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ANNUAL MEETING AT HISTORIC TOWN HALL IN MIAMITOWN

► **Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 PM**

► **SR 128 (at Main St.) in Miamitown**
TAKE I-74/I-275 to Exit #7 in Whitewater Twp. Go 1/2 mi. N on SR 128 to Town Hall

You're invited to the Annual Meeting of The Land Conservancy on Fri., Nov. 14 at 7 PM. We are pleased to once again gather at the historic Town Hall in Miamitown. What a perfect setting for our program!

We'll review the year's land conservation work, and share our plans for the coming year. There will be a short meeting to elect Board members. As always, we'll serve light refreshments.

Preserving more family lands in 2008!

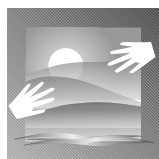
The Land Conservancy is pleased to announce the completion of four land protection projects this year. We worked with landowners in Hyde Park, Westwood, Indian Hill and Green Township to protect their property from future development.

Our legal tools were the Conservation Easement, fee simple donation, and land purchase with a grant from the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund.

20-acre ridge preserved in I-74 Scenic Greenway

A forested 20-acre property in Green Twp. (at Sheed Rd. & West Fork Rd.) was saved from certain development with funds granted by the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund to purchase the property.

A prominent ridge in the I-74 Greenway, the land had been listed For Sale by its owners. In March 2008, the Land Conservancy partnered with Green Twp. to win the competitive Clean Ohio grant. The township now owns and stewards



The Land Conservancy of Hamilton County, Ohio is a member-supported, nonprofit land trust that helps families preserve their lands, and works to protect our County's natural heritage to benefit the quality of life of all citizens.

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How to get connected to the Great Miami River!

► **Presentation by Aaron Rourke, Rivers Unlimited**

The featured presentation at our Nov. 14 Annual Meeting is by

Aaron Rourke, a **Rivers Unlimited**

volunteer who is dedicated to establishing the Great Miami as a recreational Water Trail, and gaining Scenic River status for this great river.

Adopt-A-Stream

Aaron will introduce us to Rivers Unlimited's new program that focuses



on the lower Great Miami River — the section that flows through western Hamilton County.

Be a Stream Steward

Individuals and groups are invited to become

Stream Stewards and "adopt" a section of the lower Great Miami River. We're invited to join the effort and take part in activities including clean-ups, water quality monitoring and canoe floats.

Betty F. Johnson Family Preserve in Hyde Park

The Johnson family—known for civic involvement and support of City parks and the arts—protected their wooded single-family property from all future development with a Conservation Easement.

The property's many woodland gardens thrive under an arching canopy of native trees. Linked by winding paths, the well-tended gardens—a favorite stop of garden tours—cover more than two acres of hilly terrain.

More forested land protected in Westwood Preserve

The Land Conservancy's holdings of wooded lots in a forest fragment in Cincinnati continue to grow.

With the donation of 17 lots from Hill Country Ltd. of Lexington, the Land Conservancy now holds title to 1.5 acres of the 8-acre forest.

The protected land will forever benefit the Westwood neighborhood by adding beauty, creating a sense of place, and enhancing property values.