

BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY NEWS

Protecting and Preserving Natural and Agricultural Lands
for the Benefit of Future Generations

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Seneca County Farmland Permanently Protected

Black Swamp Conservancy, along with the U.S. and Ohio Departments of Agriculture, has entered into a farmland preservation agreement with a Seneca County landowner. The agreement ensures that this 120-acre farm is devoted solely to agriculture, forever.

“Agriculture is the number one industry in Ohio. It provides jobs to one in every seven Ohioans,” said Kevin Joyce, Executive Director of the Conservancy. “Farmland preservation is critical to the future of our economy here in Ohio.”

Located north of Tiffin, Riley Farm produces corn, soybeans and wheat. This Ohio Century Farm has been in Mrs. Riley’s family since 1864. The farm features the original barns



Riley Farm, north of Tiffin

dating to the late 1800s, which the Rileys are restoring.

Landowners Tim and Phyllis Riley are wildlife enthusiasts and have taken steps to improve the natural habitat on their farm. They also employ best management practices such as filter strips and conservation tillage.

To date, there are 17 farms covering 2,500 acres protected with agricultural conservation easements in the Tiffin area.

The Conservancy is in the process of protecting another nine farms totaling more than 920 acres in this region.

“Seneca County is a focus area for our preservation efforts,” said Rob Krain, the Conservancy’s Conservation Director. “This area features some of the finest soils in the region, and we are very pleased to work with so many local families who want to ensure their land is protected.”

Conservancy Celebrates 10,000 Acres at Myers Family Farm



Good music, good food, and good conversation about farmland preservation were enjoyed by all in attendance at the Celebration of 10,000 Acres event on November 6. This day in the country took place at the Myers Family Farm in Swanton, Ohio.

Clint Mauk spoke of the Conservancy’s start in 1993 with a group of area residents concerned about the loss of rural farmland. He remarked what an accomplishment it is for the Conservancy to now be a leader in land conservation, protecting over 10,000 acres.

The Conservancy would like to thank the Myers family for their generous hospitality and for allowing us to experience a memorable day on the farm.

O-I Charities Foundation Donates to Conservancy

Black Swamp Conservancy has received a \$15,000 grant from the O-I Charities Foundation of Perrysburg, Ohio.

“The O-I Charities Foundation is a great partner of Black Swamp Conservancy. We sincerely appreciate the generous financial support of the foundation and O-I’s 24,000 employees,” said Kevin Joyce, executive director of the Conservancy. “The foundation has helped us tremendously to advance our land conservation mission across northwest Ohio.”

The O-I Charities Foundation was established to support involvement around the world through charitable donations in the areas of education, the environment, art and culture and community service. It matches employee giving and provides longer-term social investments in areas where the company can make the most difference.



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Bring Us Home for the Holidays

Black Swamp Conservancy private label wines are available at any area location of The Andersons. With every bottle sold, The Andersons will donate \$2.00 to our Conservancy. Private label wines are available in four varieties:

- Cabernet
- Chardonnay
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