

THE LAND CONSERVANCY'S 10th ANNUAL MEETING at Miamitown's Historic Town Hall

► *Fri., Nov. 6, 2009 at 7 PM*

DIRECTIONS: Take I-74 / I-275 to **Exit #7** in Whitewater Twp. Go 1/2 mi. N on SR 128 to Town Hall located on SR 128 at Main St. in Miamitown's business district.

You're invited to attend the 10th Annual Meeting of THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF HAMILTON COUNTY on Fri., Nov. 6 at 7 PM. We are pleased to once again be guests of the Miami Historical Society of Whitewater Township, and gather at their historic Town Hall in Miamitown.

We'll review the year's land conservation work, and share our upcoming plans. A short meeting will include election of Board members. As always, there will be light refreshments.

The Land Conservancy welcomes the "Presidential Pathways" presentation—and recognizes the potential for drawing visitors to western Hamilton County. Increased tourism close to home for history, heritage and outdoor recreation benefits us all.

► *Featured presentation:*

PRESIDENTIAL PATHWAYS

New driving tour through western Hamilton County and Butler County in SW Ohio



Along the way...

Stop #3 on the Presidential driving tour—Wm. H. Harrison Tomb in North Bend—is open year round. The overlook has a panoramic view of the Ohio River valley.

Among sites on the route are two Hamilton County parks, the Whitewater Canal Tunnel, Gov. Looker's 1804 home, Passmore Cabin and White Water Shaker Village. This is the 27th designated byway in Ohio since 1994 under ODOT's Scenic Byways program.



The new 52-mile Ohio Scenic Byway is open to the driving public. At the Land Conservancy's Annual Meeting, you'll learn all about the route that starts in North Bend and Cleves, and follows rural roads through Whitewater, Harrison and Crosby townships, and City of Harrison — with 12 sites on the itinerary.

Sites tell the Presidents' stories

The route connects travelers to history that highlights the lives of Presidents Wm. H. Harrison and Benjamin Harrison. There are 12 more sites in Butler County.

"The Presidential trail offers a core sample of American history," said Bonita Porter, Chair of the PPSB committee. The story includes the westward push into the Northwest Territory and the Civil War era. The canals, tunnels and covered bridges built during this period along this route were engineering models for their day.

Capitalizing on history

Ms. Porter feels the scenic route serves as a "small engine of economic development" as visitors seek out dining, shopping, recreation and B&B venues. On the committee's to-do list is the installation of road markers, and creating a permanent website.