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ANNUAL FALL MEETING AT HISTORIC TOWN HALL

► *You're invited!*

DATE: **Wed., Nov. 16, 2005**

TIME: **7-9 PM**

PLACE: **Town Hall, SR 128
& Main St. in Miamitown**

DIRECTIONS: I-74 / I-275 to Exit #7 in western Hamilton County. Go 1/2 mi. N on SR 128 to Town Hall (next to Miamitown Fire Station). On-street parking

Join us for the Land Conservancy's 6th Annual meeting to be held on Wed., November 16 from 7 - 9 PM at the historic Town Hall in Miamitown.

Thanks to the Miami Historical Society of Whitewater Township for providing the meeting place. Built in 1890, the historic Town Hall anchors Miamitown's business district— a friendly place with a notable reputation for antiques shopping.

Taking care of business

We'll hold election of Board members whose 3-year terms are up in October.

And, we will report on recent land protection activities, including an update on the Schmidt-Berninghaus Preserve in Westwood.

We will announce the Land Conservancy's newest Conservation Easement (CE) agreement that protects a scenic, green sanctuary in the midst of a highly developed neighborhood in suburban Colerain Township, and the newest acquisitions of scenic land located in the I-74 Greenway.

► **Featured presentation at Annual meeting:**

Conserving a Shaker Village and Planning for the Future: A WORK IN PROGRESS AT WHITE WATER

by Richard Spence, President of The Friends of White Water Shaker Village

The Land Conservancy recognizes the vision and efforts of the Friends of White Water Shaker Village. This nonprofit group organized in 2002 to work with the Hamilton County Park District to preserve and restore the historic Shaker community site in Crosby Township.

We support their resourceful joint efforts to restore this important part of western Hamilton County's great archeological and cultural heritage.

A work in progress

At our meeting, Friends' president Rich Spence will give an overview of the inspired effort to bring new life to the Shaker village that flourished between 1822 and 1916. He'll present a color slide presentation that will



Trustees' Office (1855) at Shaker Village in Crosby Township

show the many buildings and explain why it is important to preserve them amid their agricultural setting.

Find out how the Friends and Park District officials are working together towards the goal to open the restored

site to the public.

We'll get a look inside many of the Shaker buildings, and learn about work underway— and what's planned for the future. Find out how to adopt a Shaker building, and about upcoming opportunities to take part in maintenance work at the site.

Imagine, a restored Shaker village operating adjacent to Miami Whitewater Forest! Thanks to the Park District and the Friends, it is no longer an overlooked historic gem, but an exceptional work in progress.

FAST FACTS ABOUT WHITE WATER SHAKER VILLAGE

— One of 24 communal villages founded by the United Society of Shakers

— Acquired by the Hamilton County Park District between 1989 and 1991; adjacent to Miami Whitewater Forest

— Located on 600 acres in Crosby Township in western Hamilton County

— Contains 22 Shaker-built structures including 2 dwellings, 3 shops, the only brick Shaker Meeting House, a

trustees' office, barns, corn cribs, smokehouses, milk houses, and others

— The only intact Shaker village (1822-1916) of the four established in Ohio



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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