



Athens Conservancy

Athens Conservancy Preserves

Supporting open space preservation in southeast Ohio

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Baker Preserve: 269 acres in Canaan Township, close to US-50 and OH-690. Trail head on OH-690 ½ mile north of US-50 for 5-mile trail system; open to hikers and horse riders. Scenic bluffs and stream valley. Borders Canaan Preserve. Easement acquired 2008 (Clean Ohio).

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Blair Preserve: 75 acres, adjacent to Strouds Run State Park in Canaan Township, Athens County. Includes trails and a backpacking campsite, maintained by the Conservancy, and accessed by the Tunnel Rock Trail, a spur off the Trace Trail. Borders Strouds Run State Park and Mary Beth Zak Lohse Preserve. Acquired 55 acres in 2004 and 20 acres in 2006 (Clean Ohio).



Bluebell Preserve: 230 acres, bordering the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway and Wayne National Forest in Dover and York Town-ships. Offers a spectacular spring wildflower display. Borders Wayne National Forest. 65 acres donated by AEP in 2006, and another 165 acres acquired 2018 (Clean Ohio).

Brookville Preserve: 18 acres bordering the Moonville Rail-Trail in Athens Township, on west side of Luhrig Road west of Brookville. Features large vernal pool. Acquired 2016 (Clean Ohio).



Canaan Preserve (provisional name): 440 acres in Canaan Township, bordering Strouds Run State Park on the west and the Baker Preserve on the east. Acquired 2019 (Clean Ohio). Current access from Baker Preserve on OH-690. Future access from Equestrian Trailhead also at Strouds Run State Park.



Mary Beth Zak Lohse Preserve: 293 acres in Athens and Canaan Townships, fronting on Strouds Run Road (County Road 20) for almost a half-mile. Borders Blair Preserve, Strouds Run State Park, and Riddle State Nature Preserve. Parking area pending. Acquired 250 acres in 2018 and 43 acres in 2019 (pending) (Clean Ohio).

Morris Preserve: 87 acres in Carthage Township. Features a small gorge system. Access by advance permission only. Acquired 2017 (Clean Ohio).



Poston Preserve: 48 acres along the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway in Dover Township, in two sections, protecting the viewshed from the bikeway. Borders the Wayne National Forest. Acquired 22 acres in 2015, 26 acres in 2016 (Clean Ohio).



Skunk Run Preserve: 74 acres bordering the Athens-Belpre Rail-Trail in Troy Township, preserving the viewshed from the rail-trail. Borders the Athens-Belpre Rail-Trail. Features high-quality streams and rock outcrops. 28 acres acquired in 20013, 12 acres in 2016, and 35 acres in 2017 (Clean Ohio).

The Plains Preserve: 13.5 acres in the Plains, Athens Township. Protects a continuously-flowing stream draining The Plains and provides right-of-way for the Athens High School spur of the



Hockhocking Adena Bikeway. Acquired 5.5 acres in 2009 and 8 acres in 2010 (Clean Ohio).



Tucker Run Preserve: 50 acres in Canaan Township at the headwaters of Tucker Run, a stream feeding Dow Lake at Strouds Run State Park. Borders Strouds Run State Park Limited access from Hackleshin Road. See website for directions. Acquired with private funds in 2011.

Athens-Belpre Rail-Trail:

14 miles of rail-trail, open to horses, bicycles and foot, to connect the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway in Athens to Belpre, Ohio. Athens, Rome and Troy Townships in Athens County and Belpre Township in Washington County. See our separate brochure (picture top of next column). Also see www.athensbelpretrail.org.



Moonville Rail-Trail:

2 miles of rail-trail in Athens and Waterloo Townships, to be expanded to connect with the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway and the Moonville Rail-Trail.

The Athens Conservancy also assisted the City of Athens in acquiring three tracts of the Strouds Ridge Preserve: the Dale and Jackie Riddle State Nature Preserve (106 acres, 2003, reach from Sells Park); the COAD tract of the preserve (78 acres, 2003, also from Sells), and the Hope Drive tract of the preserve (104 acres, 2004, reach from Hope Drive), and Athens County to acquire the Della Drive Tract of the Strouds Ridge Preserve (23 acres, 2013) and the Chauncey Canal Trail & Wetland (13.5 acres, 2016).