

The Ottawa NWR Association is looking for sponsors and helpers for 2 major projects at the Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge.

Once again, the ONWR staff has requested that our Association take the lead on two great projects that will benefit our community. We are looking for people, civic groups and businesses who are willing to support these projects financially or physically. So, if you are a bird-watcher or photographer who takes advantage of viewing the birds at Ottawa, an outdoor lover who wants to protect and develop places for wildlife, or a local business owner who wants to show your support for the community, **WE NEED YOU!** If you would like to be involved, please contact the Ottawa NWR or the Ottawa NWR Association at **419-898-0014** or complete the pledge sheet and mail to us. The ONWR Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. 14000 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, OH 43449

Project #1 - Shorebird Observation Deck

The Ottawa NWR is creating a shorebird habitat on Benton-Carroll Road, south of St. Rt. 2. The refuge will create a multi-car parking lot which will take viewers off the road while they view the shorebirds.

The Association is collecting funds to build an observation deck that will enhance wildlife viewing opportunities. The estimated cost of the deck and ground work is \$ 5,000. The refuge also plans on creating a walking path parallel to the road that will skirt the habitat.

We are looking for individuals or groups who are conservation-minded and interested in helping to create a habitat for, and a place to view, the birds. If you, as an individual, group or business, would like to donate to the observation deck project, please send funds to the Association at the refuge. We would like to have this structure completed by next spring. If you have questions please contact us, 419-898-0014.

We also plan on having a "work day" for volunteers to help construct the boardwalk after the footers are in place. If you would like to volunteer for the "work day", and know how to pound a nail, please call us so that we can put you on our list of boardwalk volunteers or complete the pledge form.



Project #2 - New Crane Creek Trail

The Ottawa NWR is creating an extension to the hiking trails near Magee Marsh that will direct visitors to the mouth of Crane Creek, overlooking the creek and the surrounding marshes.

The proposed trail will be accessed from the beach off the Magee Marsh parking lot and will run on the refuge property along the creek and dikes, curving back to the beach.

The challenge to this trail is a section that will cross over a rip-rap levee that protects the beach ridge from storms. This will require the construction of a short bridge over the rip-rap with the estimated cost of \$ 5,000.

The Ottawa NWR Association is looking for sponsors who would like to become involved and donate funds for this project. If you, your group or business would like to take part, contact the Association or Ottawa NWR at 419-898-0014 or complete the pledge form and mail to us.



PLEDGE FORM FOR SHOREBIRD OBSERVATION DECK AND NEW CRANE CREEK TRAIL

YES, I/we would like to contribute to:

Project # 1 Shorebird Observation Deck Project # 2 Crane Creek Trail Extension

Please find enclosed a check for:

\$ 10 \$ 25 \$ 50 \$ 100 \$ 500 Other _____

Yes, I would like to participate on the work day for Project #1. Please contact me with schedule.

Donors will be recognized on these projects. Use separate pledge form for each project, please.

Please make checks payable to Ottawa NWR Association and mail to:

Ottawa NWR Association, 14000 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449

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