



*The End is Just the Beginning*

# Fernald – A Unique and Varied History!

## Please Join Us for a History Roundtable on July 13, 2005

**5:30 - 8:30 PM,  
Hamilton County Educational  
Service Center,  
11083 Hamilton Ave.**

### **From Weapons to Wetlands**

The Fernald site has a rich and varied history. In 1951, the Atomic Energy Commission seized 1050 acres of farmland near the small town of Fernald, Ohio. The property played a critical role in the global Cold War for forty years, producing uranium for the production of nuclear weapons. In the 1980s, a historic grassroots effort led the Department of Energy to lift the site's veil of secrecy and begin to remediate contaminated soil and groundwater.

When completed in 2006, the site will provide nearly 900 acres of open space and wildlife habitat, including some of the most extensive wetlands in Ohio. Huge sections of the former industrial facility have already been certified clean and are being restored to native wetlands, trees, and grasses.

### **Preserving an Important Part of American History**

On July 13, the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board is hosting a roundtable discussion of historians, focused on how to best preserve and present the sites rich history -- from pre-settlement to post-closure and everything in-between . Historians, former site workers, and educators from Southwest Ohio have been invited to participate in a 3-hour facilitated discussion, starting at 5:30 p.m. Artifacts from the site will be available for

viewing before and during the event. The roundtable will be held at the Hamilton County Educational Service Center, located at 11083 Hamilton Avenue, just off I-275 (Exit 36) in Northwest Cincinnati. We will provide light refreshments.

Goals for the roundtable include:

1. Identification of important principles for the preservation of Fernald's history.
2. Creation of a framework for historical preservation and identification of key historical messages.
3. Estimation of time and resource needs for developing a comprehensive site history.

While the primary goal is to learn from invited participants, in order to inform the historical preservation process, members of the public will also have opportunities to ask questions and make comments during the roundtable.

### **For Further Information**

More information about the Fernald site and the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board can be found at [www.fernaldcab.org](http://www.fernaldcab.org). A map and directions to the Hamilton County Educational Service Center can be found at [www.hcesc.org/abouthcesc/findus.asp](http://www.hcesc.org/abouthcesc/findus.asp). Please contact the Fernald Citizens Advisory Board at 513.648.6478, if you have any questions.