

OUTLOOK

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Pope Coleman Awards Ceremony Rescheduled

After much deliberation, The Hillside Trust has decided to postpone its October 15t Pope Coleman Awards Ceremony. A new date of Tuesday, April 20, 2021 has been rescheduled for the event. The location will remain at the Anderson Pavilion on the Banks.

Consideration was given to hosting either a hybrid event, or an all-virtual event on the originally-scheduled date. However, it became readily apparent that staging an event either one of these ways posed a variety of logistical considerations that began to outweigh the benefits of not holding a live event in the first place. Given that The Hillside Trust lacked the experience of larger organizations who have opted to host hybrid or all-virtual events in a Covid environment, a postponement and rescheduling seemed more plausible at this time.

Invitations to the April 20th event will go out some time in March of 2021. If you do not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please call The Hillside Trust at 513-321-3886. Or, you can send an email to eric.hillside-trust@fuse.net or go to www.hillside-trust.org.



Cincinnati Parks Anderson Pavilion

Annual Meeting Set for October 29th

This year's annual meeting is set for Thursday October 29th at 6pm. Originally, it was going to be part of the Pope Coleman Awards Event on October 15th. Since that event was postponed, it is now scheduled two weeks later.

Unlike other years, this event will not be an in-person gathering. Instead, it will completely virtual, hosted via the Zoom platform. The meeting will cover the year in review, and it is anticipated to last approximately half an hour.

You may access this event by

emailing The Hillside Trust at eric.hillside-trust@fuse.net. An access link will be emailed to you a day before the meeting is scheduled to take place. Simply click on the link and follow the login instructions and you will be entered in.

It is recommended that you plan to join the meeting at least 5-10 minutes before it is scheduled to begin. This will help minimize the potential for any glitches or delays. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 30 to 40 people joining the meeting.

Filming Begins on Landslide Documentary

In late Spring, The Hillside Trust began work on the production of a landslide documentary. This project was conceived out of a recognition that the general public lacks an awareness and understanding of the landslide phenomenon that is a fundamental part of our region. Those property owners who have experienced the destructive impacts and financial costs of landslides are well aware of the problem. Generally, those who have not experienced its direct impact are unaware of its breadth and scope. It is The Hillside Trust's intention that this documentary will help educate the public about the landslide risk that is endemic to the Greater Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Southeastern Indiana region.

Documentary Components

The documentary will comprise a series of three 5 minute videos for social media purposes, and for The Hillside Trust's website. Also, there will be a half-hour program for television broadcast that includes an extended version of all three parts. Part one of the documentary will focus on the slide-prone nature of our region, including a historical context. Part two will focus on the human and financial costs of landslides. The third and final piece will focus on preventative measures that either can help minimize landslide incidents from happening or from worsening. Although the information will be geared towards this region, general concepts of landslide activity and the reduction of landslide

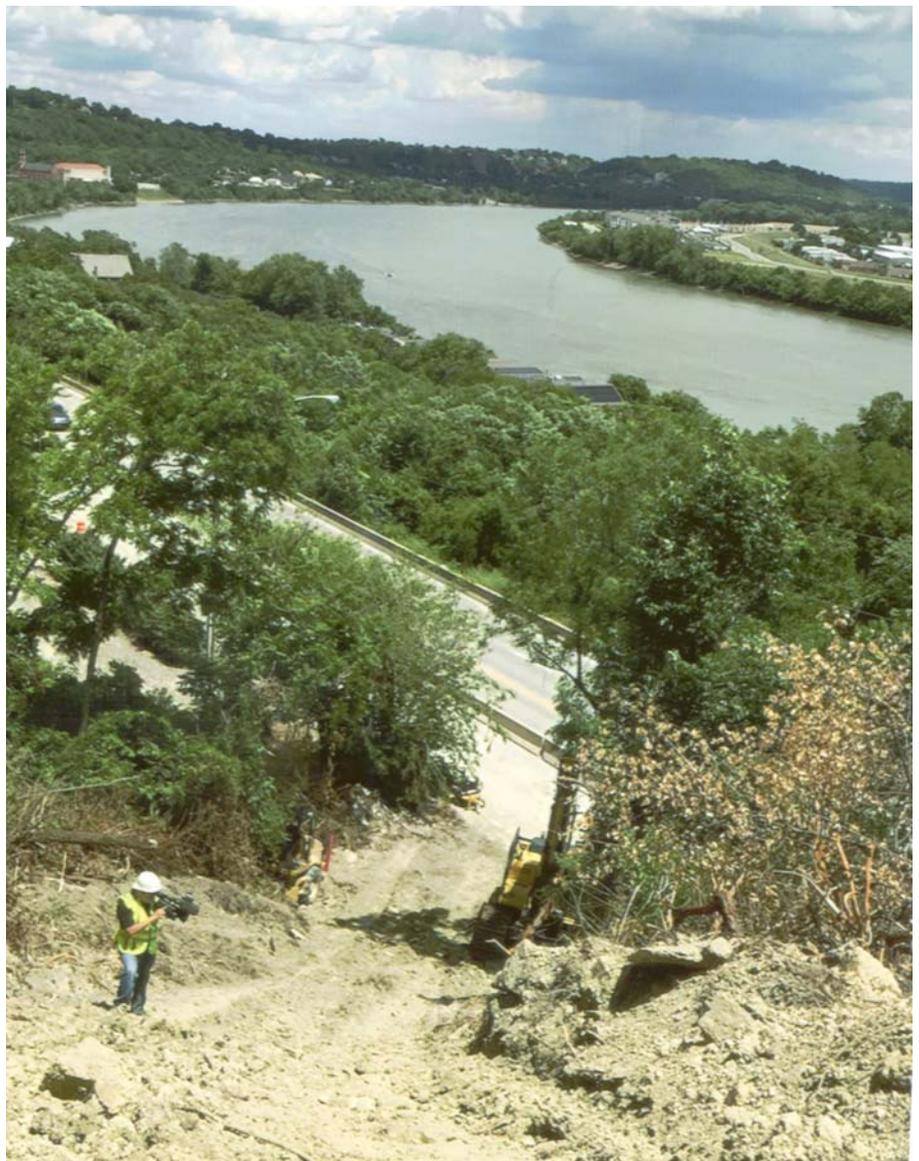
hazards will apply to every area of the United States that is prone to this type of natural disaster.

Columbia Parkway

It would be impossible to produce a documentary of this nature and not include Columbia Parkway. For one, the construction of this thoroughfare nearly a century ago, represents many elements of poor location and

inappropriate engineering that are replicated in other areas of the region. Secondly, the Parkway is in the midst of a multi-million dollar capital improvement stabilization that will be completed in 2021.

The Hillside Trust received permission from the City of Cincinnati to access the construction area and film some of the ongoing stabilization work.



Steep road cut accesses upper portions of Parkway hillside

This includes the construction of a new retaining wall above a stretch of the historic 1930s-era Art Deco retaining wall. It also includes the implementation of soil nailing that is occurring in some of the steepest most topographically challenging slopes above the Parkway.

Daniel Reams, Project Manager for Beaver Excavating Company graciously supervised the film crew through the construction site over two full days in May and June. Beaver Excavating was awarded the contract in 2019. They are based in Akron, Ohio, and have a highly professional and experienced crew.

Other Locations

The Hillside Trust is filming other locations that either have experienced landslides, or are in the process of correcting them. So far, these include Riverside Drive east of downtown Cincinnati, Tridale Court in Mt. Washington, and Wess Park Drive in North Avondale. The North Avondale location was the site of a particularly destructive landslide in the Spring of 2019 that damaged four properties, one of which completely destroyed a residence.

Project Funders and Team

The Hillside Trust is grateful

to the following foundations who have provided support thus far to help sponsor this project. They include The Stephen H. Wilder Foundation, The Louise Taft Semple Foundation, and the Maxwell C. Weaver Foundation. Additional grant applications are pending with other local foundations.

LQ Consulting Video Storytelling is the producer of this documentary. It is headed by Laure Quinlivan, a former Cincinnati City Council Member and a former investigative journalist. It is anticipated that this documentary will be completed in late 2021.

Hillside Stabilization Wraps Up in North Avondale

In the Spring of 2019, four residential properties on Wess Park Drive in North Avondale were seriously damaged by a rotational landslide. One of the homes was damaged beyond repair and had to be demolished.

The City immediately served notice to these property owners that they were responsible for correcting the slope failure. Initial estimates to build a larger more formidable retaining wall than the one already in place, were in excess of \$300,000. Clearly, this expense was more than the neighbors could afford, especially as none of them had anticipated this sort of disaster.

With creative thinking and the support of the City, the property owners were permitted, instead, to implement a drainage solution to channel both storm water and underground water off of the hill-



Hillside drainage underway on Wess Park Dr in North Avondale

side. A series of vertical channels were dug 30 feet apart and at least 10 feet below the surface to prevent water from infiltrating into the slip plane of the hillside. This solution will likely go a long way towards maintaining

hillside stability, as it will prevent the hillside from becoming over-saturated and slip-prone during and after larger rainfall events. It was approximately 75% cheaper than constructing a pier wall.



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