



*Preble County Historical Society, Inc.*  
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PRESS RELEASE

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The Institute of Environmental Sciences at Miami University is assisting the Preble County Historical Society (PCHS) to integrate historical and current wetland education into a viable education program. In short, we will create historical wetland education. We aim to increase public appreciation and knowledge about wetlands, develop educational programming for long-term learning opportunities and harness grants and funding to implement educational strategies. Through the development of a county-wide survey, we will gain perspective into the community's views regarding the PCHS wetland. The results will serve as a non-biased means of receiving input from the general public and will be a useful measure of the level of interest of community members in the historical society and the reconstructed wetland.

In order to best address and incorporate the needs and wants of residents in Preble County, we request that you complete the short survey below. If you choose to complete this survey, please place it in the mail to: Institute of Environmental Science, Miami University, 500 East High Street, Oxford, Ohio 45056-9978. This survey is completely anonymous and voluntary. If you are younger than 18 years of age, do NOT take this survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Institute of Environmental Sciences at (513)-529-5811.

**Survey (Please Circle Your Answer)**

1. How many years have you lived in Preble County?
  - a) Less than 3 years
  - b) 3-9 years
  - c) More than 9 years
  
2. How close do you live to a stream?
  - a) Less than ¼ mile
  - b) Within ¼- ½ mile
  - c) More than ½ mile
  
3. How often have you visited the Preble County Historical Society in the past 3 years?
  - a) Never
  - b) 1-5 times
  - c) More than 5 times
  
4. Are you aware of the recently constructed wetland at the Preble County Historical Society?
  - a) Yes
  - b) No
  
5. On a scale of 1 to 5 (1=low, 5=high), how would rate your general interest in wetland ecosystems?  
Low High  
1            2            3            4            5
  
6. What benefits of wetlands are the most important to you? **(Circle all that apply)**
  - a) Wetland soils naturally filter pollutants from water.
  - b) Wetlands provide habitat for a variety of plants and animal species.
  - c) Wetlands serve as catchment areas for agricultural and surface runoff.
  - d) Constructed wetlands help recharge groundwater sources.
  
7. Do you think more wetlands should be constructed in Preble County? Why or why not?

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey!