancy works to conserve local land and protect it from future development. This drone photo was taken by Brad Remick '84 in October 2018.

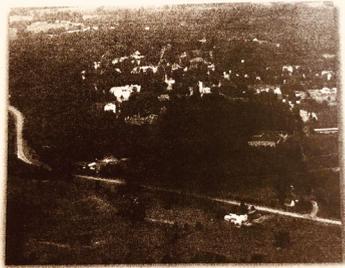
3. In 2010, the board of the Philander Chase Corporation honored the first managing director, Douglas Givens, pictured here with his family, by developing and naming a new Brown Family Environmental Center trail in his honor, the Givens Grove.

4. Jean Briggs was the first landowner to conserve a farm in partnership with the Philander Chase Conservancy. With the help of the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s Farmland Preservation Office, the Briggs family conserved their 106-acre farm and donated the money from the easement to the Conservancy. Jean and her family were honored at the Conservancy’s annual picnic in June 2019 (pictured are Jean and her daughter Jane). We sadly note Jean’s passing at the age of 99 on August 6, 2020, and are grateful for her life and commitment to land conservation in Knox County.

5. Current staff of the Philander Chase Conservancy include Lisa Schott '80, managing director; Jill Shriver, administrative assistant; and Amy Henricksen, project coordinator. Lisa began her work with the Conservancy in 2010 after 25 years working for Kenyon in the Office of Alumni and Parent Programs. Jill has worked for Kenyon for 22 years, including five years for the Conservancy. Amy joined the conservancy in 2013 after nine years on the staff of the College Relations team.

6. The Conservancy’s current office building, Woollam House, was dedicated in May 2016 in recognition of the generosity of John A. Woollam '61 H'08, longtime friend and board member of the Philander Chase Conservancy.

RURAL VISION



A plan to preserve and maintain the open spaces, scenic views, and characteristic landscapes surrounding Kenyon College and the Village of Gambier, Ohio.

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7. John A. Woollam '61 H'08 has been the Conservancy's most generous donor over the course of its history, having supported the conservation of 18 properties. John and his wife Cyndi are pictured here with landowners Jay and Christine '01 Laymon and their children. A generous gift from John facilitated the purchase of a conservation easement on the Laymon family's 169-acre farm in 2016.

8. Kokosing Nature Preserve was dedicated in October 2015. A project of the Philander Chase Conservancy, the preserve is a conservation burial ground, offering a natural or "green" burial option on 23 acres of restored prairies and woodlands. Kenyon alumnus and Conservancy board member Stephen Christy '71 was instrumental in the creation of Kokosing Nature Preserve, serving as the designer and landscape architect on the project.

9. Alex Hoffman '20 and Jayne Gelman '22 worked as student interns for the Conservancy in 2019-2020. A key focus of the internship is building awareness about the work of the Conservancy. Alex and Jayne are pictured here with board member Neil Mortine, president of Fahlgren Mortine, an integrated marketing and communications agency in Columbus. Neil and the staff of Fahlgren Mortine worked closely with Alex and Jayne to provide opportunities for experiential learning in communications and marketing.

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10. In July 2016, the Conservancy worked with Hal '57 and Carole Walker on a special project to add Walker's Pond to the existing BFEC property. Walker's Pond was known by decades of alumni, who can now visit without illegally trespassing. This project was made possible by a generous gift from John Woollam '61 H'08.

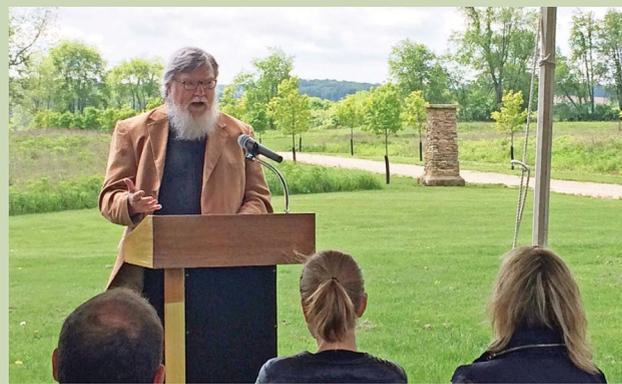
11. The Conservancy has historically hosted an annual summer picnic for its landowners and partners to celebrate the ongoing successful conservation of land in the Gambier area and in the greater Knox County area as well, through the efforts of the Conservancy's fellow land trust, Owl Creek Conservancy.

12. Landowners Chuck and Rita Dudgeon have offered their beautiful farm on several occasions as the gathering place for the Conservancy's annual summer picnic. In June 2015, picnic goers received a special treat when Chuck offered educational wagon tours of the Dudgeon Farm.

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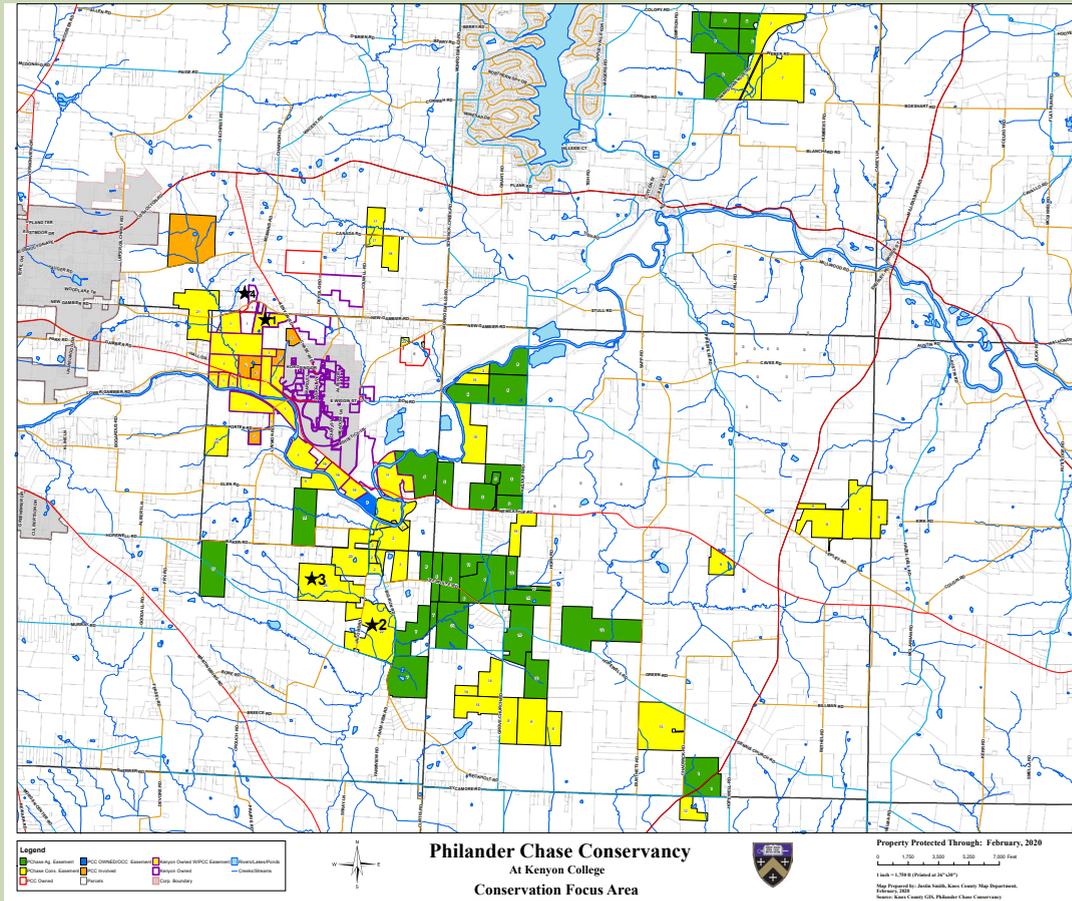
13. The Conservancy enjoys sharing news of its work with the Kenyon community and does so each year at Kenyon's reunion celebrations. Kenyon alumni have participated in driving tours of the Conservancy's protected properties as well as Alumni College sessions at Kokosing Nature Preserve. Pictured here is Royal Rhodes, the Donald L. Rogan Professor of Religious Studies Emeritus, hosting an Alumni College session at Kokosing Nature Preserve in May 2017.



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14. In 2017, the reception center at Kokosing Nature Preserve, formerly the Tomahawk Golf Course clubhouse, was renovated thanks to a generous gift from a Conservancy board member who has also continued to cover the annual expenses for utilities and upkeep of the building. This lovely space is now available for rental both by families holding services at the Nature Preserve cemetery and by anyone wishing to host an event in this beautiful setting.

15. The Philander Chase Conservancy spearheaded the purchase and initial development of the 10-acre Kenyon Farm on Zion Road in 2012. The mission of the farm is to provide hands-on, high-impact research and learning opportunities for students to increase connectivity with the agricultural landscape, history, and community, and to learn the skills required to practice sustainable agriculture. Kenyon students learn how to grow, cultivate, harvest and sell produce from the farm. Pictured here are Kenyon Farm students with the end-of-season peppers harvested from the newly installed high tunnels and destined for Kenyon's Peirce Dining Hall.

16. In May 2019, the Conservancy planted the 22 acres adjacent to Kokosing Nature Preserve with native prairie flowers and grasses. This project was completed thanks to a generous gift from former board member and Kenyon alumnus Peter White '66. This aerial photo of the new prairie was captured by Knox County resident Tori Nichole Toth in July of 2019.

17. The Conservancy monitors all conserved properties annually to assure compliance with the terms of the easement. Dick Hall invited Assistant Professor of Anthropology Claire Novotny to bring her Habitat and Humanity class to join Lisa Schott and him for the annual monitoring of the Hall family farm. The students enjoyed the beautiful views and the wagon ride, as well as learning about the work of the Conservancy.

18. Pictured is the Philander Chase Conservancy's Board of Directors in October 2016. PCC Board members volunteer countless hours of their personal time and resources. Their knowledge, leadership and oversight is integral to the ongoing work and success of the Conservancy.

19. Happy Birthday, Philander Chase Conservancy! We celebrate and thank everyone who has partnered with the Conservancy in the last 20 years to protect 62 farms and properties totaling over 5,500 acres as of June 30, 2020. Here's to another successful 20 years.



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Barn Swallow Research on PCC Property

A biology and environmental studies professor integrates preserved properties into her classroom research.

I first learned that Kenyon had established relationships with nearby landowners through the Philander Chase Conservancy when I was preparing for my interview in 2018. This may not be the sort of information that immediately excites all prospective faculty, but for me, it was a big deal. This is because my research program relies on partnerships with local landowners who have barn swallows breeding in the structures on their property.

When I arrived at Kenyon in May 2019 and reached out to the folks at PCC, I was delighted to find that everyone was as excited as I was about the possibility of some of my research taking place on PCC-associated land. An initial informational flyer generated a wonderful response, and I had the pleasure of meeting many of the property owners who have land in easement with PCC.

Although the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic has meant I have had to put some of the barn swallow population monitoring on hold at some PCC sites

(mostly because I didn't have the student help during summer 2020 that I was expecting), I was able to do critical research by intensively studying barn swallows at a few sites, including Tracy and Florence Schermer's farm. One of the major goals for summer 2020 was testing



prototypical proximity loggers on the birds. These are tiny devices that the animals wear like a backpack for a couple weeks. The tags emit a unique ID code every four seconds and record interactions with other tagged birds nearby. From these data we can reconstruct the social network of the birds based on the frequency of their contacts. In late June, the Schermer's birds were wearing some of the most exciting new technology in the world.

Although Kenyon students were not able to participate in the fieldwork this summer, I did advise a remote Kenyon Summer Science student who is contributing to a study of barn swallow eggshell patterns. And while she has not yet been able to visit these wonderful properties herself, she's learning an enormous amount from the eggs laid in nests at the Laymon, Holeski, and the Hall farms, among others.

Although 2020 may be one of the strangest and most challenging years, I am grateful for the generosity of PCC landowners who have welcomed me and my students into their barns, and I am buoyed by the small,

indefatigable swallows who keep on doing their thing.

— *Iris Levin, assistant professor of biology and environmental studies*

Kokosing Nature Preserve: A Respite in a Time of Crisis

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Kokosing Nature Preserve has continued its operation as a green burial cemetery, grateful to be able to serve the needs of our local community and beyond. While natural/green burial remains a safe and viable option during the pandemic, we have had to alter some of our practices, such as the necessary requirements of social distancing, wearing masks, limiting the number attending graveside services, and sanitizing shovels between use by family and friends to assist in closing a grave. In spite of these adjustments, services at Kokosing Nature Preserve have remained intimate, personal and meaningful, and the beautiful surroundings at the preserve have lent a sense of peace and healing to the families and loved ones who are wrestling with their grief in a time of forced social distancing.

For the local community, Kokosing Nature Preserve has also provided a welcome space for outdoor activity and safe, appropriately distanced, social interaction. We have encountered caregivers leading schoolchildren on scavenger hunts at the preserve, using a nature exploration as a fun activity to fill their days during a time of "remote learning". Individuals and groups have continued to meet in increasing numbers at the preserve to walk and talk, often accompanied by their canine

companions. And many have stopped this summer to take pictures and enjoy the gorgeous first-time bloom of black-eyed Susans and bee balm in the 22 acres of fields adjacent to the nature preserve. In May 2019, we planted those fields to native prairie flowers and grasses thanks to a generous gift from former Philander Chase Conservancy board member and Kenyon alumnus Peter White '66 P'01, and with the guidance, expertise and hard work of prairie experts Guy Denney, Jennifer Windus, Jacob Beam and David Heithaus '99. This was the first summer that the new prairie was in bloom and it truly was breathtaking.

It is our honor and a privilege to provide an important service to those families who are seeking the option of a green burial in a beautiful, natural setting. Equally so, it is also a privilege to offer a thriving nature preserve for the community to enjoy and experience the positive boost to health and wellbeing that time spent in nature can provide, both physically and mentally.

— *Amy Henricksen, project coordinator and Kokosing Nature Preserve steward*



Nature Inspiring Art

Anyone who has walked the paths at Kokosing Nature Preserve can attest to the beauty of that space in all seasons. For some, this beauty has been so moving that it has served as an inspiration for the creation of various forms of art. Some have put pen to paper, others have captured beautiful photographs, and some have brought their easels and painting supplies to the preserve. During the last year, we have happened upon two plein air artists spending time at Kokosing Nature Preserve.

Jeff Swarts retired from Library and Information Services at Kenyon in 2015. In his retirement, Jeff has spent much of his free time as a plein air painter. A centuries-old practice, plein air painting is about leaving the four walls of your studio behind and experiencing painting and drawing in the open air. Jeff kindly shared a picture of one of his paintings, entitled “Lilies of the Field” depicting a lovely view as seen from the south east bank of the preserve’s large pond.

Elise Murray, a student at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, is another plein air painter who visited Kokosing Nature Preserve when it was one of the official stops on the October 2020 Heart of Ohio Tour. PCC Student Intern Alex Hoffman ’20 encountered Elise during the tour and later recorded the following reflection of their interaction on the PCC blog, “A Knox County Almanac”:

“Elise spent time taking pictures of the natural landscape. Later she pulled out an easel, and took to painting the natural landscape of the preserve. When I asked her why she enjoyed painting nature, she responded, “It allows me to explore my relationship with the world in a more authentic way.” This fitting response encapsulates the essence of the preserve — it is whatever you make it to be. Whether appreciation for KNP manifests in a painting, in burial, or in a walking route, it has succeeded in promoting the importance of reflecting on nature.”



Above: MVNU Student and painter Elise Murray with PCC Student Intern Alex Hoffman '20

Left: Detail of ©2019-007-Jeff Swarts “Lilies of the Field” painted by Jeff Swarts at Kokosing Nature Preserve

Management of Invasive Species at Kokosing Nature Preserve

In the spring of 2019, Kokosing Nature Preserve began contracting with Kris Davis of Davis Woodland Management to lead the effort in the management of invasive plant species at the preserve.

Kris lives in Perry County and has over eight years of experience conducting invasive management. He was the Ecosystem Manager at The Dawes Arboretum in Newark Ohio prior to starting his own company, Davis Woodland Management LLC, specializing in invasive species control, boundary marking, tree planting and chainsaw work. Kris also fights wildfires out west and has been to Utah, Colorado, and Alaska in recent years.

During this growing season at Kokosing Nature Preserve, Kris has primarily assisted with the control and removal of garlic mustard, multiflora rose, privet, honeysuckle, Canada thistle, bull thistle, burdock and tree of heaven.



Kris Davis of Davis Woodland Management dealing with Canada thistle at Kokosing Nature Preserve

A Family Member’s Reflection

“My aunt chose the Kokosing Nature Preserve as her eternal resting place in 2019. She grew up on a farm right here in Gambier and had a deep love for nature and a passion for protecting Mother Earth. The Preserve — a beautiful rolling landscape full of wild flower prairies and scenic walking paths — seemed like an obvious choice. The staff worked closely with her to make it a natural and elegant funeral which gave her loved ones the closure they needed. The options were endless and she was able to perfectly tailor every detail to fit her needs and put her mind at ease. I highly recommend Kokosing Nature Preserve to anyone looking for a natural and beautiful place to lay their loved ones to rest.” — Eli Norris



In July 2019, Kokosing Nature Preserve hosted a group of eleven high school students attending the Kenyon Review's Young Science Writers Workshop in Gambier. Beside, there are three poems written by attendees of the workshop, inspired by their time spent at the preserve.

Poetry at the Kokosing Nature Preserve

Found poem: Are orchid bees useful indicators of human disturbance?

biodiversity and ecosystems
threatened by
humans, vulnerable
mutualistic relationships?
pollinators

are
sensitive

declining globally
land conversion
habitat losses
leading causes

exhibit: disturbance
widespread, common, easy
and well developed

heavily degraded ecosystems
forest fragments
loss of resources

abundance and diversity

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the most disturbed habitat;
human redundancy

— Marlow Saucier

Is there any change?

The growth of human
landscape, important and
fragmented at each structure

Loving havens, renewed
in sense and dynamics

Preservation of emotion

through the soil
of isolation

A climate of widespread
richness

over
forests of essential loss

Scraps of a plan to expand
the compass
when all
is under decline

Less than 1%
original

Are we part of
the structure,
the nature of loss and risk,
of nitrogen and pine
and fire and star?

— Brain Xu

Through the Golden Gates

In my kingdom,
There are only two bodies;
Those who disregard the rules,
Those who obey.

They wander my kingdom confused and lost,
The broken — waiting and wanting for things unattainable,
The poisons of man that resist release.

They reside or rot here in my kingdom,
For this is the kingdom of death.

— Wynn B.

What a year this has been

As I write this, members of the newest class of Kenyon students are preparing to leave their homes for Gambier, but the campus they arrive at will be vastly different than ever before. Social distancing and reduced density will be the norm as will all aspects of living in an interdependent community. Fortunately, Gambier's rural character and relative isolation from urban life will provide a welcome refuge — and Philander Chase Conservancy's efforts will have made a contribution.

Philander Chase Conservancy has worked for 20 years to ensure that the farms, forests and lands surrounding Kenyon will remain open and unmarred by urban development or urban sprawl — part of the original vision of a campus set far away from the distractions of cities. The 5,580 acres that we have conserved over the past two decades will remain as productive farmland, woods and wetlands in perpetuity, permanently preserving the rural character and resilience of our region. With the increased importance of local food, the benefits of being able to escape to nature, and the calmness of our rural environs, open space and farmland preservation has never been as important.

In the coming year, we expect to update our long-term strategic plan and to ensure the sustainability of our operations as we pursue accreditation

from the Land Trust Accreditation Commission. We are also working on several exciting land preservation projects that will enhance our community.

As we meet the challenges of the current pandemic, the conservancy will continue to adapt to find ways to serve our mission. We will make necessary changes in the way we interact with our many constituencies while remaining steadfast to our commitment to the community.

As we celebrate our 20th year, we thank you for your continuing support.

— Zali Win, chair, Philander Chase Conservancy board of directors



Student Interns

When Kenyon students left for spring break in early March, we had no idea that the pandemic would make it impossible for them to return to campus. They finished their classes remotely from off campus, and we never got the opportunity to say goodbye in person to our two outstanding student interns, senior Alex Hoffman '20 and sophomore Jayne Gelman '22.

We feel wistful when we look at the photograph of us all together at a December Ohio Department of Agriculture Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program meeting. Their presence in our daily work lives energized and motivated us.

Alex and Jayne assisted us in numerous ways, from increasing awareness among students about the work of the conservancy, to organizing easement notebooks, to monitoring conserved properties and blogging about land conservation at blogs.kenyon.edu/a-knox-county-almanac. They were scheduled to pitch a Philander Chase Conservancy /Kokosing Nature Preserve story to WOSU in April as part of their work with Fahlgren Mortine, a marketing firm in Columbus led by PCC board member Neil Mortine. Neil and his colleagues generously educated Jayne and Alex about marketing and suggested the pitch to WOSU.

Since Commencement was delayed, we will look forward to cheering for Alex when he is back for his graduation. Jayne is a junior and will work with us remotely in the fall and return to campus for the spring semester when the juniors and seniors are on campus. You are encouraged to take a few minutes to read their posts at "A Knox County Almanac" on the Philander Chase Conservancy website. We miss you, Alex and Jayne!

Welcome to New Members of the Board of Directors

The Philander Chase Conservancy Board of Directors welcomed two new board members last fall. **Linda Findlay** graduated from Kenyon in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. After graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked for 35 years in public policy and political affairs in the U.S. Senate and for a Fortune 500 company. In 2012, she retired and moved to Westport, MA, with her husband, Spinner '68. Since then, she has been active on a number of non-profit boards, including the Westport River Watershed Alliance (Westport, MA) and the Friends of the National Arboretum (Washington, D.C.).

Wendy Webster currently lives in San Francisco, CA, and New Hampshire with her social-impact investor husband. They are the parents of a son, Kim Davidson who graduated from Kenyon in 2018 and a daughter who will be a senior at Drexel University. Wendy served on the Kenyon College Board of Trustees before joining the Philander Chase Conservancy. Her favorite indulgences include San Francisco Giants baseball, New England autumnal foliage, art and design travel destinations, and an excellent mocha. She also enjoys a bit of adventure; she sailed across the Atlantic, kayaked the Rio BioBio in Chile, summited Mt. Kilimanjaro to camp at 18,600 ft. glacier, ferreted out Quetzal in Panama, swam between the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates in Iceland, and lassoed reindeer for a sled race above the Arctic Circle.

Linda and Wendy have been actively involved in the planning for the future of the conservancy and have had an impact in their first year on the board. We appreciate their extensive experience and positive energy.



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