

OUTLOOK

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Hillside Trust partnering on urban forestry grant

Green Umbrella and Groundwork Ohio River Valley are coordinating with the City of Cincinnati and with local organizations, including The Hillside Trust, to address urban forestry issues across the region. Among other goals, these organizations will work together in an effort to expand and protect urban forests, increase levels of tree canopy in disadvantaged communities, and further build green workforce and youth development opportunities related to urban and community forestry. The overall goal of this effort is to help counter extreme heat, landslides and overland flooding,

improve forest health, protect mature trees, provide increased and equitable access to forestry benefits, and expand opportunities for environmental career pathways in our region. A project grant has been submitted, with an award notice anticipated in early October. If successful, the grant agreement will span 5 years.

Focus on Goltra Preserve

Expanding upon the ongoing trail work through its 67-acre Goltra Preserve in East Westwood, The Hillside Trust will direct the forestry grant towards this property. It will plant new trees on approximately 10 acres, in areas that have been hit hard by storm damage, insect blight, honeysuckle infestation, and overall aging.

The Hillside Trust is excited to continue its working partnership with Groundwork Ohio River Valley in this reforestation initiative. Groundwork has been the lead organization in blazing trails through the Goltra Preserve. These trails are really starting to take shape following more than a year of work.

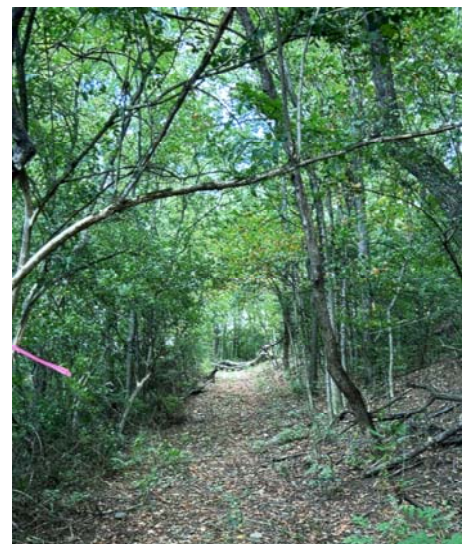
A number of youth who are

involved in the trail work live in East Westwood and in neighboring communities. The reforestation grant represents yet another opportunity to engage local youth in taking care of a precious and under-utilized asset in their own community, while also being able to enjoy it.

Approximately one mile of trail is now open. The upper section of trail includes a short story walk, with poster boards of pictures and text for kids to enjoy. The trailhead is located at the end of Brokaw Ave, a small street that stubs off of McHenry Ave.



One area of fallen trees



Part of completed trail

Silverton hillside needlessly destroyed

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Perhaps you have noticed the trees on this hillside being clear-cut, especially while driving northbound on I-71 near the Kenwood Road exit. This is an approximately 10-acre property located within the City of Silverton.

There are no formal plans as yet for the property. Silverton lacks meaningful hillside regulations, thereby allowing the developer to obliterate this once-beautiful green space. Word has it that it will be marketed for sale as an office park. Since COVID, this region has experienced a glut of office space with more businesses allowing their employees to work from home. The Hillside Trust sought the



Silverton hillside in process of being flattened

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Living with Landslides airs next on KET-TV

For our friends and members in Northern Kentucky, The Hillside Trust is pleased to announce that “Living with Landslides” will premier on Kentucky Educational TV (KET) on September 7th at 4:00pm, Eastern Time. In addition, the following dates have been scheduled for KET’s digital channel:

KET3 HDBA 9/8/23 - 4:00pm
 KET3 HDBA 9/8/23 - 8:00pm
 KET3 HDBA 9/10/23 - 7:00pm
 KET3 HDBA 9/12/23 - 4:00pm
 KET3 HDBA 9/13/23 - 8:00pm
 KET3 HDBA 9/16/23 - 10:00pm
 KET 3 HDBA 9/18/23 - 5:00pm

Check program listings on day of broadcast in case of any changes.



Landslide on Rt. 8 in Northern Kentucky

Annual Meeting set for Tuesday October 17th

The Hillside Trust is hosting its 2023 annual meeting on Tuesday October 17th at 5:30pm at the historic Carnegie Event Center on Eastern Ave. Seating will be limited to 50 guests. Dinner will be offered buffet-style along with beer and wine..

Invitations will be mailed out in mid-September to members of current standing who have made a contribution to The Hillside Trust within the last 18 months. If you would like to register for this event, you may contact Eric Russo by calling 513-321-3886, or you can email Eric at eric.hillside-trust@fuse.net.



Carnegie Center - 3738 Eastern Ave Columbia Tusculum

4th annual Pope Coleman Awards

The Hillside Trust is pleased to announce that it will be hosting its 4th Annual Pope Coleman Awards on Thursday April 18, 2024. The event location is still to be determined, with several sites under consideration.

The 2024 class of honorees include, Bill Burwinkle, Jan Portman and former Ohio First

Lady, Hope Taft. If you are interested in sponsoring a table in advance of the event, please contact The Hillside. Table sponsorships begin at \$3000 for a table of 10. Formal sponsorship invitations will be mailed out later this year. Event tickets will be mailed out in February of 2024.

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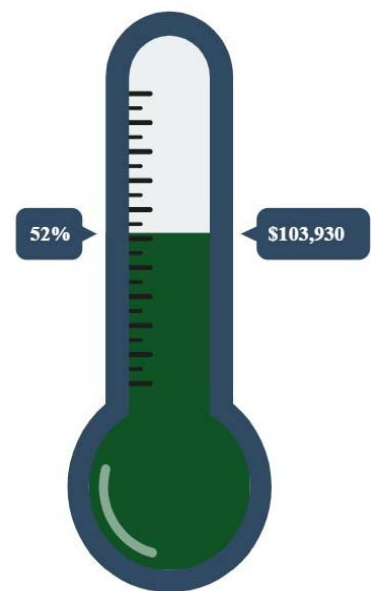
assistance of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) when it first learned that a developer had bought the land two years ago. There is a stream that runs through the property. OEPA informed The Hillside Trust that it could not prevent the developer from clear-cutting the site.

There seems to be a pattern with this sort of needless destruction of wooded hillsides in

Silverton. Years ago the BMW store expressed an interest in expanding its facilities east of Stewart Road. Despite public outcry, the car dealership clear cut several acres of woods below the Kenwood Country Club. Once the trees were cut down, its plans changed and the facility was not expanded as originally designed. Today, the hillside is grassed over with a large billboard located at mid-slope that advertises the dealership.

The Hillside Trust needs your support to reach its fundraising goal of \$200,000 in 2023.

GOAL: \$200,000



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Aerial map of 1-acre Segoe Preserve in East Walnut Hills, Cincinnati