

## THREE VALLEY CONSERVATION TRUST

PO Box 234, Oxford, Ohio 45056  
513-524-2150 [www.3vct.org](http://www.3vct.org)

## RUDER PRESERVE RESTORATION PROJECT



JOIN US IN RESTORING THIS  
BEAUTIFUL RIPARIAN HABITAT  
FOR COMMUNITY USE.

**WE NEED YOUR IDEAS,  
EXPERIENCE, AND ENERGY!**

We are an accredited,  
member funded,  
non-profit land trust

MEMBERS OF







Three Valley Conservation Trust    www.3vct.org  
6715 Ringwood Road, Units 1 & 2, Oxford, OH 45056

Three Valley Conservation Trust's

# RUDER PRESERVE

## WHAT DO YOU WANT?

TVCT wants this to be a community-driven project, so your ideas are essential. Please let us know your good ideas!

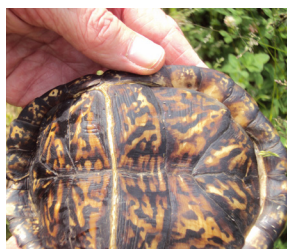
## BACKGROUND

Ruder Preserve is ~14-acres of riparian woods that spans both sides of Four Mile Creek just south of Bonham Road (see map on back). **The land was donated** to Three Valley Conservation Trust (TVCT) **in 1999** by the Ruder family, as they sought to preserve the natural integrity of their family land.

This land is surrounded by suburban and urban infrastructure, but **is connected to Miami University's natural areas** on its southeastern edge. In fact, the Miami Natural Areas currently maintains the trail, entry area and kiosk. The preserve also lies very near the proposed path of the OATS trail (see map on back).

TVCT has sponsored several efforts to restore and manage areas of Ruder Preserve, but has been unable to maintain the effort long-term. The current project hopes to involve the Oxford area community, the city of Oxford and Miami University in **the restoration and continued long-term management of this preserve**, with the goal of making the area an asset they want to preserve through continued group and individual efforts.

To document this process, Randy Evans,



TVCT staff member, will **submit a report to the Land Trust Alliance** as an example of community participation in land conservation efforts.



## PROPOSED GOALS

### Restoration

- Clear Bush Honeysuckle
- Remove Lesser Celandine
- Pull Garlic Mustard
- Remove dead Ash trees where necessary
- Repair stream bank
- Plant "ark" plots – densely planted enclosures to serve as seed sources for remaining acreage

### Recreation

- Make trails – with at least some accessible for a walker
- Make and mount signage – about conservation issues such as invasive spp., special areas of the forest, recovery of understory plants after removal of invasive species

### Long-term management

- Removal of recurring invasive species
- Trash pick-up as needed
- Maintenance of current kiosk and future signage and plaques

### Education

- Use Preserve in future years for TVCT environmental programs
- Available for use by all area schools

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### Tell us what you want at Ruder Preserve

TVCT wants this to be a community driven project, so your ideas are essential. Please let us know your good ideas!

### Volunteer on Ruder Preserve Work Days

Check the TVCT website frequently for information on upcoming work days.

Do you have an organization or large group that would like to help? Please contact Bonnie at bkretschmer@3vct.org.

### Commit to Long Term Volunteer Efforts

Volunteer yourself or your organization to maintain a section of the trail - removing bush honeysuckle (and other invasive species) and picking up trash.

### Contribute to The Ruder Preserve Restoration Project

- There will be expenses associated with the restoration, such as for seeds, plants, fencing for enclosures, herbicide and applicators, etc. Your contribution will help offset those costs. Please designate the funds as for the Ruder Preserve Project.
- Adopt a tree, understory shrub or trail program and we will recognize you or your organization at the Ruder Preserve.



www.3vct.org