

OUABACHE LAND CONSERVANCY

Gaining Ground



**A community partner protecting land, water, and quality of life
through conservation, stewardship, and education.**

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THE 12TH ANNUAL OLC CELEBRATION TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

The Ouabache Land Conservancy welcomes Dr. James Nardi as the guest speaker for our 12th Annual Celebration on Thursday, September 15, 2022. Jim is an OLC Board member, naturalist, gardener, author, artist, and a Research Entomology Scientist at the University of Illinois School of Integrative Biology. He and his wife, Joy, are the driving forces behind the creation of OLC's Atherton Island Natural Area in Parke County. Jim will share the fascinating history of OLC's largest nature preserve during his presentation, "Atherton Island Natural Area: Helping Nature Chart its Destiny." He will delve into the ages that have been at work on Atherton Island and interpret the rocks speaking of the coal swamps and glaciers that shaped its history over spans of thousands and millions of years. While discussing that for a mere 200 years, settlers left their mark on the landscape - leaving behind erosion, trash, pesticides, and invasive plants. This inspiring presentation will share that we now have an opportunity not only to witness nature's resilience, but also to experience the gifts that nature offers to our minds, bodies, and spirits. Please join OLC for our celebration at the Red Barn at Sycamore Farm (5001 E. Poplar St., Terre Haute) for food networking, learning more about OLC, awards, and Dr. Nardi's presentation. There will be a social hour with a

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DR. JOHN WHITAKER GIFTS 40-ACRES TO OLC

BY HANSFORD MANN, JR.

It is with great honor that Ouabache Land Conservancy announces the acquisition of Whitaker Woods Nature Preserve in Clay County. This 40-acre woodland has been owned by Dr. John O. Whitaker, Jr., since 1975. There are over 2,200 trees 12-inches in diameter and larger and John has documented how many of each species. He has measured growth over the last 46 years. For a very long time, John has expressed his desire to donate these woodlands to Ouabache Land Conservancy and now that wish has been realized. Like the Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve there will never be any trees harvested. There are some remarkable large old-growth trees in Whitaker Woods. John was the third recipient of the OLC Dr. Marion T. Jackson Conservationist of the Year award and it is obvious that he is a person who has a deep regard for the value of old-growth like Marion did. We are humbled by this gift. Thank you so much, John! We are planning a grand opening for Whitaker Woods Nature Preserve in 2022.



Photo. Dr. John Whitaker during a December 27, 2021 visit to Whitaker Woods Nature Preserve. All trees over 12 inches dbh were identified, marked with quarter-inch thick round aluminum markers, and measured in 1977-78. The trees were again measured in 1993-94 and 2009-2010. To read more on John's tree research at Whitaker Woods, visit the Ouabache Land Conservancy website, ouabachelandconservancy.org/explore. The document is titled, "Information on Increase, Loss, and Growth of Trees over 30 Years on a Forty Acre Tract of Woods in Clay County Indiana."

BILL AND BOB WICHMANN HONORED

Bill (left) and Bob Wichmann were awarded the Ouabache Land Conservancy's 2020 Dr. Marion T. Jackson Conservationist of the Year Award during our annual celebration at The Red Barn at Sycamore Farm on October 28. The Wichmanns received this award to honor their dedication to preserving a 212-acre tract of Putnam County land. The future Wichmann Woods Nature Preserve is near Morton and contains about 132 acres of mixed hardwoods with deep cool ravines, abrupt limestone outcroppings, five major waterfalls, cliffs, and beautiful scenic overlooks of the unnamed tributary flowing through it. Upon the property transfer, OLC will begin to further protect and restore the future nature preserve in perpetuity.



GERALD MCGLONE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Gerald McGlone was presented the inaugural OLC Gerald H. McGlone Volunteer of the Year Award during our annual celebration at The Red Barn at Sycamore Farm on October 28. "Jerry" has assisted us for many years in various legal issues starting with incorporation as a 501(c)(3). Most recently he has been responsible for the appeal to the state board of tax review concerning our tax exemption status for Atherton Island. The appeal was successful. OLC relies on Jerry's legal expertise frequently and we value his commitment to the efforts of Ouabache Land Conservancy to help protect properties in west-central Indiana from development. A true friend indeed!





2021: THE YEAR AT ATHERTON ISLAND NATURAL AREA (AINA)

BY DR. JAMES NARDI

By the end of winter, the last of the old fences that had littered the woods of Atherton Island for decades had been removed and recycled. Many vines and invasive plants that had intertwined with the old fences were simultaneously removed, freeing the movement of wildlife and releasing native plants from the nonnative competition. The first wildflowers of spring, the snow trilliums, and harbingers-of-spring were spotted on March 18, even before the first day of spring. By April 17, the day of our annual wildflower walk, several ephemeral spring flowers had already bloomed but many were still blooming, and a few were yet to bloom.

By April 25 we finished mowing weeds on the 35 acres of erodible fields where crops had grown for many years, just in time to prepare for reforestation of the land with the planting of 16,000 hardwood trees – mostly oaks and hickories - during the week of April 26. Tom Zeller of Sycamore Land Trust has contributed invaluable advice and assistance to our fledgling land conservancy. As one of his many contributions this year, he organized a geology field trip on May 11th. Two geologists from the Indiana Geological Survey in Bloomington, Dr. Henry Loope and Dr. José Luis Antinao, shared their knowledge of the geological history of Atherton Island and pointed out evidence of the glacier's presence on a walk along the small stream that flows through the natural area. About ten thousand years ago during the last glaciation, the landscape was not only an island of the

Wabash River but also occupied the southernmost edge of the massive glacier that stretched north to the Arctic.

Dan McGuckin was the certified forester and wildlife biologist who oversaw the planting of tree seedlings in April. He returned on May 24th to seed four acres of a shortgrass prairie planting with over 50 species of grasses, sedges, and forbs.

Dr. Paul Rothrock from the Indiana University Herbarium is a specialist in sedges, rushes, and grasses. He arranged a field trip at Atherton Island at a time when most native sedges are flowering. On June 4th, he joined four of us for the day and identified about 20 species of sedges and rushes that we were able to add to our existing list of several hundred species of plants that call Atherton Island home. By being on the land at the right time and location, we also spotted a new species of parasitic orchid to add to the AINA plant list.

The 17-year cicadas started emerging in May, and the last ones lingered until early July. In selecting branches for egg-laying, mother cicadas use their sharp ovipositors to repeatedly cut the bark and vascular tissues of branches as they insert each of many eggs into the tree seedling's tissue. The female cicadas seemed to prefer the recently planted oak seedlings. By late June the apical shoots of seedlings had wilted by the girdling action of egg-laying. Throughout the summer and autumn, the resilient seedlings remained healthy and responded by sending out new shoots to compensate for the wounds inflicted by the cicadas.

2021: THE YEAR AT ATHERTON ISLAND NATURAL AREA (AINA) CONTINUED

On September 27th four OLC board members joined Pete Banta and Jim Shear of the Hoosier Hiking Council for a day of hiking at Atherton Island. Pete and Jim advised us about marking, mapping, and adding new trails, including one leading to a panoramic view of the Wabash Valley.

An October mowing helped liberate tree seedlings from the competition with the forest of weeds that had sprouted among the rows of trees that had been planted on the 35 acres of once cultivated fields.

When Indiana Master Naturalists held their annual meeting at Turkey Run State Park on the first weekend of November, a pre-gathering hike was held at Atherton Island for 20 of the attendees. We were able to share the diverse habitats and the rich colors of the autumn trees on a cloudless November

afternoon.

As the year comes to an end, bobcats and foxes have been spotted on several trails. Juncos and sparrows share the shelter of the prairie restoration. The voices of chickadees, nuthatches, titmice, owls, and woodpeckers carry through the quiet winter woods. On winter days, when winter stoneflies are completing their unorthodox life cycles, emerging from the stream, spreading their wings, and laying eggs in the frigid flowing water, most insects are leading hidden lives under bark, in hollow trees, and among fallen leaves, awaiting spring days and the re-emergence of the carpets of spring wildflowers.

We are planning to construct a new parking area and have a grand opening in 2022.



UPDATE ON IDEM 319 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR OTTER CREEK WATERSHED

By Dr. Michelle Marincel Payne

We are pleased with the progress of our IDEM Section 319 Implementation Grant to fund practices to improve water quality in Otter Creek. The target audiences for this cost-share program are landowners and farm operators in the critical areas of the Otter Creek Watershed. Up to 75% of the total cost for practices including cover crop, reduced tillage, forage/biomass planting, variable rate application, and nutrient or pest management practices (top priority practices for this cost-share) can be paid for with the grant. Other best management practices can also be cost-shared; decisions are made by the steering

committee. See the full list of eligible best management practices at OuabacheLandConservancy.org/otter-creek. Applications are available at local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (Vigo, Parke, and Clay Counties).

In terms of the progress of the grant, we have funded eight projects so far. Seven projects are complete and have added 707 acres of cover crop planting and 132 acres of reduced tillage in the Otter Creek Watershed. These changes positively impact water quality, by collectively keeping nearly 2,998 tons of sediment, 7,887 lb of phosphorus, and 9,519

UPDATE ON IDEM 319 GRANT - CONTINUED

lb of nitrogen out of Otter Creek. In addition to the cost-share, we are making progress on being able to understand the residents' perceptions of the importance of water quality in the Otter Creek Watershed. We recently received approval to move forward with the survey (obtained Institutional Review Board exempt status for research involving human subjects). The online survey is built and ready and will be deployed this winter through a five-wave postcard mailing sequence to residences in the Otter Creek Watershed. Rose-Hulman students in a Technical Communications class developed educational postcards and are creating the survey postcards as well. Students at Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman will collaborate to deploy the survey and analyze the results. Finally, please save the date for an upcoming Spring event, "Experience Otter Creek" on Saturday, April 30th at Markle Mill Park from 9 AM-12:00 PM. Bring friends and family to learn about water quality, watersheds, important services river ecosystems provide, and much more. The event will be hands-on and interesting for all ages!

ANNUAL CELEBRATION - CONTINUED

silent auction beginning at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm. This event is open to the public with a minimum paid 2022 OLC membership of \$25 (per couple/family) or \$15 for new members (per couple/family). The meal cost is additional and will be determined at a later date. RSVP (with any dietary restrictions) and payment by September 9th. Details about RSVPing will be provided this summer on our website: www.ouabachelandconservancy.org/events. Please contact Phil Cox, OLC VP of Programs, with any questions at phil@ouabachelandconservancy.org.



Photo: The Red Barn at Sycamore Farm

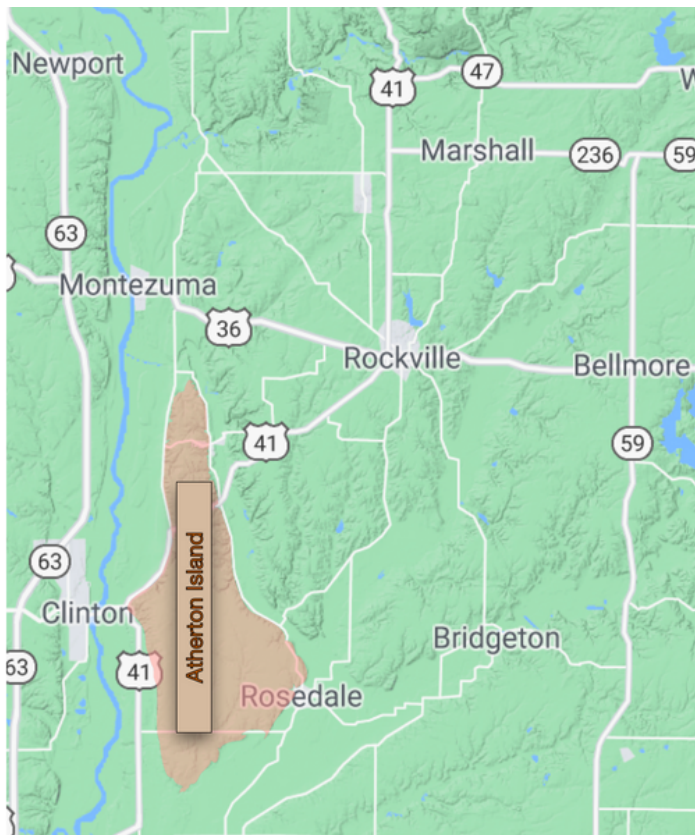


INDIANA GEOLOGICAL AND WATER SURVEY SCIENTISTS TOUR ATHERTON ISLAND NATURAL AREA

By Tom Zeller

Illustrations by Lisa Baer

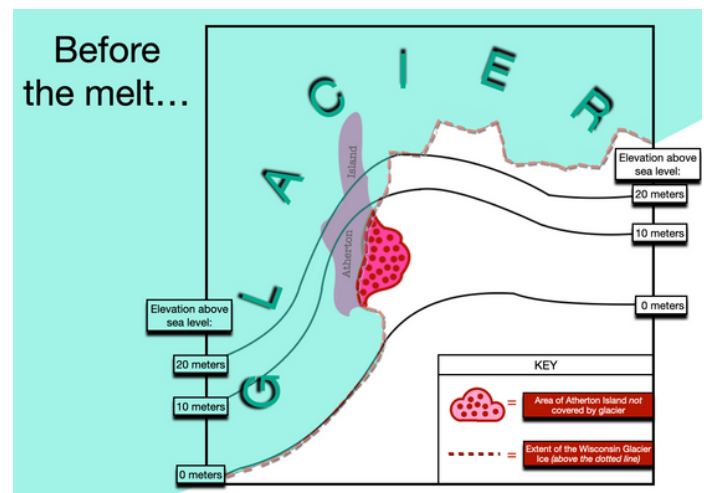
The area around Atherton Island Natural Area has an interesting geologic history. Atherton Island is an upland immediately east of Clinton, Indiana. It's only about 300 feet above the surrounding area, but the edges rise quite noticeably from the floodplains on either side, of the Wabash River to the west and the much smaller Big Raccoon Creek to the east. As the name suggests, it was once a literal island in the Wabash River, but of course, is no longer. The "island" is about fifteen miles long, north to south, and is about five miles wide. The feature is quite visible using Google Maps' satellite view, as it is outlined by the roads on both sides that hug the flat terrain directly adjacent to the upland.



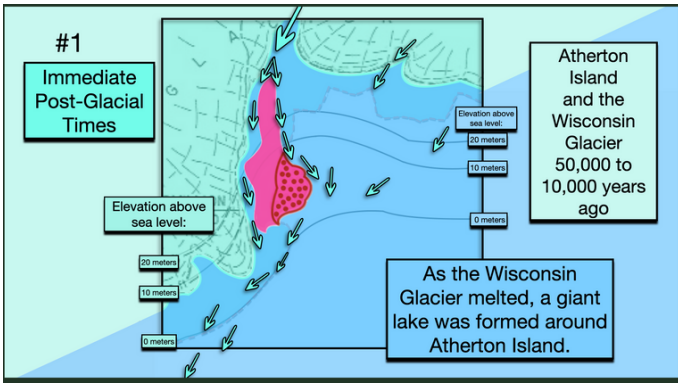
Interested in learning more about the geologic history of the area, an OLC member reached out to the Indiana Geological and Water Survey

(IGWS) and discovered that the organization has a research interest in the area. The IGWS dates back to 1837, only five years after Terre Haute was incorporated as a town. Its mission includes providing "geological information and counsel that contribute to the wise stewardship of the energy, mineral, and water resources of the state." On May 11, Jose Luis Antinao and Henry Loope of the IGWS toured the Atherton Island Natural Area. Thirteen others were present as the IGWS geologists explained the glacial geology of the area.

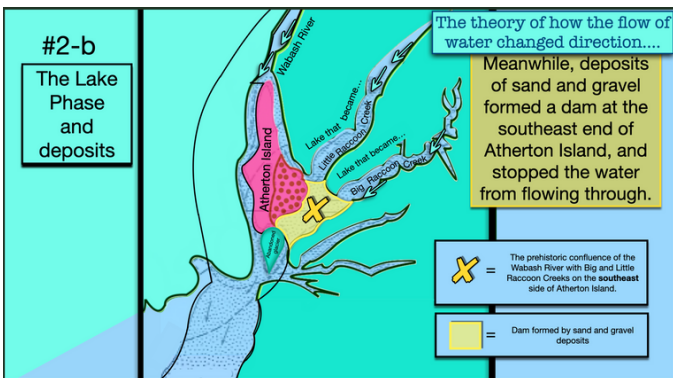
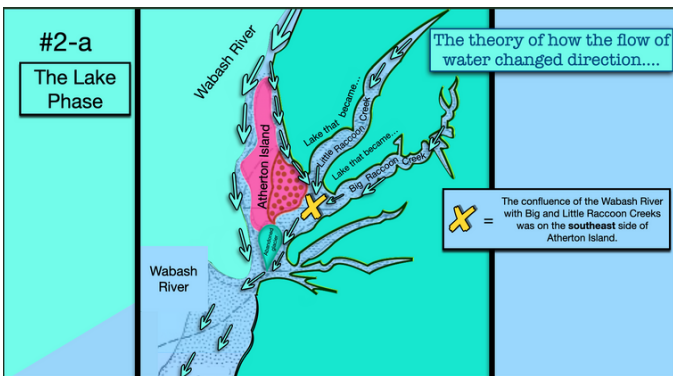
Henry Loope told the group that Atherton Island lies at the very southern limit of the most recent glacial episode, called the Wisconsin glaciation, which lasted from 50,000 to 10,000 years ago. The Atherton area was covered by glacial ice, but, being at the edge of the glacier, by a much thinner covering than even a few miles to the north.



As the climate warmed and the glacial ice retreated from the area, large southward flows of meltwater surrounded Atherton Island (figure #1), while Big Raccoon Creek fed into the eastern of the two large flows. The eastern flow became blocked either by ice or by deposits of



sand and gravel carried by the meltwater, causing a lake to form along the entire eastern edge of the island (figure #2-a and #2-b).

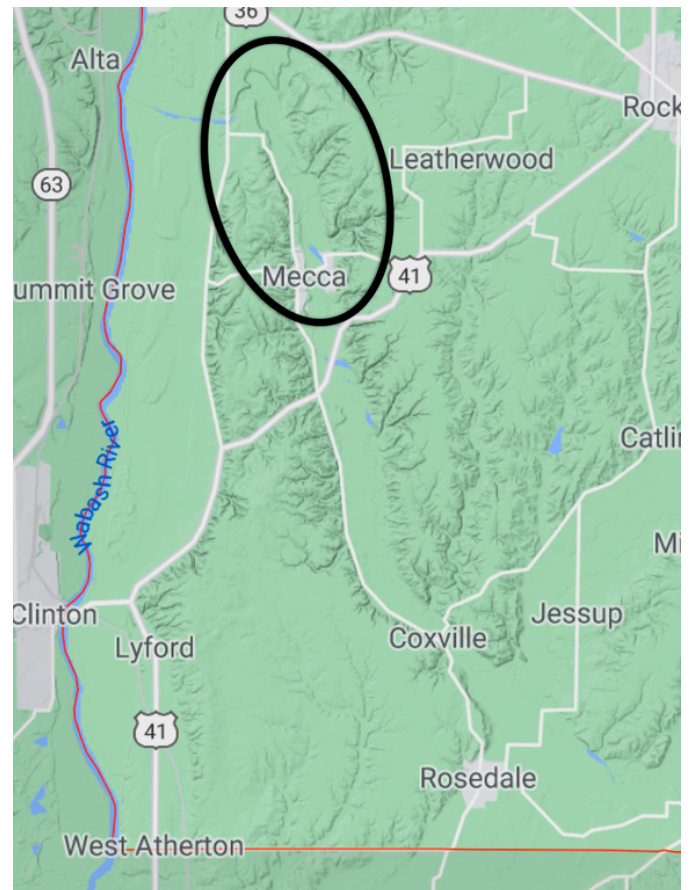


Eventually, the lake water rose high enough to spill back into the Wabash River on the north end of the island and the flow of water was reversed, as the lake emptied from south to north. Now, the water of Big Raccoon Creek still flows north through the waterway initially formed by the southward-flowing post-glacial melt.

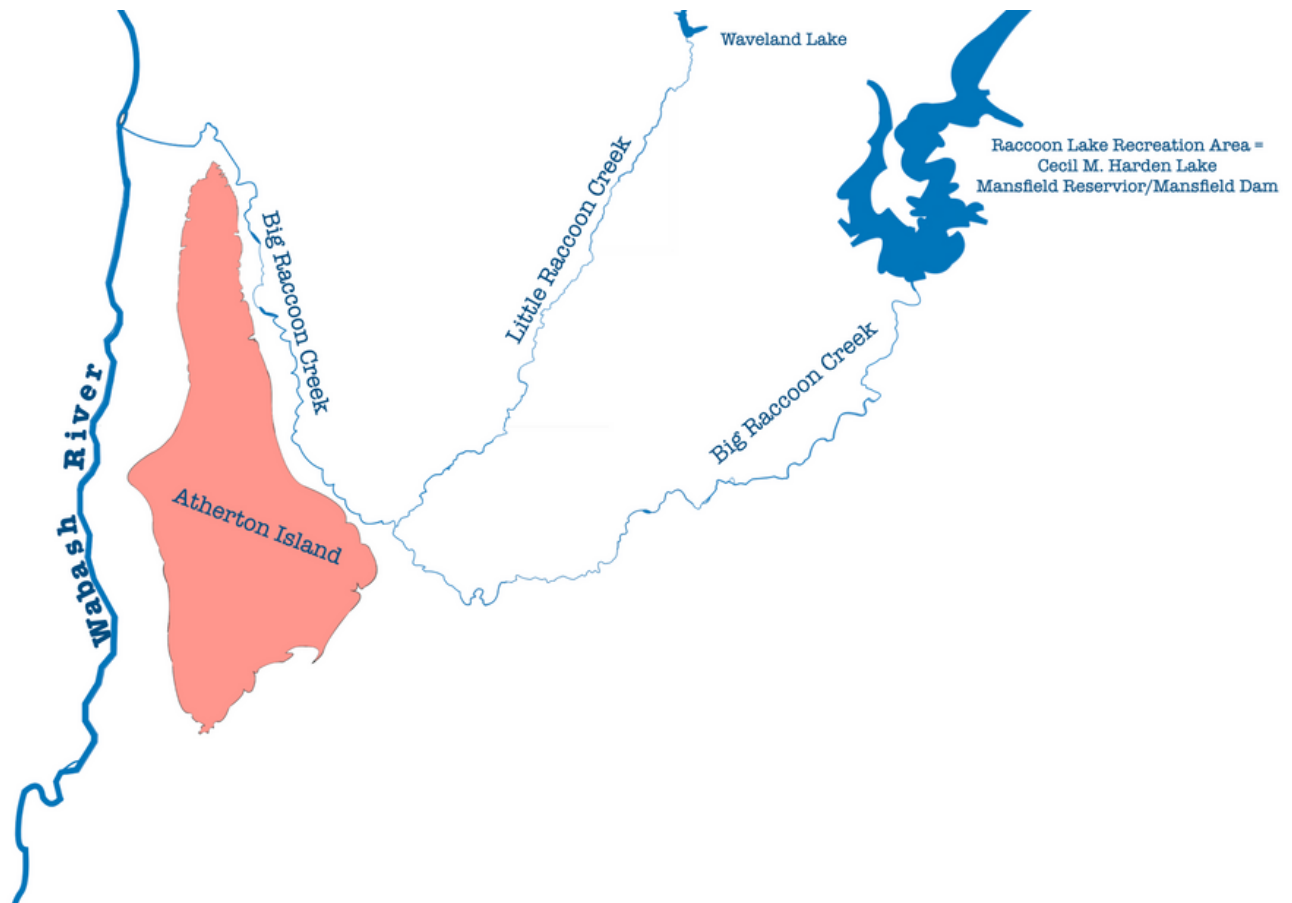
The deposits from the southward glacial flow and later lake environment partially filled the valley between Atherton Island, the highland

to the east. After the streamflow reversal, Big Raccoon Creek carried much of these deposits away. However, the highest parts of the previous valley fill were not removed by the much smaller flow of Big Raccoon Creek and still hug each side of its valley in features known as glacial terraces.

A good place to see a terrace is the road north of Mecca (S. Coxville Rd.), which is perched on the terrace material that the Creek did not scour away. The west side of the road faces the fairly vertical face of the Atherton upland. To the east, the floodplain of the current Raccoon Creek is about 150 feet lower than the road.



When the glacier first retreated, the land was barren and the wind had a free hand in moving fine-grained silt, creating deposits tens of feet thick. This material is called loess. Pronunciation of the term varies around the



world, but in these parts, it's pronounced "luss." The IGWS is interested in determining a more precise origin and age of the silt. Loess has the odd property of sticking together in a manner that allows steep slopes to form, even though one could easily scoop out the material with a spoon. Thus it is a popular location for bird nests, especially for swallows.

The post-glacial wind also created a series of sand dunes which are still present as the sandy hills just east of Sandcut and west of Greencastle Road.

From a creek bed in the Atherton Island Natural Area, Henry and Jose Luis were able to point out the gray deposits left directly by the glacier. While most stream and lake deposits are composed of material well sorted by size, these glacial deposits are a mix of silt, sand, and large pebbles. Above this thirty-foot thick layer is a ten-foot brown layer of the wind-deposited loess.

On a follow-up visit, the IGWS staff found additional exposures of glacial material, including a deposit made by the much earlier Illinoian glaciation (300,000 to 140,000 years ago). The older Illinoian deposits weathered into the soil which was later covered by the Wisconsin glacier. IGWS will search for any remnants of wood remaining in this soil in order to do radiometric carbon dating of the advance of the Wisconsin glacier. It is expected to date to about 24,000 years ago. OLC has approved the IGWS request to come back and drill a core sample into the loess for their research project. For more information about the ice ages and Indiana, see <https://igws.indiana.edu/Surficial/IceAge>.

ARMADILLO IN INDIANA

By John O. Whitaker Jr. and Angela K. Chamberlain

With information and photo by our colleague Brad Westrich (Indiana DNR)

Most people do not realize we have armadillos in Indiana. However, we do, and they are becoming more abundant over time. The first armadillo observed in Indiana was in Gibson County on I-64 just east of the Illinois line. Since then we have at least 62 additional records from 29 counties.

They range from Vanderburgh and Warrick counties in the south, to Porter County in the north, and to Scott and Bartholomew counties in the east. As yet, we have no indication of reproduction as all sightings have been lone adults. Most of the armadillos reported have been found dead on the road. However, we do have at least six records of live animals - some with photographs (see Photo 1).

In addition to the Illinois border, armadillos may have also entered Indiana from Kentucky in the Evansville area.

Since we began keeping records, numbers of armadillos reported per year have steadily increased until 2020 when there was a surge of reports. Thus we refer to 2020 as "the year of the armadillo in Indiana."

So keep your eye out for armadillos and you could be the first to see a baby armadillo in the state of Indiana.

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Photo 1: Live Adult Indiana Armadillo



OLC WELCOMES NEW DIRECTORS & ADVISORY MEMBERS

The Ouabache Land Conservancy is pleased to welcome two new members to the Board of Directors. It is a belated welcome to Claudia Cozadd (left). Claudia was elected to the Board in the Spring of 2021 as OLC's Vice President of Stewardship. She started organizing Weed Wrangles to control invasive species on OLC properties and has been elected for a full Director's term starting in 2022. Claudia is a Graduate Research Assistant at Indiana State University's Center for Atmospheric & Oceanic Systems and also volunteers at the ISU Community Garden. Welcome also to our second new Director, Denise Sobieski (right). Denise recently retired from teaching biology and AP Environmental Science at Terre Haute North Vigo High School. Denise is an avid birder and has volunteered with the Wabash Valley Audubon Society. Denise has volunteered to be OLC Treasurer starting in 2022. Thank You Denise! And a BIG THANKS to Ron Tyner for handling the Treasurer's duties the last 4 years and continuing on as a Director to help show Denise the "ropes".



In addition, we have added several new Advisory Board members. Thank you to the following: Dan Bradley, Mike Fisher, Katherine Gambill, Brendan Kearns, Britton Luther, Jeremy Montgomery, Joe Newport, and Jean Testa. With the help of our new Directors and Advisory Board Members, we anticipate great things for conservation in west-central Indiana.

OLC WELCOMES THOMAS BAER AS NEW PRESIDENT



Thomas is a lifelong resident of Vigo County in Indiana. Growing up along the banks of the Wabash River has given him a deep respect for the natural world. Thomas' family owned property in Brown County Indiana where they spent their summers camping on 40 acres surrounded by Yellowwood State Forest. There Thomas and his 8 siblings were allowed to explore the 34 thousand acres of forest at will. Thomas is a beekeeper and has lived on the banks of the Wabash for 29 years, while serving as an OLC Board member for five years.

2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (TERM EXPIRATIONS)

Thomas Baer, President (2022)	Marty Jones, Immediate Past President (2022)
Claudia Cozadd, VP of Stewardship (2024)	Hansford Mann, Jr., VP of Acquisition (2023)
Adam Grossman, VP of Development (2023)	Phil Cox, VP of Programs (2023)
Lisa Baer, Secretary (2024)	Denise Sobieski, Treasurer (2024)
Ron Tyner, Director (2023)	Jim Nardi, Director (2023)
David Kluger, Director (2023)	Susan Berta, Director (2022)
Michelle Marincel Payne, Director (2022)	

ADVISORY BOARD

George Bakken	Mike Fisher
Dan Bradley	Katherine Gambill
Jane Santucci Bryant	Dan Griggs
Mary Beth Eberwein	Ted Harris
Jeff Fisher	T.J. Hellman

ADVISORY BOARD - CONTINUED

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Brendan Kearns

Carissa Lovett

Britton Luther

Gerald McGlone

Bill Mitchell

Jeremy Montgomery

Raoul Moore

Fred Nation

Joe Newport

Larry Owen

Marshall Parks

Patrick Ralston

Keith Ruble

Peter Scott

Jim Speer

Jean Testa

John Whitaker

Honorary Advisory Board

Jim McDonald

2021 Programs & Activities

New Year's Day Hike at JSNP

Spring Wildflower Hike at AINA

Weed Wrangles at JSNP & SONP

Hoosier Riverwatch Training

Otter Creek Watershed 319 Grant Project

Tallgrass Prairie Hike at JSNP

Jackson-Schnyder Day at JSNP

OLLI Bird Hike at JSNP

Grassland Management Workshop at JSNP

Fall Foliage Hike at JSNP

Annual Celebration at The Red Barn

Conservation Reserve Program at AINA

Rose-Hulman IT Freshman Design Project

Indiana Land Protection Alliance Annual Meeting

Indiana Master Naturalist Hike at AINA

Hoosier Hiker's Council Hike at AINA

Pride Center of Terre Haute Hike at JSNP

Indiana Master Naturalist Class Presentation

Indiana University Herbarium Hike at AINA

Indiana Geological & Water Survey Hike at AINA

Arbor Day Celebration Tree Giveaway

2021 NON-BOARD MEMBER SUPPORTERS

Stephanie Alexander

John Bacone

Daniel & Cheri Bradley

George & Susan Brattain

Angie Bridgewater

Lee & Patricia Casebere

Andrew Conner

Patty Cottom

William Cowen

Sallie Cox

Emma Crossen

Mark & Cindy Davis

Harold Davis

Heather Delaney (in memory of
David Delaney)

Mike Divan

Kelly Duggins

Charles Edens

Marcia Evrard

Mike & Amy Fisher

Peggy Foster

John Gettinger

Protected Properties

Fee Simple (complete ownership)
Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve
(Vigo County) 15 acres

Atherton Island Natural Area
(Parke County) 188 acres

Sanctuary Oaks Nature Preserve
(Sullivan County) 14 acres

Whitaker Woods Nature Preserve
(Clay County) 40 acres

Conservation Easements

McDonald Farm (Vigo Co) -371 acres

Haymaker Farm (Putnam Co) -161 acres

Reynolds Property (Vigo Co) - 15 acres

Osburn Cliffs (Sullivan Co) - 38 acres

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Facebook & Instagram

Mission Statement

To protect and restore land in west-central
Indiana by providing habitat for native species,
maintaining natural scenic beauty, and improv-
ing water and air quality; while offering educa-
tion and enhancing the quality of life in our
communities for future generations.

2021 NON-BOARD MEMBER SUPPORTERS - CONTINUED

Dorothy Goodwin	Paul & Cathy Newport
Mark & Thelma Grayless	Joe Newport
James Greene	Joan Osburn
Tim Hall	Greg & Clare Oskay
Nick Harby	PARE Consultants
Jerold Hargis	Edward A. Pease
Christine King	Robert Petty
Diana Hews	Jim & Judith Reppell
Darlene Hildebrand	Mary Kay Rothert
Roy & Donna Hollingsworth	Joan-Mohr Samuels
Andrea & Michael Huntington	Richard Shagley II
Indiana Native Plant Society	Rebecca Strait
Indiana Master Naturalist Program	Jean Testa
Michael Van Itallie	Susan Ulrich
Jo-Anne Jones	Barbara & Daniel Weber
Rebecca Klingele	Moira Wedekind
Evan & Mimi Kokoska	Anna White
Mike & Joan Lunsford	Bill & Bob Wichmann
Britton & Mellanie Luther	Tom & Joan Wilson
Jeremy & Sharon Montgomery	Debra Winter
James & Debbie Montgomery	Betty Winters
Justin & Natalie Montgomery	Tom Zeller



PRESIDENT ARTICLE

Written by Marty Jones

As I end serving as the President of the Board of Directors, I speak for the OLC Board and our group of volunteers when I say that 2021 was a big year for us, and we intend to keep the momentum going as we enter the new year!

In 2021, we were all facing new and unfamiliar challenges: Covid-19, and more.

One year later, uncertainty remains, but there is something new. We know we can make it through the hard times. There's a new-found confidence and resilience. At the Ouabache Land Conservancy, we see and feel that resilience. In fact, 2021 was one of OLC's strongest yet. We are so proud of the benchmarks we've achieved together, including the acquisition of Whitaker Woods Nature Preserve and the IDEM 319 implementation grant for Otter Creek Watershed. We more than doubled our membership, engaged hundreds of people, and our members gave generously to sustain this work.

We also share our hopes for the years ahead. Conservation has many dimensions. It is driven by community and connection to place. Conservation is also dynamic. It changes as our land and our communities change. We will all benefit from the clean water and air, wildlife, and economic benefits that are allowed to flourish. Even the preservation of a beautiful view has great benefit in a world of concrete and subdivisions.

So much is at stake in our broader world, and so much possibility lies right in front of us. To continue making these possibilities a reality, the OLC Board will soon be meeting to work on a new Strategic Dream Plan. Continued progress depends on more people and families connecting to our mission and helping to support our efforts. If you are not an OLC member, please consider joining or volunteering for a few hours each month. If you are interested in volunteering and would like additional information, please contact a board member or email me at mjones@ouabachelandconservancy.org. Thank you.

Areas of Volunteer Need in 2022

Communications Coordinator

Webmaster

Land Steward @ Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve

Land Steward @ Sanctuary Oaks Nature Preserve

Trail builder

Trail Sign Creator (router, templates, and materials provided)

Serve on the Education Committee

Serve on the Financial Committee

Serve on the Fundraising Committee

JACKSON-SCHNYDER DAY



Ouabache Land Conservancy celebrated the 3rd annual "Jackson-Schnyder Day" at Jackson-Schnyder Nature Preserve on Saturday, August 14th. This annual celebration and hike are to celebrate the legacy and land ethic of Dr. Marion Jackson and Julius Schnyder, the preserve's former protectors and namesakes. Hikers traversed the Julius Trail's tallgrass prairie and then headed into the Marion Trail's woodlands to "Crown Point" identifying prairie and woodland plants, birds, butterflies, trees, and invasive species (to control) along the way. Thanks to Joe Newport and Marty Jones for maintaining these trails. The 4th Annual Jackson-Schnyder Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 10:00 am to Noon. Please check the OLC website and Facebook pages for other Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter hikes, and other activities planned at JSNP and our other preserves in Clay, Parke, and Sullivan Counties.

ABOUT OUABACHE LAND CONSERVANCY

The Ouabache (pronounced Wabash) Land Conservancy was founded in 2007 as a land trust and was awarded non-profit 501(c)3 status in 2010. There are currently about 1,281 active land trusts in the United States, with 24 in the state of Indiana. The function of most land trusts is to protect natural lands and farmlands from development. Some land trusts also focus on historic sites. For more information about land trusts visit www.landtrustalliance.org. OLC serves west central Indiana, concentrating in Clay, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, and Vigo Counties.

WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER? Anyone can become a member and supporter of OLC and we welcome all. We invite anyone who has an interest in preserving natural lands for future generations to attend our meetings. Please see membership form on back page or donate online via our website at www.ouabachelandconservancy.org.

OLC's board meetings are open to its general membership and to the public. They are held at 5:30 pm on the first Tuesday of most months at the Dobbs Park Nature Center, Terre Haute. During COVID, some meetings are held virtually. Ouabache Land Conservancy especially needs people whose love for nature would motivate them to serve on our board or on a committee. We can use individuals with naturalist knowledge, financial, real estate, trail development, grant writing, or engineering skills, website or newsletter experience, connections to other organizations for outreach events, and many other areas, including enthusiasm to help where needed most. Please visit our website and Facebook pages to keep up with the latest. Come join us!

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Yes, I want to become a member, or renew, my membership with the Ouabache Land Conservancy to help with its important conservation work. I am enclosing a tax-deductible contribution in the amount of:

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