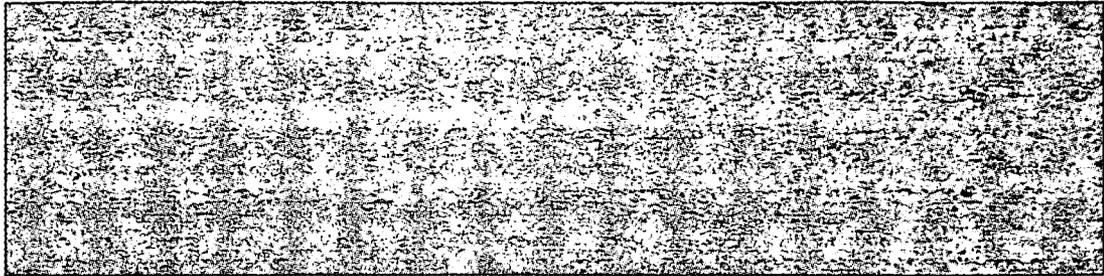


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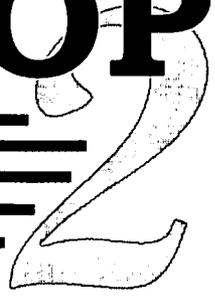
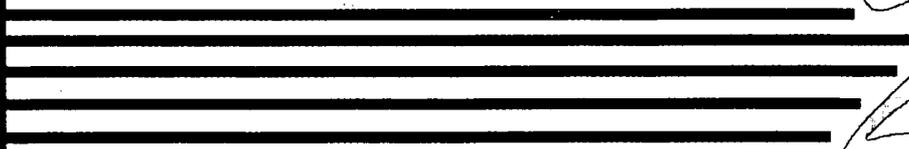
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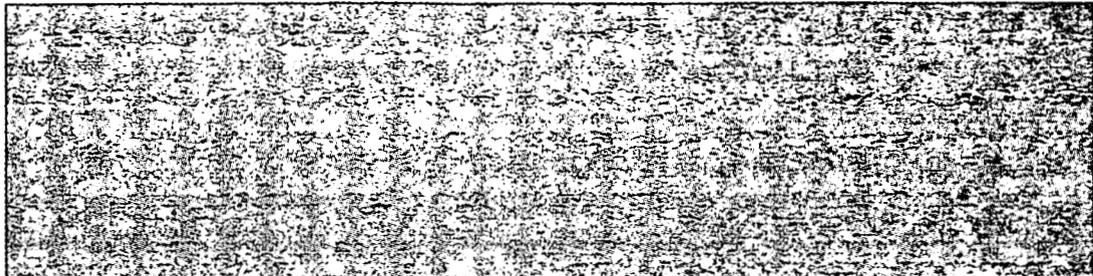
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# **FUTURE OF FERNALD WORKSHOP**



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## Future of Fernald Workshop II

Wednesday, May 24, 2000, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Crosby Senior Center, 8910 Willey Road

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### AGENDA

**Welcome** – 10 minutes

**Purpose and Background**, 20 minutes, Doug Sarno

**Facilitated Breakout Groups**, 1 hour, will run each group twice (30 minutes each)

1. Environmental Education
2. Cold War and Fernald history
3. Native American Burials and Education
4. Recreation
5. Community Development
6. Other topics?

Outcomes of these breakouts will be:

- What are the things you would most like to see as possible community assets at the site?
- What are the things you would definitely not want to see at the site?
- How would you like to see these assets managed within the community, where should long-term support come from, who should be involved? )

**Wrap Up** (30 minutes)

- Quick report from the four groups (5 minutes each)
- What did we learn?
- What do we still need to do?
- What are the next steps in the Future of Fernald process?

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# What Ideas Have Already Been Suggested?

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Many stakeholders have already weighed in on the types of public uses they would like to see at Fernald. These ideas were used to organize the five discussion groups in tonight's workshop.

## **Environmental Education**

The restoration activities at Fernald will result in a 900 acre greenspace with an emphasis on native plants and animals. Possible public uses include:

- Environmental research
- Self-guided nature trails
- Environmental resource center for local residents and school districts
- Nature preserve

## **Cold War and Fernald History**

There is a strong feeling in the community that the history of Fernald should be available to future generations. Possible public uses include:

- Display of artifacts and pieces of site information that should be preserved for continued public access
- Continued access to the contents of the Public Reading Room
- Access to the products of the Fernald Living History Project
- Cold War Memorial
- Museum

## **Recreation**

The finished site will have a wide variety of woods and fields. No powered vehicles will be allowed, but there is an opportunity for walking trails. Possible public uses include:

- Hiking
- Biking, roller blading
- Bird watching

# Previous Suggestions (cont'd)

## **Native American Burials and Education**

In 1996, the Fernald site provided a major resource to Native Americans by providing land for the re-interment of Native American remains that were disturbed in the construction of the area water line. There is strong interest in providing additional land for numerous other remains that are currently in storage throughout the State of Ohio. Possible public uses include:

- Walking and interpretation trails
- Areas for reflection
- Opportunities for education about Native American history in this region

## **Community Development**

23 acres of the site have been identified by the DOE for potential community development. This is the only area of the site that is not currently dedicated to ecological restoration or the on-site disposal facility. Possible public uses include:

- Municipal facilities such as a firehouse
- Community facilities such as a civic center or library
- Economic development

## **Discussion Group Questions**

In each discussion group, we will seek to answer the following questions:

- What are the things you would most like to see as possible community assets at the Fernald site?
- What are the things you would definitely not want to see at the Fernald site?
- How would you like to see these assets managed within the community, where should long-term support come from, who should be involved?

## **Why was a Recreational Land Use Selected for Fernald?**

One of the most important decisions that has been made as part of the cleanup process at Fernald has been the future use of the 3011 Fernald property. The future land use scenario that was agreed upon by U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, DOE, and area stakeholders during the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) decision making process is for a recreational user in an undeveloped park setting. It was important to stakeholders involved at that time that no future residential or agricultural use be permitted at the site. However, it was also important that the site be cleaned to allow for a long-term community use in a setting that turns a negative experience into a positive legacy. It was especially important that the site not simply be fenced off to remain a scar on the local landscape. After much debate and several public workshops, the Fernald Citizens Task Force recommended a recreational land use to the Department of Energy in its July 1995 Recommendations Report and this level of land use has been built into the legal decision documents for the site.

## **How Were Cleanup Levels Identified for the Recreational Land Use?**

Two major factors were considered in setting cleanup levels at Fernald. The first was the level of contamination that would be necessary in soil and water to protect future recreational users at the site. The types of activities that were considered for a recreational user of an undeveloped park included the following: ball playing in grassy areas, picnicking, hiking, bird watching, and wading in Paddys Run. The second major factor was the protection of the Great Miami Aquifer. Cleanup levels for the soil needed to be low enough that contamination would not reach the aquifer or surface water at levels which were detrimental to human health in the future. In some cases, specific laws exist which also dictated cleanup levels. Final cleanup levels were established to reflect the lowest levels required of all these factors. However, final cleanup levels were not set lower than natural background levels or the limits of detection because it would not be feasible to monitor and verify the achievement of such levels.

## **What Happens Next?**

The workshop sponsors will use the results of this workshop to develop a conceptual model of what the community would like for the Future of Fernald.

This model will be presented to the community later this summer at a workshop to gain further public input.

Finally, the model will be revised according to public input and presented to the Department of Energy in September.

## **Where can you provide more input?**

Ongoing input is encouraged by attending Fernald CAB Stewardship Meetings or sending comments via phone, fax, or email.

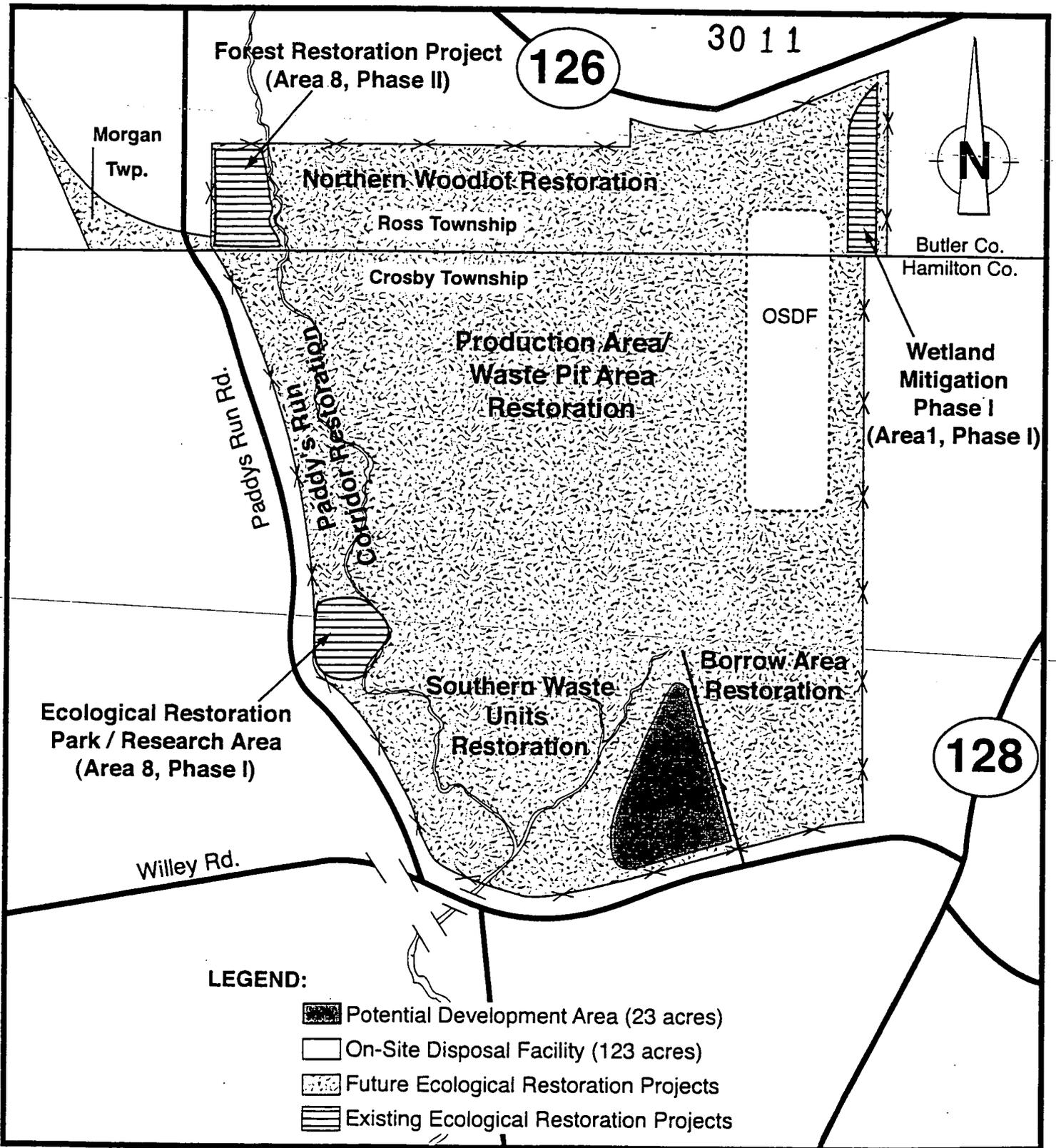
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**The next meeting of the FCAB Stewardship Committee will be Wednesday June 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Laboratory Conference Room on the Fernald site.**

# Fernald Ecological Restoration



**LEGEND:**

-  Potential Development Area (23 acres)
-  On-Site Disposal Facility (123 acres)
-  Future Ecological Restoration Projects
-  Existing Ecological Restoration Projects

# CONCEPTUAL POST-REMEDIATION PLAN



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