

THE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES DOMESTIC NAMES COMMITTEE PROPOSAL FORM

This document is for those interested in proposing:

1. **A new name for a currently unnamed geographic feature, or**
2. **A change to an existing name, spelling, or where a name is applied.**

By submitting this form, the proponent acknowledges the [BGN Policies](#) and agrees to work with BGN staff regarding their proposal.



Domestic Geographic Name Proposal Form

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN) is responsible for standardizing the names of geographic features within the 50 States and in other areas under the sovereignty of the United States. The BGN retains the legal authority to promulgate all official names and locations of natural features (e.g. mountains, rivers, valleys), as well as canals, channels, reservoirs, and other select feature types.

This form is to propose a new name or name, spelling, or application change for a geographic feature for Federal use. A proponent should carefully review the proposal prior to submission to ensure that it is consistent with the [BGN policies](#). Please note all fields with a red outline are required prior to submitting this form.

The proponent should also be aware that the entire proposal—including personal identifying information and any associated correspondence—is in the public domain and may be made publicly available at any time.

- Submit Proposal: 1. Download and email this form and supporting documentation to: BGNESEC@usgs.gov
- Contact Us: BGNESEC@usgs.gov
- OR 2. Send by mail to:
U.S. BGN Executive Secretary, Domestic Names
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-523
Reston, VA 20192
- i. Save PDF using this format:
'State_GeographicNameProposed'
- ii. Email Subject: *ST_GeographicName*
- Please note that anything submitted by mail will be delayed.*

Naming Basics

Proposed Name:

The Peninsula Quarry

Is this to change an existing name? Y N

If yes, please provide the official name and Feature ID as it appears in [the Geographic Names Information System \(GNIS\)](#).

Is this name in current local use? Y N

What is the Feature Type?

Lake

GNIS Name:

GNIS ID:

Location Basics



Where is the feature?

Latitude: 41.24200 (38.94741)

Longitude: -81.56400 (-77.36839)



General Location:

State: Ohio

County: Summit

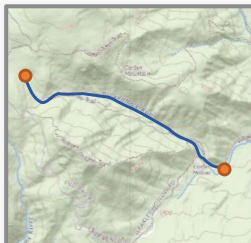
City/Town/
Township/
Borough: Peninsula, Ohio

For Linear Features (e.g. stream or valley):

Mouth/Confluence

Latitude: (38.94741)

Longitude: (-77.36839)



Source/Headwater

Latitude: (38.94741)

Longitude: (-77.36839)

Public Land Survey System:

Section(s), Township, Range, Meridian

Feature Description

Physical shape, length, width, etc. (Maps can be submitted separately by email)

Feature Information:

Proposed Name: The Peninsula Quarry

General Location Description: The Peninsula Quarry is located within the city of Peninsula, Summit County, Ohio. This man-made lake, formed from an old limestone quarry, is situated in a region known for its natural beauty and conservation efforts.

Physical Characteristics: The feature is a permanent, rectangular-shaped lake, approximately 475 feet in length (west-to-east) and 250 feet in width (north-to-south), located within the confines of an old limestone quarry site.

Name Details

Name information:

Please provide relevant information about the proposed name, such as origin, meaning, how long it has been in current use, as well as current or historical significance. Also include why you believe the feature requires a name or name change and why the proposed name is appropriate. Describe any documents that you will be submitting (separately by email) to support your proposal.

Significance of Feature:

The Peninsula Quarry serves as an active swimming and recreation area, and has been since the 1960s. It contributes significantly to the local community's quality of life and supporting the region's conservation and outdoor recreation goals. The quarry's historical role in providing limestone for local construction, including the local school, adds to its cultural and historical value.

Biography of Geographic Feature:

This lake, shaped by the hands of history and nature, stands as a testament to the region's industrial past and its transition to a center for community recreation and environmental stewardship. It embodies the spirit of conservation while honoring three generations of local residents who have cherished and preserved this unique natural resource.

Please provide a list of supporting documentation, including any web links:

Examples: Published sources showing the proposed name or letters of support (local government, historical society, etc.).

Online Presence:

Website: <http://peninsulaquarry.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thepeninsulaquarry/>

[<https://www.beaconjournal.com/story/news/2023/08/28/the-swimming-quarry-in-peninsula-may-be-closed-for-good/70698552007/>]

The Peninsula Quarry has been a recognized place-name on Google Maps for many years:

<https://g.co/kgs/3idMx6k>

Published Sources:

Beacon Journal Article on Conservancy:

<https://www.beaconjournal.com/story/news/2023/08/28/the-swimming-quarry-in-peninsula-may-be-closed-for-good/70698552007/>

Is the name [commemorative](#)? Does the name honor or refer to a person or persons? Y N

Please note that the BGN will only accept proposals for names that are intended to honor a person or persons deceased at least five years. The BGN will disapprove names that could be construed to honor living persons. The person being honored should have had either (1) some direct or long-term association with the feature, or (2) have made a significant contribution to the area, community, or State in which it is located; or (3) have outstanding national or international recognition. The BGN discourages the use of an individual's full name except to avoid ambiguity.

If yes, please provide the following:

Honoree's Date of Birth:

Honoree's Date of Death:

Short biography and significance or association with the geographic feature: *(list any additional honorees here)*

Is the feature in a Wilderness Area or Wilderness Study Area? Y N Unknown

If yes, please provide your justification for making an exception to [the Wilderness Policy](#):

Please note that the BGN will not approve new names for unnamed features within wilderness areas or wilderness study areas, unless an overriding need can be demonstrated by the proponent.

Is the name you are proposing intended to honor Native Americans, their language, or culture? Y N

If yes, to ensure that the proposed name is appropriate, the BGN strongly advises proponents to work with Tribal Leaders, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and/or Native American linguists or other expert(s) associated with the Tribe to determine the acceptability of the proposed name and application. Please review [the BGN's Cultural Sensitivity for Native American Names guidance](#).

Proponents should also seek letters of endorsement from the governments (e.g., Tribal Councils) of any affected Tribes. Please indicate below, or in documentation submitted separately (with this proposal or any time after the proposal is submitted), any efforts to solicit Tribal input.

Additional Information +

Is there any local opposition or conflict with the proposed name? Y N

If yes, please explain and describe any opposition:

No Local Opposition or Conflict:

To the best of our knowledge, there is no local opposition or conflict regarding the proposed name. The naming of The Peninsula Quarry is a tribute to the site's historical, environmental, and recreational significance to the Peninsula community.

Additional notes, including any Tribal input details

Conclusion and Statement of Support:

We, at Oapsie Inc., along with the local community, believe that officially naming this feature The Peninsula Quarry will preserve its historical significance, enhance its identity, and ensure its legacy for future generations. We respectfully submit this application in hopes of gaining official recognition and further promoting the area's natural and cultural heritage.


Additional Information:-

The feature is not in a Wilderness Area, as it is a man-made structure resulting from the damming of Slipper Run and the site's history as an active limestone quarry.- A USGS map highlighting the specific location, physical shape, and general area of The Peninsula Quarry will be submitted separately via email as per USGS guidelines. Please see attachment(s) for additional informatio for this application.

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Proponent Information


Please provide one form of contact (email preferred):


 Proponent's Name: James E. O'Flanagan


Agency or Organization, if applicable:

Oapsie Inc.

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Munroe Falls, OH
44262

 Phone: (330) 256-1687

 Are you completing this form for someone else? Y N

If yes, please fill out the following:

Completed by:

Full Name:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

United States Bureau of Geographic Names Application for:
The Peninsula Quarry

Submitted for consideration to USGS, March 30, 2024

Oapsie Inc.

James O'Flanagan, President

Summary

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Site Information

The Peninsula Quarry, a cornerstone of the Peninsula community in Summit County, Ohio, not only boasts a rich historical background but also serves as a beacon of natural beauty and recreational enjoyment. The proposed naming, "The Peninsula Quarry," aims to encapsulate the essence of this man-made lake, further solidifying its place within the local and wider communities.

Online Presence and Engagement:

The Peninsula Quarry maintains an active online presence, providing a digital window into the serene beauty and recreational opportunities it offers. Through its website and social media platforms, the Quarry engages with the community, sharing updates, events, and conservation efforts.

- Website: The official website [<https://peninsulaquarry.com/>] serves as a comprehensive resource for information regarding the Quarry's offerings, history, and conservation initiatives.
- Facebook: The Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/thepeninsulaquarry/>] connects the Quarry with the community, providing a space for updates, event announcements, and community engagement.

Galaxy of Edi Websites:

As part of its commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement, The Peninsula Quarry is featured across the Galaxy of Edi network, highlighting its significance as a natural resource and recreational feature.

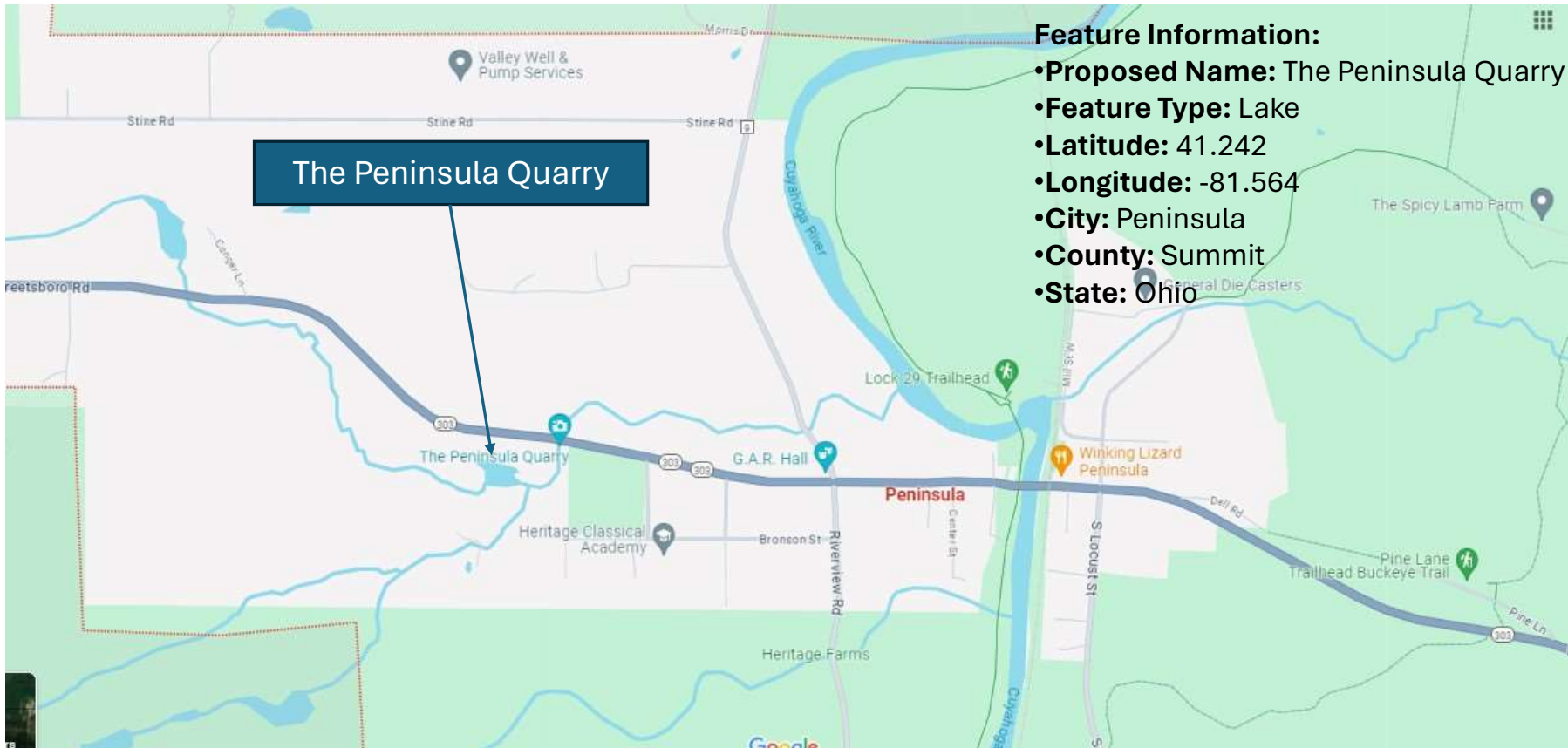
- East Rim Trail Online [<https://eastrimtrail.com/>]: Focusing on the beauty & recreational value of the Quarry w\ of local trails and outdoor activities.
- Oapsie Daisy Newsletter: [<https://oapsie.com/oapsie-daisy-newsletter-1/>]: A platform for detailed stories, conservation tips, & historical insights into the Quarry & its surroundings.
- The Galaxy of Edi Online [<http://galaxyofedi.com/>]: Showcases broader environmental and engineering projects, with the Quarry featured as a case study in successful community-based conservation efforts.

Published Sources:

Significant coverage in local news, such as the Beacon Journal article [<https://www.beaconjournal.com/story/news/2023/08/28/the-swimming-quarry-in-peninsula-may-be-closed-for-good/70698552007/>] underscores the Quarry's role in the community and the ongoing dialogue around its preservation and use.

The Peninsula Quarry stands as a testament to the balance between industrial heritage and natural preservation, offering a unique recreational space that enriches the Peninsula community. Its proposed official naming seeks to honor this legacy, ensuring its recognition and preservation for generations to come.

Map



*The Peninsula Quarry, near Historic Downtown Peninsula, Ohio
Image taken from Google Maps*

About Oapsie Inc.

Oapsie Inc.'s commitment to technology, conservation, and community is further exemplified by his active presence and contributions to various online platforms. Under the umbrella of the Galaxy of Edi, he manages a series of websites and digital outlets that focus on outdoor activities, conservation efforts, and engineering insights, showcasing his multifaceted interests and expertise. Below are the links to the Galaxy of Edi's key websites:

- **East Rim Trail:** [<https://eastrimtrail.com>] – A platform dedicated to promoting outdoor activities and conservation efforts, focusing on the beauty and significance of natural trails.
- **Oapsie Daisy Newsletter:** [<https://oapsie.com/oapsie-daisy-newsletter-1>] – Jim's channel for sharing his thoughts on technology, engineering innovations, and his advocacy for environmental conservation.
- **Galaxy of Edi:** [<http://galaxyofedi.com>] – A comprehensive portal for all of Jim's digital content, ranging from engineering tutorials to conservation discussions.
- **Galaxy of Edi on YouTube:** [<https://youtube.com/@galaxyofedi1979>] – Jim's video channel where he dives deeper into engineering challenges, software solutions, and environmental conservation through engaging visual content.

These digital platforms reflect Oapsie Inc.'s dedication to leveraging technology for knowledge sharing, community building, and advocating for the environment. Through these efforts, he continues to influence and inspire a broader audience beyond his immediate professional network.

About James O'Flanagan

James E. O'Flanagan, commonly known as Jim, is a visionary in the field of engineering, with a profound commitment to advancing technology and sustainability. As the President and Principal Engineer at OAPSIE Inc., Jim has spearheaded numerous innovative projects, notably the Pennantview Biophysics Software Suite, a computational methodology for enhancing baseball strategies through biophysical analysis. This suite, alongside other ventures like the OAPSIE Daisy Newsletter and significant contributions to environmental conservation, exemplifies his passion for merging technology with real-world applications.

Educated at The University of Akron and Case Western Reserve University, Jim has cultivated an extensive skill set ranging from servant leadership to software development, and artificial intelligence to mechanical engineering. His academic prowess is matched by his practical experience in various roles across prominent organizations, including Johnson Matthey, Hankook Tire, and Babcock & Wilcox, where he led critical projects involving naval nuclear components, natural gas extraction equipment, and tire design technology.

Jim's influence extends beyond the professional sphere into meaningful community engagement and environmental advocacy. His dedication to volunteer work, such as judging at the Northeastern Ohio Science and Engineering Fair and participating in Engineers Without Borders, demonstrates a commitment to leveraging his expertise for the greater good. Additionally, his recognition as a LinkedIn "Top Voice" in Engineering Management underscores his status as a thought leader and influencer in the engineering community.

Beyond his professional accolades, Jim values family, outdoor recreation, and the pursuit of knowledge, especially in physics and generative AI. His personal mission to deliver innovative engineering solutions that uplift humanity, preserve the environment, and foster community, defines his holistic approach to life and work.

With a career spanning over two decades, James O'Flanagan remains at the forefront of engineering innovation, blending technical expertise with a profound sense of social responsibility to inspire change and drive progress.



Additional Information

The Peninsula Quarry, nestled within the village of Peninsula, Summit County, Ohio, is rich in historical and industrial significance, primarily due to its origins as a limestone quarry. While I don't have access to specific historical documents about The Peninsula Quarry itself, I can provide a general overview of the history and importance of limestone quarries in the region and their transformation over time, which may parallel the story of The Peninsula Quarry.

Origins and Industrial Use

- Limestone Quarrying in Ohio: Ohio has been a significant site for limestone quarrying due to its abundant deposits of limestone, which formed millions of years ago when the region was covered by a shallow sea. The high-quality limestone extracted from Ohio quarries has been crucial for construction, industry, and agriculture.
- 19th and Early 20th Century: The industrial revolution and the subsequent development boom in the United States saw a surge in demand for limestone for building construction, road building, and as a raw material in the steel-making process. Quarries like the one at Peninsula likely started operations in the 19th or early 20th century to meet this demand.

The Quarry at Peninsula

- Operation: The specific limestone quarry at Peninsula would have been operated by extracting limestone from the earth, often using explosives and heavy machinery. The exact period of operation for The Peninsula Quarry isn't specified, but many such quarries were most active during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
- Community and Economy: The quarry would have been a significant part of the local economy, providing jobs and contributing to the growth of Peninsula and surrounding areas. Limestone from the quarry might have been used in local construction, including buildings, roads, and possibly even in the Ohio & Erie Canal, which played a crucial role in Ohio's economy in the 19th century.

Transformation to a Recreational Site

- Abandonment: Like many industrial sites, the quarry's operation ceased when it was no longer economically viable to extract limestone, possibly due to depletion of easily accessible limestone, changes in demand, or environmental considerations.
- Filling with Water: Post-abandonment, the quarry pit naturally filled with water from the underground aquifer, rainfall, and runoff, transforming into a lake. This process is common in old quarries due to their deep excavation levels reaching below the water table.
- Adaptation for Recreation: Recognizing the potential for community use, efforts were likely made to convert the area into a recreational space. This would have involved safety assessments, enhancements to make the area suitable for public use, and possibly the addition of amenities like docks, diving platforms, and picnic areas.

Legacy and Preservation

- Cultural and Historical Value: The transition of The Peninsula Quarry from an industrial site to a community recreational area highlights themes of industrial history, natural reclamation, and community re-purposing of historical sites. Such places often retain scars of their industrial past while serving as valuable green spaces and recreational resources for current and future generations.
- Conservation Efforts: The area around The Peninsula Quarry, known for its natural beauty, is part of broader conservation efforts within the region. These efforts aim to preserve the natural and historical heritage while providing spaces for outdoor activities and environmental education.

The history of The Peninsula Quarry as a limestone quarry is a testament to the region's industrial past and its ability to adapt and transform in response to changing societal needs. Today, it stands as a cherished natural resource, offering recreational opportunities and serving as a reminder of the area's historical significance.