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Board Member **Dennis Walter** Received a 10-Year Distinguished Service Award from the Kentucky Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

The **Executive Committee** of the Campbell County Conservation District meets as needed with those of the Boone and Kenton County Conservation Districts. The boards work together on conservation programs and employee policy, making changes as needed.

#### Standing Committees of the District July 2013 – June 2014

**Executive Committee** – Ron McCormick, Dennis Walter, and Ken McCormick.

**Farmland Work Group -** Campbell County Conservation District members on the Farmland Work Group include Dennis Walter, Linda Bray-Schafer, Ron McCormick, Gretchen Vaughn, and Rick Simon; and, former board members Helen Fehr and Alan Ahrman. Staff assisting were Linda Grizzell, John Stork and Mary Kathryn Dickerson.

Land Use Committee – Dennis Walter, Chairman; Linda Bray-Schafer; and, Sanford Record. Advisory Committee: DJ. Scully, Don Sorrell, and Dave Koester, Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service; Ian Young, NRCS Supervisory Natural Resource Manager; and, John Stork, Campbell County Conservation District staff. Gene Dobbs is the Agriculture Water Quality Act contact in the event a landowner is cited for violations under the Bad Actor clause of the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act (AWQA).

#### **Conservation Education and Public Information**

**Committee** – Ken McCormick, Chairman; Gene Dobbs/Gretchen Vaughn, Rick Simon, and Ron McCormick. Advisory Committee: DJ. Scully and Owen Prim of the Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service and Helen Fehr, former district board member.

Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area – Ken McCormick, Chairman; and Rick Simon. With the addition of St. Anne, the committee name was changed to Hawthorne St. Anne Advisory Team (HSAA).

**District Funding -** Conservation District revenue is provided through a county tax on real property and funding from the Kentucky Division of Conservation. A complete financial report is available at the district office.

**District Property** - In September the Campbell County Conservation District moved into their new office space at the Campbell County Courthouse in Alexandria through a lease with the Campbell County Fiscal Court. The Conservation District acquired more square footage at a lower monthly fee.



From left: are members of the Campbell County Conservation District Board of Supervisors and staff: Dennis Walter, Linda Bray-Schafer, Ron McCormick, District Coordinator Mary Kathryn Dickerson, Gene Dobbs, NRCS Soil Conservationist Emily Anderson, Rick Simon, District Admin. Secretary, Linda Grizzell, Sanford Record, Division of Conservation Field Representative Linda Hunter, and District Conservation Technician John Stork.

Picture courtesy of Chris Mayhew

#### Board Supervisors and Staff not pictured at left.



Supervisor Gretchen Vaughn



Intern Erin Rowekamp



Supervisor Ken McCormick



Natural Resources Conservation Service Supervisory Manager Ian Young

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The mission of the Campbell County Conservation District, in accordance with state statute, is to promote the best use of the land, water, and other natural resources within the district by encouraging the use of Best Management Practices. To further these efforts, the district provides assistance, information, and education throughout the county.

#### **District Board Supervisors:**

Ron McCormick, Chairman (Jan-June); Dennis Walter, Vice Chairman (Jan-June); Ken McCormick, Secretary/Treasurer (Jan-June); Gene Dobbs (July-Jan); Gretchen Vaughn (Feb-June); Linda Bray-Schafer; Rick Simon (Jan-June), and Sanford Record.

#### **District Staff:**

Linda Grizzell, Administrative Secretary; Mary Kathryn Dickerson, District Coordinator; John Stork Agriculture Conservation Technician; Erin Rowekamp, Intern.

# USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service:

Ian Young, Supervisory Natural Resource Manager ; Allen Arthur, Soil Conservation Technician; Emily Anderson, Soil Conservationist

#### Ky. Division of Conservation:

Linda Hunter, Field Representative



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The Campbell County Conservation District reviewed and revised their Long Range Plan during this fiscal year. They focused on six major areas of work from that plan during 2013 -2014.

### **Conservation Planning and Implementation**

**Technical Assistance -** Technical assistance is provided to Campbell County through Ian Young, Supervisory Natural Resource Manager, and Emily Anderson with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), our federal partner, and Campbell County Conservation District staff. In 2013-14, staff provided assistance to over 200 Campbell County contacts concerning conservation planning, rotational grazing systems, wildlife habitat improvement, forestry practices, animal waste control, nutrient management, storm water runoff, drainage, erosion and sediment control, and other conservation needs.

The NRCS, Conservation District, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, and Kentucky Division of Forestry work together to assist landowners with programs under the federal Farm Bill. Landowners have several years to complete practices and are required to maintain the practices for up to 20 years, depending on the program requirements.

The staff also currently provides ongoing assistance for five contracts under the 2008 Farm Bill. These contracts cover 200 acres of land and are valued at \$ 69,745. An additional eight applications covering 250 acres have been received. The value of those applications is \$48,881.

**Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Act -** A total of 603 landowners currently have a self-certification form filed with the District stating that they have developed and are implementing a water quality plan for their operation.

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#### Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Fund -

No producers were approved this fiscal year. Pending completion, one producer is to be awarded \$2,553 through the Ky. Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Fund to help install Best Management Practices on his farm to resolve resource problems. Producers may be granted up to two years to complete their practices.

#### **County Agricultural Investment Program (C.A.I.P.)**

The County Agricultural Development Council administers funds from the Phase I tobacco settlement. Funds are available for investment areas such as cattle genetics, cattle handling facilities, forages, fencing, onfarm water, agricultural diversification, and hay/grain

storage facilities. Board member Ron McCormick and former board member Alan Ahrman served as the district's representatives to this county board. The Conservation District administers the program in Campbell County. Twentyfour producers were approved and awarded \$53,724 this fiscal year. Staff John Stork performs the field visits for the District to verify completion and that all requirements are met.

The District operates a Cricket 3-ton Lime Spreader for rent to Campbell County farmers for \$25/day for spreading lime to improve productivity by increasing

the soil pH. Before using the lime spreader farmers must attend a safety training program offered by the Campbell County Extension Service. The spreader was purchased as a cooperative effort of the Campbell County Farm Bureau, Campbell County Extension Service, Campbell County Cattle Association, and the Campbell County Conservation District. It was rented by four farmers this fiscal year and brought in revenue of \$125. It is housed and managed by board member Ron McCormick.

#### **Farmland protection**

The District continues to build on the work started through the 2005 Farmland Study for Campbell County. Board members and staff from the Campbell County Conservation District and their partners continue to work to implement recommendations from the study. Partners include: Campbell Conservancy, Campbell County Fiscal Court, Campbell County Planning Commission, Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service, Campbell County Cattle Association, Campbell County Farm Bureau, Campbell County Future Farmers of America, Northern Kentucky Horse Network, Northern Kentucky University Center for Environmental Restoration, and the Campbell County Economic Progress Authority.



County Backroads Farm Tour this year. Visitors enjoyed the warmth and generous hospitality of fifteen Campbell County farm owners on Sat., July 27, 2013. The tour attracted more than 1.345 visitors with 4,689 farm visits at all locations. Most of the visitors were from Northern Kentucky and Cincinnati with 6 states and 24 cities represented. The tour showcased community-

supported agriculture,

The Marketing and

vegetable and produce growers, four vineyards, a museum, horse farms, and beef and grain farms. Visitors were directed along some of the county's most scenic back roads while stops along the way offered the opportunity to purchase fresh produce, honey and wine, and learn from some of our best farmers about the farming process.

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Backroads Farm Tour

Agricultural Districts - There are fourteen agricultural districts in Campbell County with a total of 12,171 acres and 249 landowners.

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Board members participated in the Alexandria Fair & Horse Show by purchasing a fair book advertisement featuring "Farming May Have Changed, But Farmers Haven't" supporting Campbell County farmers. They also purchased animals at the 4-H/ FFA Livestock Sal in partnership with several other organizations, and sponsored the 4-H Forestry Award (a check for \$25) the Alexandria Fair and Horse Show. Board member Ken McCormick presented the forestry award at the fa to Logan Stadtmiller.

The quarterly newsletter, *Landscapes*, reaches over 2,000 Campbell County farmers and other cooperator

Ken McCormick and Sanford Record, attended the Past board member Larry Varney maintains a web site meeting as well as staff members John Stork and Linda for the District, at http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd. Grizzell. Dennis Walter, Ron McCormick, Ken McCormick, Sanford Record, Gretchen Vaughn, Linda The district **Facebook** page can be found at Campbell Bray-Schafer, Mary Kathryn Dickerson, John Stork, and County Conservation District, Kentucky. The District Linda Grizzell attended the KACD Area 5 meeting in can also be found on YouTube. Kenton County at Sanitation District #1. Board members serve on statewide KACD committees, which The district supports the Northern Kentucky meet annually: District Outlook and Leadership, Development and Public Information and Awards,

University Environmental Education Alliance and the Environmental Education in No. Ky. Resource Sanford Record; Natural Resources, Rick Simon; and **Guide** is available through the district office. Education and Youth. Ken McCormick.

In April, the District partnered with the Kentucky Legislative Action - Dennis Walter serves as the **Division of Forestry and the Arbor Day Foundation** District's legislative liaison. on a Tree Recovery Campaign for the ten federally declared disaster counties from the March 2012 The Conservation District participates in the **10-minute** tornados. Staff members Mary Kathryn and Linda Supervisor Trainings provided by Division of Grizzell gave out 1,000 tree seedlings to Campbell Conservation Field Representative Linda Hunter during County landowners affected by the 2012 tornadoes. The district board meetings. seedlings consisted of pecan, white oak, swamp white oak, persimmon, and northern red oak. Board member Ron McCormick made a presentation to

In April Board member Gretchen Vaughn made a presentation to Fiscal Court on the District's upcoming events and on promoting Soil



Stewardship Week. Judge Steve Pendery signed the 2014 Soil Stewardship Proclamation, "Dig Deeper; Mysteries In The Soil".

On April 7 the District held the first in a series of forums called "**Right To Farm**". The purpose of these forums is to share information and inform farmers and landowners about their rights and responsibilities as landowners in Kentucky under KRS 100. Attorney Clint Quarles from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture was the guest speaker.

<b>&amp;</b> t	Equipped to serve the community
s y ale,	The Campbell County Conservation District is a member of the National Association of Conservation Districts, Kentucky Association of Conservation
at r fair	<b>Districts</b> , and <b>Kentucky Association of Conservation</b> <b>Districts Employee Association (KACDE).</b> The employee association helps provide training and support for district employees.
rs.	Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) – The state convention was held at Bowling Green. Board members Rick Simon, Ron McCormick,



Campbell County Fiscal Court at their regular meeting in June. The presentation covered the District's goals, accomplishments, and plan of work. Staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson assisted in the preparation and also attended the meeting.

**Staff Member Mary Kathryn Dickerson Celebrated 25 Years** with the Campbell, Boone, and Kenton Conservation Districts-Mary Kathryn Dickerson began her district duties on 1 January 1989. She was honored with an open house in recognition of her 25 years of service .



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The District hosted several Heritage Property Tours for Conservation District board members from Kenton County and Campbell County to help them learn more about land management.

**Campbell Conservancy** – In August 2006, the Conservancy and Conservation District Board approved an agreement through which the Conservation District provides administrative and technical services to the Conservancy for a nominal fee. The Conservation District also provides a space for meetings and storage of records. District Administrative Secretary Linda Grizzell provides staff support for the Conservancy.

**Bellevue Landslides** – The Conservation District was instrumental in connecting Bellevue residents and city officials with resources to assist them in trying to resolve issues with landslides.

#### Partnerships

Staff member Mary Kathryn Dickerson represents the District on the Solid Waste Technical Advisory Committee.

Board member Ken McCormick attended Northern Kentucky Urban & Community Forestry Council Annual fall dinner in October and a Reforest Northern Kentucky 2013 event at St. Anne in March.

#### **Outreach and Partnerships**

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Conservation Council (OKI-RCC) annual meeting was held at the Cincinnati Nature Center in March. Board members Ron McCormick, Ken McCormick, and Sanford Record attended. Ken McCormick participated on the planning committee for the meeting. Ken is the treasurer. Staff members Mary Kathryn Dickerson and John Stork were speakers this year.

In October, Ron McCormick, Ken McCormick, Sanford Record, and staff Linda Grizzell attended the OKI-RCC annual tour hosted by Clermont County SWCD. They toured the algae wheel wastewater treatment system at the Cincinnati Nature Center, visited their "playscape", and their Shor Park Wetland Restoration and **Bioretention Project.** 

Board member Ken McCormick participated in the **Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of** Governments (OKI-RCG) Planning Forum that meets

quarterly. OKI-RCG is committed to helping local government in the region implement well-defined land use and transportation strategies and enhance and

conserve environmental resources.

### AJ Jolly Park 50th Anniversarv

Celebration-Board members Rick Simon, Ron McCormick, and Sanford Record along with staff members Linda Grizzell. Mary Kathryn Dickerson, and John Stork worked at the Campbell County Conservation District's booth at the AJ Jolly Park 50th Anniversary



District staff assisted with a booth at the A. J. Jolly Park 50th Anniversary Celebration in August. From left are John Stork, Linda Grizzell and Mary Kathryn Dickerson.

Celebration. The focus of the display was pond scum and water quality. It integrated data collected by Thomas More College and Northern Kentucky University students.

Big Bone Lick State Park Discovery Days - Board

members Rick Simon, Ron McCormick, Ken McCormick, and Sanford Record worked at October's Big Bone Lick State Park Discovery Days and Salt Festival. Staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson organized the Boone-Campbell-Kenton District booth at the three-day event. Staff Mary Kathryn Dickerson and John Stork worked the school-day booth on Friday and had approximately 350-400 visits from students, parents, and faculty. The Districts hosted over 500 visitors total during the festival. The booth focused on Pond Scum



Sanford Record greeted visitors at the Big Bone Lick Salt Festival. The Boone, Kenton and Campbell Conservation Districts shared a booth focusing on Pond Scum.

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(Continued from page 2) Management Practices for pond and lake algae growth Through a partnership with the Cooperative Extension that may affect their use for livestock water and other Service Agriculture Agents, the Northern Kentucky purposes. Partners in this project are Dr. Miriam Kannan **Agritourism Network** was officially formed as a 501(c) with Northern Kentucky University (NKU) and the Foundation for Ohio River Education (FORE). 3 organization and includes the counties of Campbell, Boone, Kenton, and Pendleton. Supervisors Dennis Walter is the president and Linda Bray-Schafer serves Weed Management Project - The Boone, Campbell on the steering committee. and Kenton County Conservation Districts received a KSW9 Environmental grant for a joint program to demonstrate effective ways of controlling invasive

### Develop local programs to meet local needs and promote state and national programs that further conservation

Non-Traditional Agriculture Grant – The Conservation District received a grant from the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Fund to assist landowners who are not eligible for traditional Farm Bill cost share programs. The grant assists landowners to install practices to control sediment and erosion. One application was approved and two producers have been awarded a total of \$4.350.

Farm Dump Removal Grants - The Conservation District received a grant from the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Fund to assist in cleaning up farm dumps. Two applications were approved and two have been awarded \$3,596 this fiscal year.

Dead Farm Animal Disposal Program - The District Tree Planting and Urban Forestry Enhancement received a matching grant from the Kentucky Division The Campbell County Conservation District has been of Conservation Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost giving matching grants for Tree Planting and Share Fund to assist landowners with proper disposal of Community Beautification since 1993 to help cities and fallen livestock. This year 52 producers participated in communities establish programs or develop projects to the program. The program also assists the county animal protect and conserve our natural resources. The project shelter with costs for proper disposal of animals. A total

of \$4,125.86 was awarded from the grant this fiscal year.

**Pond Scum Project -**District staff has been working the past few years with local farmers and lake owners to help identify problems with algae. The Boone, Campbell and Kenton **County Conservation** Districts received a Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Environmental

Grant for a joint program to

demonstrate Best



Joint Agency Meeting

Left: Panelists John Stork - Boone, Campbell and Kenton County Conservation Districts; DJ Scully - Campbell County Cooperative Extension Service: Mike Silliman - Kentucky Division of Forestry; Casey Shrader -Natural Resources Conservation Service; and Clay Smitson - Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Right: Mark Jacobs. Boone & Kenton County Conservation Districts.

species on private and public lands. Results of a survey conducted by Northern Kentucky University students are pending.

The Boone, Campbell and Kenton County Conservation Districts hosted their fifth Joint Agency Meeting in March. This year's meeting featured a public forum on "Improving Our Forests in Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties". Our panelists included representatives from Natural Resources Conservation Service; the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; the Kentucky Division of Forestry; the Boone-Campbell-Kenton Conservation Districts: and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Board members Ron McCormick, Rick Simon, Ken McCormick, Sanford Record, and Gretchen Vaughn attended; and staff Linda Grizzell, Mary Kathryn Dickerson, and John Stork also attended. John was a panelist representing the Conservation Districts.

must be accomplished on lands located in Campbell County that are owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by city, county, state, or federal government and must include funding or in-kind contributions in an amount equal to the grant request.

This year three grants were awarded. The City of Bellevue received \$1,000 for their "City-wide Tree Planting Plan", the City of (Continued on page 4)

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Dayton received \$1,000 toward their "Dayton Pike Park' project, and the City of Alexandria received \$1,000 for their "Welcome to Alexandria" project.

Education Grants - The Campbell County Conservation District has offered education grants since 1991 to assist schools in fostering learning about conservation and our environment. Grant applications are accepted from October through January each year. This year one grant was awarded. Campbell Ridge



Elementary School received \$1,000 for their "Accessible Plantings-**Engaging Students** with Disabilities in Conservation" project.

Board member Ken McCormick attended the Crossroads Elementary Appreciation Luncheon in

Left: County Art Winner Wyatt Pence, Teacher September that Incentive Award Winner Irene Nichols, and K-2 County Art Winner Will Sheets.

included a tour of the school.

Crossroads has received funding in previous years from the District's Education Grant to enhance their outdoor classroom.

**Conservation Scholarships**—Four \$1,000 scholarships were awarded this year through the Campbell County Conservation District: Nicole Marie Robertson: her field of study is biology; Zoe Francine Sarakatsannis: her



Left: Rick Simon with District scholarship winners Anna Snowball, Nichole Robertson and Carla Sarakatsannis (mother of Zoe Sarakatsannis).

field of study is natural resources and environmental science; Anna Elizabeth Snowball: her field of study is environmental science; and Zachary Wade Poynter: his field of study is environmental science and biology.

The Campbell County Conservation District supports the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts Auxiliary Scholarship program through a donation of money. Items for the annual auction are donated by board members and partners.

The District sponsors a \$175 scholarship to attend the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Camp Webb. This year the District awarded a scholarship to Andrew Alwell from Sts. Peter and Paul School. Scholarships are made possible by donations from local hunting and fishing clubs and sponsors, such as the Campbell County Conservation District.

Writing and Art Contests – "Mission  $H_20$ " was the topic for this school year's Conservation Contests. In the Art Contest there were 914 entries from eight schools. In the Writing Contest there were 157 entries from six schools. From the Campbell County Conservation District, the art winners received a Spring Waters Gathering Places book. The writing winners received two sets of Kentucky Aquatic Wild Cards: Upland Reservoirs & Big River Ecosystems and Wetland Slough & Stream Ecosystems. In Campbell County, the art entries from grades K-2 are judged separately, and that winner received a \$25 check from the Campbell County Conservation District. All Teachers received a t-shirt and a Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide from the Campbell County Conservation District. Students also received Legislative Citations to honor their work from Senator Katie Stine, and Representatives Joe Fischer, Adam Koenig, Dennis Keene, Tom McKee, and Thomas Kerr. The meal was catered by Sis's Family Restaurant & Catering from Newport.

Irene Nichols, St. Thomas Elementary, was the recipient of the District's Teacher Incentive Award for the Writing and Art Contests.

Highlands High School of Ft. Thomas, under the leadership of Colleen Epperson, competed for the fifth time in the East Regional State *Envirothon* competition in April with two teams. Team A came in sixth and Team B came in twentieth out of 24 teams.

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The Cooperator of the Year was Kevin Rust

Kevin Rust was chosen as the 2013 Campbell County Conservation District Cooperator of the Year. The district award is part of the National Conservation Districts' recognition program. Kevin was chosen for the award because of his hard work to improve the quality of his land in Campbell County.



The Campbell County Cooperator of the Year Award was presented to the Rust family during the Conservation District's Awards Dinner. From left are Harry, Nancy, Anna, Kevin (in back), Lisa, and Nicholas Rust.

A volunteer of the year award was presented to Bob Grizzell for his many hours of service with outreach events and the move to the District's new office. Also this year, an appreciation award was presented to Melissa Williams for helping the Conservation District with many issues and projects over the years.

#### Promote the value of all county lands and natural resources and work for their protection

Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area - Last fiscal year the approaches to the Trillium Trail bridge. Following acquisition of Northern Kentucky University Center for Applied Ecology now the property, Northern Kentucky University students installed the Northern Kentucky University Center for Environmental another water bar on the Cloister Trail. Additionally, the Restoration (NKU-CER) removed invasive species, enhanced the biological inventory and archeological assessment of the property are underway to ensure that natural and cultural features are wetland meadow, and repaired several areas along the stream. protected. This fiscal year they completed their first year of monitoring which revealed that they

exceeded their goal of 75% native species cover This site will continue to be monitored in the future and corrective action taken as necessary. Efforts to preserve a log cabin home site continue and a suitable parking area is being pursued to have the property open in the future for hiking, bird watching, nature study.

The area will also be



From left: Sarah Lester. The Campbell Conservancy, Rick Simon and Ron McCormick, Campbell County Conservation District; Joe Piller, The Campbell Conservancy, and Kara Williams and Kristine Frech with Vision 2015.

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designated as a stop along the Licking River for canoeing and kayaking. The District hosted two Stewardship hikes at the property in April. Representatives from Vision 2015 and the Campbell Conservancy, as well as neighbors and Conservation District supervisors attended.

In April, the District accepted a gift of 11.5 acres of land from Allen and Loureena Weber for the purposes of conservation, restoration and preservation of the land, and water and significant natural characteristics, including its ecological and aesthetic values. The property lies adjacent to Hawthorne Crossing.

St. Anne Woods & Wetlands - The Conservation District received a grant from the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Board (KHLCFB) to purchase land in Campbell County known as the St. Anne Woods & Wetlands. On 11 September 2013, a total of 146.46 acres was purchased by the Conservation District from the Sisters of Divine Providence. A celebration of stewardship was held on 21 November 2013 to commemorate the transfer of the St. Anne Woods & Wetlands to the Campbell

County Conservation District.

Prior to the acquisition of the property, students from the Ohio River Foundation worked to remove invasive burning bush, installed water bars on the Cloister Trail to reduce erosion, and repaired a foot bridge which is used for crossing



Left: Zeb Weese, Ron McCormick, and Sister Fran Moore at St. Anne Celebration.

over the creek on the Trillium Trail. The Conservation District made other necessary repairs on additional foot bridges, such as replacing or repairing railings, and added steps and rock walkway

A section of the St. Anne Wetlands, Anderson Lane, Melbourne, is open to the public from dawn to dusk each day. Kiosks developed by the St. Anne Wetlands Education and Research Center will help guide you along the established trail. Research is encouraged at this site and visitors are asked to ensure that the research is undisturbed. The northern portion is open by appointment only. The Woods is located adjacent to the St. Anne Retreat Center. This area will be open to the public following the establishment of a public entrance and parking facility.

A joint advisory team for the Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area and St. Anne Woods and Wetlands, composed of members from the District, Conservancy, and Fiscal Court researches and discusses issues affecting the property.

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