

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
- OR 2. Send by mail to:
U.S. BGN Executive Secretary, Domestic Names
12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS-523
Reston, VA 20192
- Contact Us:**
BGNESEC@usgs.gov
- 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:

Yesberger Memorial Pond

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:

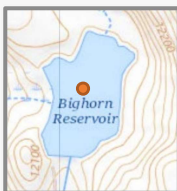
Location Basics



Where is the feature?

Latitude: 41.23417 (38.94741)

Longitude: -81.54577 (-77.36839)



General Location:

State: Ohio

County: Summit

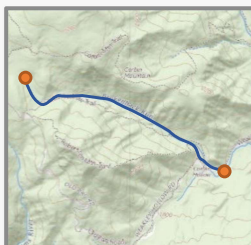
City/Town/
Township/
Borough: Peninsula

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: Yesberger Memorial Pond

General Location Description:

Brandywine Golf Course was a fixture of the Cuyahoga Valley since before the creation of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in 1972. The Yesberger Memorial Pond is located on the former grounds of the Brandywine Golf Course, a historic site within the Cuyahoga Valley. The golf course, a long-standing fixture of the valley prior to the creation of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in 1972, has recently been incorporated into the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley following the passing of the last Yesberger family member involved in its operation in 2018. This lake is a man-made structure, resulting from the damming of Haskell & Ritchie Run's flow before it enters the Cuyahoga. It was created by the makers of the Brandywine Golf Course.

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

The Yesberger Memorial Pond is a man-made structure, created as part of the development of the Brandywine Golf Course. Detailed measurements of its physical dimensions (shape, length, width) will be provided separately as required.

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:

This pond commemorates the Yesberger family — a grandfather, father, and son trio — who ran the Brandywine Golf Course across three generations. Their contributions to the local community and the legacy of their stewardship over this cherished local landmark are memorialized in the naming of the pond. The last of the Yesbergers passed away in years 1988, 2009, and 2018, marking the end of their direct involvement and the transition of the property to the Conservancy in 2018.

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.).

Documentation and Supporting Evidence:

- Historical Context and Significance: The Yesberger family's role in the local community and their impact on the Cuyahoga Valley's cultural landscape are well-documented, with the Brandywine Golf Course serving as a beloved community asset for decades.
- Published Sources: An article detailing the transfer of the golf course property to the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park highlights the significance of this transition and the pond's place within it. [Beacon Journal Article](<https://www.beaconjournal.com/story/news/local/2020/11/23/former-brandywine-country-club-golf-course-become-part-cuyahoga-valley-national-park/6393356002/>)

Online Information:

Here are the web links with full URLs for direct access:

Hole19 Golf provides an overview of the Brandywine Country Club (Par 3) in Peninsula.** It is highlighted for its unique course layout and scenic beauty, integrating naturally with the Cuyahoga Valley National Park's landscape. For more details about the course, including its features and offerings, visit:

[Hole19Golf - Brandywine Country Club (Par 3) Peninsula](<https://www.hole19golf.com/ohio/brandywine-country-club-par-3-peninsula>)

OhioGolf.com details the Brandywine Country Club's characteristics, established in 1962 by Earl Yesberger.** The website outlines the club's offerings, including its 18-hole course, public access, and the scenic views it provides being set within the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. For further information about the club, its history, and amenities, access the link:

[OhioGolf.com - Brandywine Country Club Golf in Peninsula, Ohio](<https://www.ohiogolf.com/golfcourses/1933>)

These sources provide valuable insights into the area surrounding Yesberger Memorial Pond, underscoring the historical significance and recreational importance of the former Brandywine Golf Course within the local community and the broader context of the Cuyahoga Valley.

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:

Local Opposition or Conflict:

- There is no known local opposition or conflict with the proposed name, "Yesberger Memorial Pond." It is believed that the naming would be broadly supported as a fitting tribute to the Yesberger family's contributions to the 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 "Yesberger Memorial Pond" 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.

Proponent Information


Please provide one form of contact (email preferred):


 Proponent's Name: James Emmett O'Flanagan


Agency or Organization, if applicable:

O'Flanagan All-Purpose Services LLC

 Email: jim@oapsie.com

 Mailing Address: 250 Donaldson Dr
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:
Yesberger Memorial Pond

Submitted for consideration to USGS, March 30, 2024

Oapsie Inc.

James O'Flanagan, President

Summary

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Site Information

General Location Description:

Yesberger Memorial Pond is situated on the historical Brandywine Golf Course within the Cuyahoga Valley. This area, rich in history and natural beauty, was integral to the community before and after the establishment of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in 1972. The pond, a testament to the Yesberger family's legacy, was created as part of the golf course infrastructure, enhancing the local landscape and serving as a focal point for conservation and recreation.

Physical Characteristics:

Dimensions: The pond spans approximately 600 feet from west to east and 200 feet from north to south, making it a notable landmark within the former golf course area. Its creation involved the strategic damming of Haskell & Ritchie Run, showcasing thoughtful engineering to complement the surrounding valley.

Significance of Feature:

The Yesberger Memorial Pond commemorates the dedication of the Yesberger family, spanning three generations of ownership and stewardship over the Brandywine Golf Course. This naming initiative seeks to honor their contributions to the community's recreational and cultural fabric, marking the end of an era and the beginning of a new chapter under the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley.

The information provided highlights the pond's significance within the local landscape and community memory. The Yesberger Memorial Pond stands as a tribute to familial legacy, community service, and the enduring beauty of the Cuyahoga Valley.

Proposed Name: Yesberger
Memorial Pond

Feature Type: Lake

Geographic Coordinates:

Latitude: 41.23417090014962

Longitude: -81.54577009593635

Location Context:

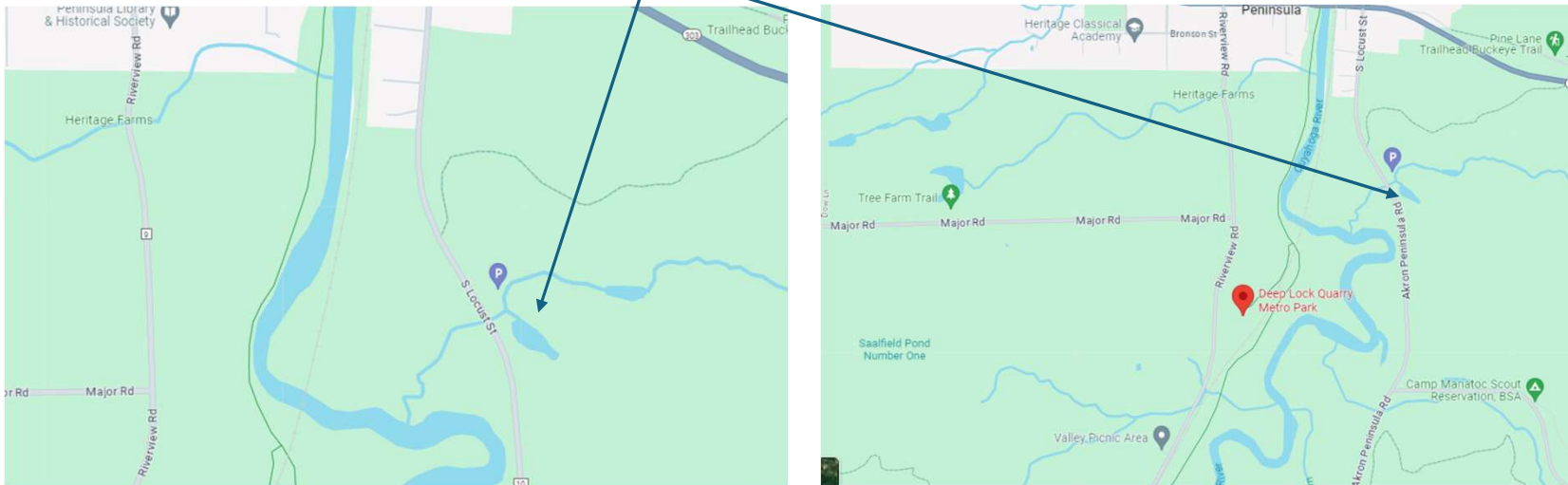
City: Peninsula

County:** Summit

State: Ohio

Map

Yesberger Memorial Pond



*Deep Lock, near Historic Downtown Peninsula, Ohio
Image taken from Google Maps*

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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

In considering the Yesberger Memorial Pond for official naming, it's important to contextualize its significance within the broader canvas of Peninsula, Ohio. This charming locale, steeped in history and culture, provides a rich backdrop to the narrative of the pond.

Historical Fabric of Peninsula:

Peninsula, with its roots stretching back to 1818, is a community built on the hustle and bustle of canal life. Today, it stands as a beacon of historical preservation, home to over 20 sites recognized on the National Register of Historic Places. The architectural landscape, from Greek Revival to Gothic Revival, narrates the evolution of this vibrant community. The presence of landmarks such as the Bronson Memorial Church and Boston Township Hall illustrates Peninsula's enduring legacy. For more on Peninsula's historical context, see [\[Wikipedia\]\(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peninsula,_Ohio\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peninsula,_Ohio).

Cultural and Recreational Gems:

Beyond its historical allure, Peninsula serves as a cultural hub. The restoration of the Peninsula Depot and the enduring charm of Lock 29 are testaments to the town's rich railroad and canal heritage. Moreover, the Peninsula Art Academy and G.A.R. Hall spotlight the town's vibrant arts scene, offering a variety of programs that enrich the community. This blend of history, arts, and recreation underlines the importance of integrating Yesberger Memorial Pond into the local and national consciousness. For insights into Peninsula's attractions, visit [\[Places to Travel\]\(https://www.placestotravel.com/10-reasons-to-visit-the-charming-small-town-of-peninsula-ohio\)](https://www.placestotravel.com/10-reasons-to-visit-the-charming-small-town-of-peninsula-ohio).

Environmental Synergy:

Positioned within the Cuyahoga Valley, Peninsula leverages its natural surroundings to enhance its cultural and historical narrative. This symbiosis between the natural and the built environment amplifies the significance of naming Yesberger Memorial Pond, weaving it into the fabric of the area's heritage and future.

In Summary:

The naming of Yesberger Memorial Pond is not just a tribute to a family's legacy; it is an acknowledgment of Peninsula's rich tapestry of history, culture, and natural beauty. It emphasizes the pond's role as a focal point of communal memory, a reminder of the area's evolution, and a beacon of its enduring spirit. Through this formal recognition, we aim to honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire future generations to appreciate the unique heritage of Peninsula, Ohio, and its natural treasures.

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