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**ENERGY**

Office of  
Legacy Management



Fernald  
Preserve

# Community Meeting

April 29, 2009

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The Legacy Management community meeting was held on April 29, 2009, at the Fernald Preserve Visitors Center. 45 people attended the meeting for an update on site maintenance and Visitors Center usage. Northwest High School students also gave a presentation about the year-long multi-media project conducted at the Fernald Preserve.



# Agenda

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- **Nature nook**
- **Safety**
- **Aquifer**
- **Visitors Center**
- **90-Day Look-Ahead**
- **Northwest High School**

The agenda for the meeting includes a variety of meeting items.



# Nature Nook



## Mayapple

*Podophyllum peltatum*

- A perennial found in large patches under trees
- Called the umbrella plant; stands 18 inches tall
- Has either one or two leaves
- Those with two leaves produce a single white flower

A regular feature of the community meeting is the Nature Nook, which highlights flora and fauna that inhabit the Fernald Preserve. Spring is a great time to observe native wildflowers found in the woods areas.



# Fernald Preserve

## Legacy Mission



**Manage DOE's post-closure responsibilities  
and ensure the protection of human health  
and the environment.**



# Worker Safety and Health

## OSHA Recordables (yearly)

Fernald	DOE Complex	LM	Industry
0.0	1.4	0.3	4.6

## Fernald Preserve (quarterly)

Lost time	First aid	Recordables
0	0	0

The Fernald Preserve's safety performance, as well as Legacy Management's safety performance as a whole, has been outstanding. The site's safety record continues to exceed national industry standards.



# Prescribed Burn

## Irwin Prairie



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Prescribed burns are an important tool in maintaining healthy tall grass prairies. Fernald Preserve personnel successfully completed two prescribed burns in March.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-02 4/09

Before the burn begins, the go/no-go checklist requirements are reviewed with LM and Stoller management. All conditions of the burn have been met, and equipment and personnel are ready.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



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Personnel don their personal protective equipment, establish lines of communication, and attend a briefing on hazards associated with and methods for the burn.





# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-04 4/09

The team poses for a photo prior to heading out to the field.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-05 4/09

The safety officer continually monitors the wind and weather. Changes are monitored to understand how the fire will behave.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-06 4/09

Looking out across the area of the Irwin Prairie before the burn, the fire break can be seen in the foreground and between the burn area and Paddys Run Road.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-07 4/09

The fire breaks are wet down before the burn to further ensure that the fire will be contained.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-08 4/09

The fire breaks are wet down before the burn to further ensure that the fire will be contained.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-09 4/09

The backpack sprayer is tested before the burn is ignited.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-10 4/09

Backpack pump tanks used in firebreak control are filled with water.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-11 4/09

Backpack pump tanks used in firebreak control are filled with water.





# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-12 4/09

Drip torches are checked prior to use.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-13 4/09

The drip torches' vents are opened, and their nozzles are placed in the proper position and verified to be secure.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-14 4/09

Weather conditions are checked one last time, and personnel are in place.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-15 4/09

Once the decision is made to proceed, drip torches begin to ignite grasses along the edge of the fire break.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-16 4/09

The Ross Fire Department observes the burn.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-17 4/09

Sector bosses on each section of the burn keep a close watch on burning and maintain contact with the fire manager.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-18 4/09

Flames and smoke can be seen from across the field.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-19 4/09

The site Health and Safety manager and the chief of the Ross Fire Department keep a watchful eye on the operations.





# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-20 4/09

The Gator carries a water tank and pump along the firebreak to help control the fire.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-21 4/09

The entire perimeter of the burn area is ignited as the fire burns to the middle.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-22 4/09

The fire manager briefs the Stoller site manager on present conditions and the success of the burn.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-23 4/09

Flames continue to burn across the center of the burn area.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-24 4/09

The fire manager stays in contact with all personnel throughout the burn.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-25 4/09

Torches are approaching the closure of the burn perimeter.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-26 4/09

Flames are out, and the mop-up of the area begins. All areas with smoke rising from the duff are wet down, and all embers are extinguished.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-27 4/09

Personnel continue to walk the burn area.





# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-28 4/09

Although some pockets of vegetation did not burn, the burn was very successful overall.



# Prescribed Burn

Irwin Prairie



8694.06-29 4/09

The equipment is checked before it is put away. The fire manger remains behind for 1 hour after the burn is completed to assure winds do not reveal non-extinguished embers.



# Aquifer

- 2008 groundwater pumping rate was ~99 percent of design
- 2009 groundwater pumping rate is on track to be as high as, or higher than, 2008 rate
- Plan to shut down pumping for two 2-week periods in April–June timeframe
  - Allow aquifer water level to rebound
  - Redissolve uranium in unsaturated sediments



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The aquifer cleanup, which involves pumping and treating water from the aquifer, is progressing as planned with treatment projected to be completed in the 2016 timeframe. Over 234 million gallons of groundwater have been treated to date.



# Visitors Center

- Butler County Township Association
- Cincinnati Bird Club
- Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
- Hamilton County Parks
- Morgan Township Historical Society
- January–March: 800 visitors
- Updated reading rails
- New OSDF column



8694.08 4.09

With the opening of the Visitors Center, more classes, conservation organizations and community groups are visiting the Fernald preserve. Over 1,000 guests have visited.



# BioBlitz

- May 15, 4 p.m., through May 16, 4 p.m.
- 24-hour species inventory
- Science experts will guide visitors



8694.09 4.09

The Fernald Preserve will hold the first-ever BioBlitz this May. Experts in the fields of zoology, biology, botany, entomology, etc., will lead community members on a 24-hour species inventory.



# 90-Day Look-Ahead

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- **Ecological Team**  
Conduct ecological monitoring, maintenance work, and trail construction in August
- **Sampling Team**  
Continued environmental monitoring for air, treated effluent, surface water, and groundwater
- **Aquifer Team**  
Continue treating groundwater as necessary to meet discharge limits

Now that better weather is here, the upcoming months will be very active on the site.



# Community Meeting

**Join us:**

**October 7, 2009**

**6:30 p.m. Wednesday**

**Fernald Preserve Visitors Center**



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# Northwest High school

## Senior Honors Seminar



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The community meeting continued with a presentation by the Northwest High School Senior Honors Seminar. Students produced a video about the history of Fernald and participated in herpetological species inventories.



# Fernald: A Transformation Through Time



A  
Research  
&  
Film  
Project

Northwest  
High  
School

Senior  
Honors  
Seminar

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In addition to using the Fernald Preserve as an outdoor classroom for studying fish populations in Paddys Run, the Northwest High School Senior Honors Seminar undertook a research and film project to document the history of the Fernald site. The title of the film project is Fernald: A Transformation Through Time.

# Project Beginnings

- Senior Honors Seminar
- Graduate Paper
- Grant Opportunity
- Cross-Curricular Capstone Project



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The Northwest High School Senior Honors Seminar class presented background information on the film project.

# Project Goals

- Authenticity
  - Real Science
  - True cross-curricular instruction
- Ohio Grade Level Indicators
- Fernald: a learning resource



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The goals of the project are to involve students in a hands-on science project that involved multi-disciplinary instruction consistent with Ohio Grade Level Indicators. The Fernald Preserve was chosen as the site for the project.

# Logistics

- **Working Groups**
  - The “Fish” Group
  - Timeline/Research
  - Art & Music
  - Editing/Media
  - Oral History
  - Script
  - Voice Over



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The two-phased project involved conducting a study on fish species within the Fernald Preserve stretch of Paddys Run and introducing students to all aspects of film production through the production of an original video.

# Research & Timeline

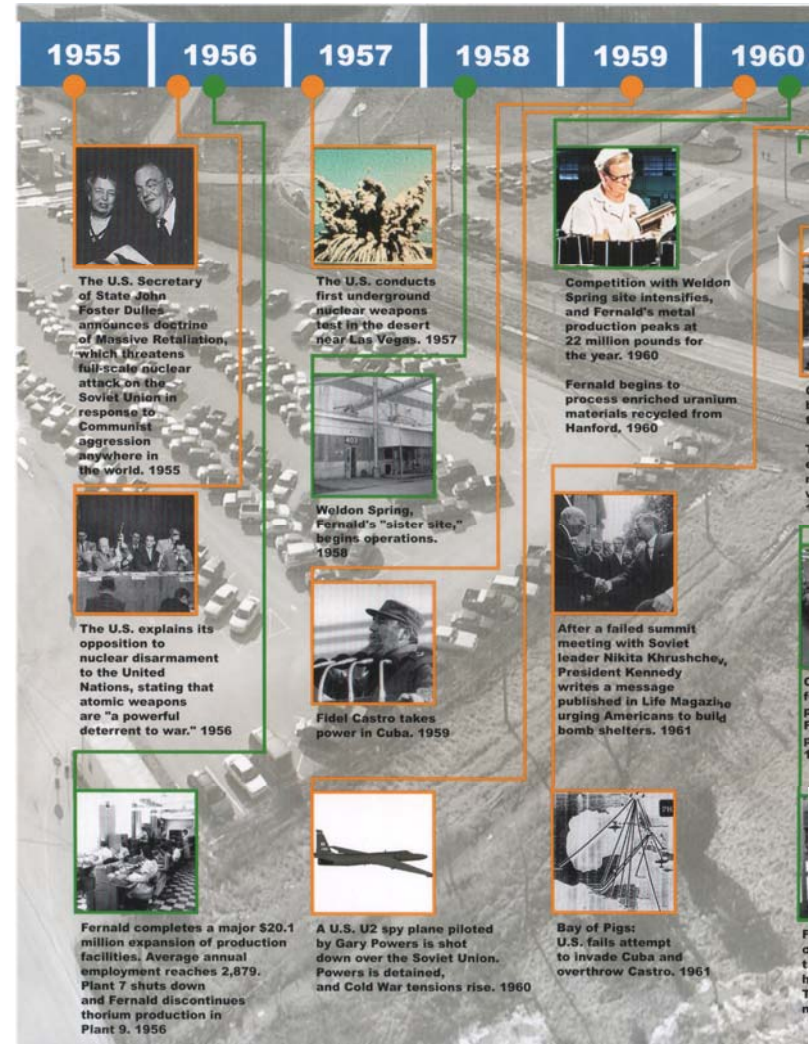
- Began with oral histories: human stories
- Research of available news reports
- Internet research
- Preserve Resources
  - Film, books, pamphlets



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The students involved in the film project conducted research through a variety of sources.

# Research & Timeline

- Low tech filing system=access for all.
- Paste up and information selections.

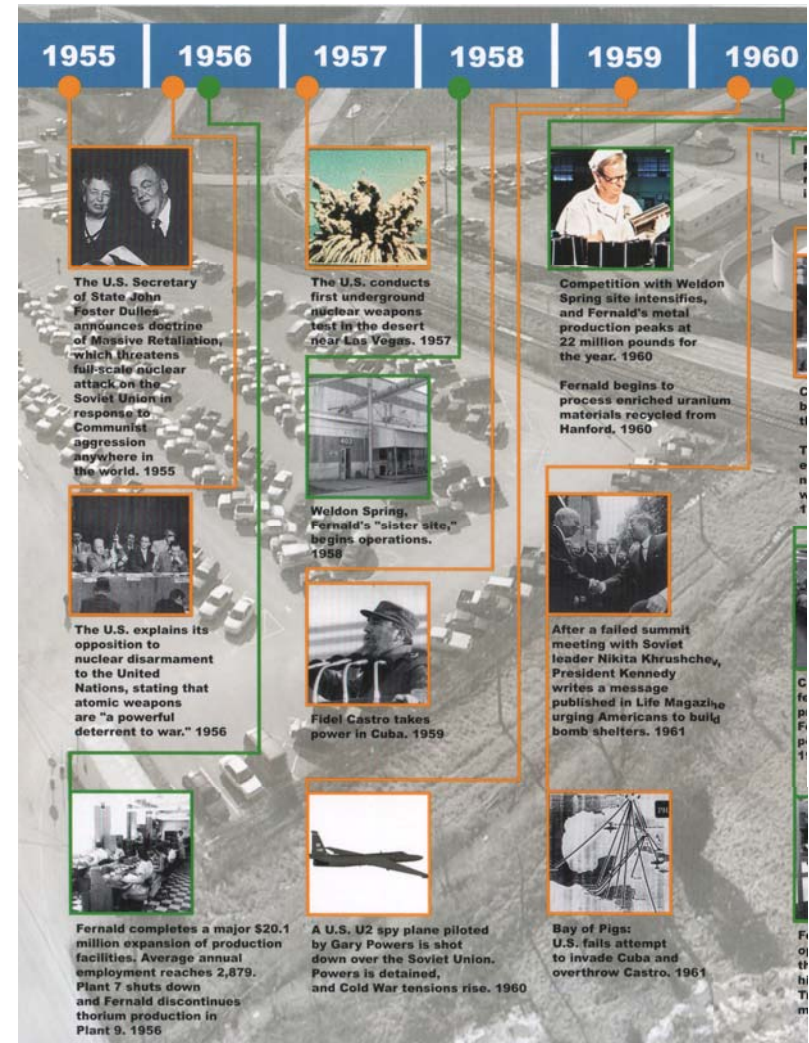


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Constructing a timeline was an important part of the film project in order to place Fernald in the proper historical context.

# Creativity

- Engaging **all** students.
- Music and art direction...



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The cross-curricular approach allowed all students in the Senior Honors Seminar to be involved in the project.

# Art Direction

- Titling
- The “Flying” Timeline: Our first breakthrough.

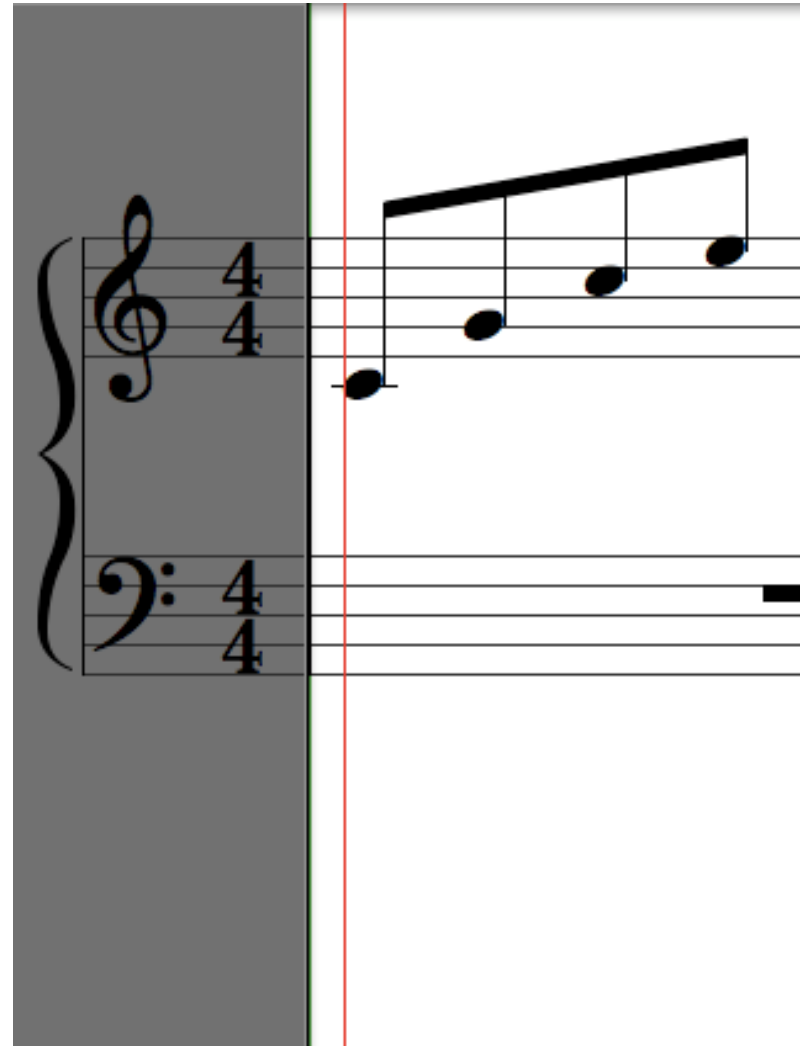


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The creation of appropriate artwork was an important aspect of the project.



# Music

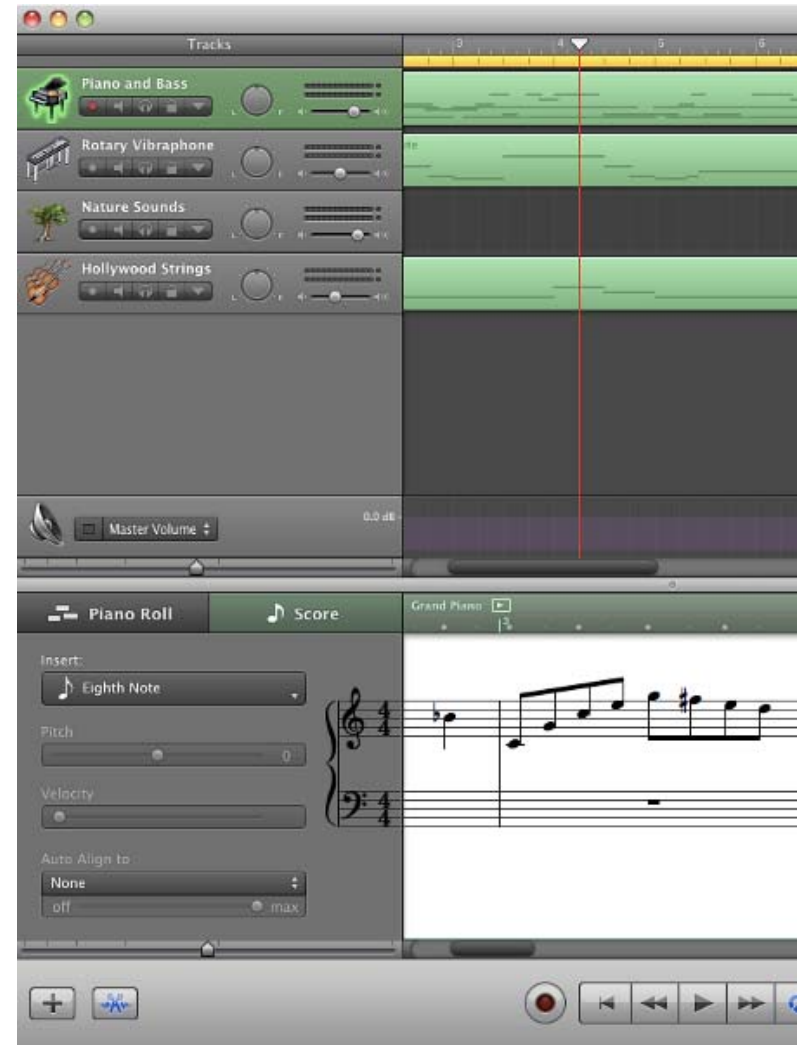
- All-original student compositions for the score...



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The students composed the film score.

# The Film Score

- Creative Process
- Technical Process
  - Recording
  - Editing
- Final Product



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The film score developed skills the students had been working on in other classes.

# Oral History

- Reviewed interviews for historical & human interest stories.
- Selected several existing interviews for inclusion in film.
- Scheduling new interviews over the next few weeks



## FLHP Interview Transcripts

The **Fernald Living History Project (FLHP)**. FLHP started in 1997 in an effort to document all aspects of Fernald's history, including land acquisition, construction, Cold War era workers, environmental contamination, citizen involvement, studies, cleanup and remediation. One of the goals of this effort was conducting and archiving over 130 video interviews with past workers, government officials and regulators, who were involved with Fernald's history. Transcripts of these interviews are listed below.

**Note:** Adobe's Acrobat Reader [[free download](#)] is needed to view the files.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role/Responsibility</b>
<a href="#">Nancy Abbot</a>	area resident
<a href="#">Weldon Adams</a>	Assistant Plant Manager, National Lead Co
<a href="#">Charlie Alvis</a>	
<a href="#">John Applegate</a>	former chair, Fernald Citizens Agency
<a href="#">Sam Audia</a>	Plant Manager, National Lead Co
<a href="#">Paul Ball</a>	former employee
<a href="#">George Bassitt</a>	former employee
<a href="#">L. French Bell</a>	former member Fernald Citizens Agency for Toxic Substances and Hazardous Waste
<a href="#">...</a>	former Fernald Citizens Advisory

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The students reviewed Fernald's oral history interviews and selected segments for inclusion in the film. The students will also be conducting new original interviews in the near future.

# Media Selection

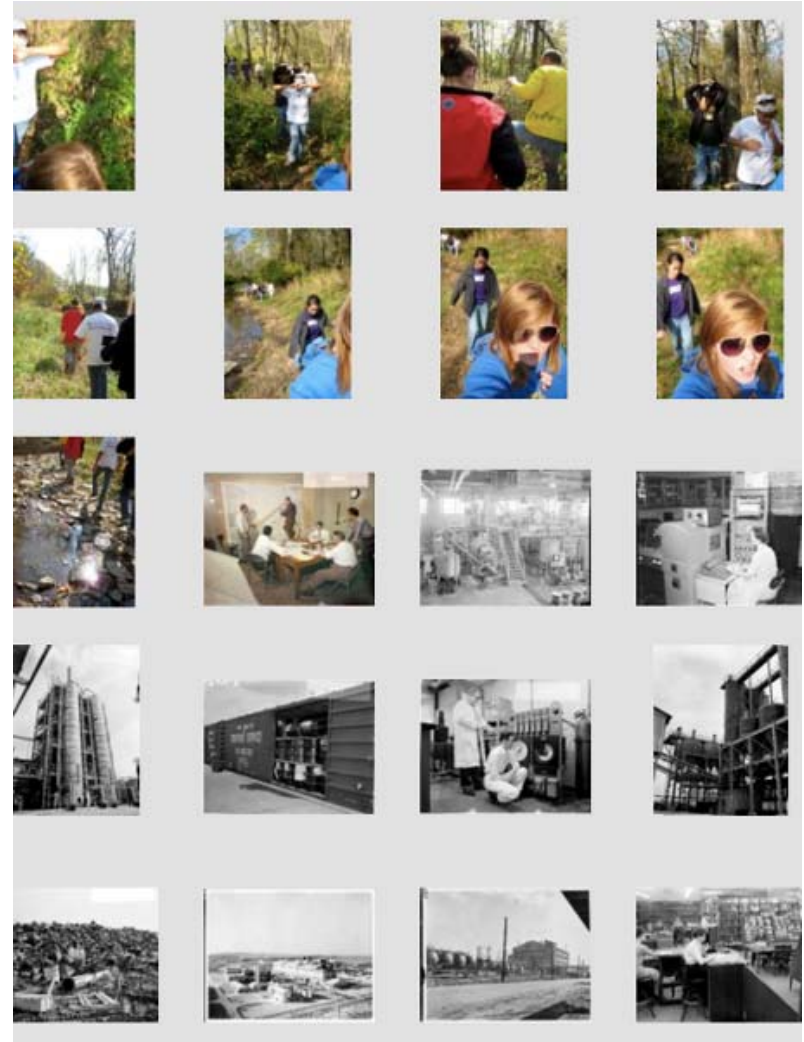
- **Media selection**
  - DoE Image Archive
  - The Internet (wiki)
  - Archive.org
  - Films provided by Fernald staff
  - Student photography



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The students selected and integrated a variety of media into their film.

# Media Storage

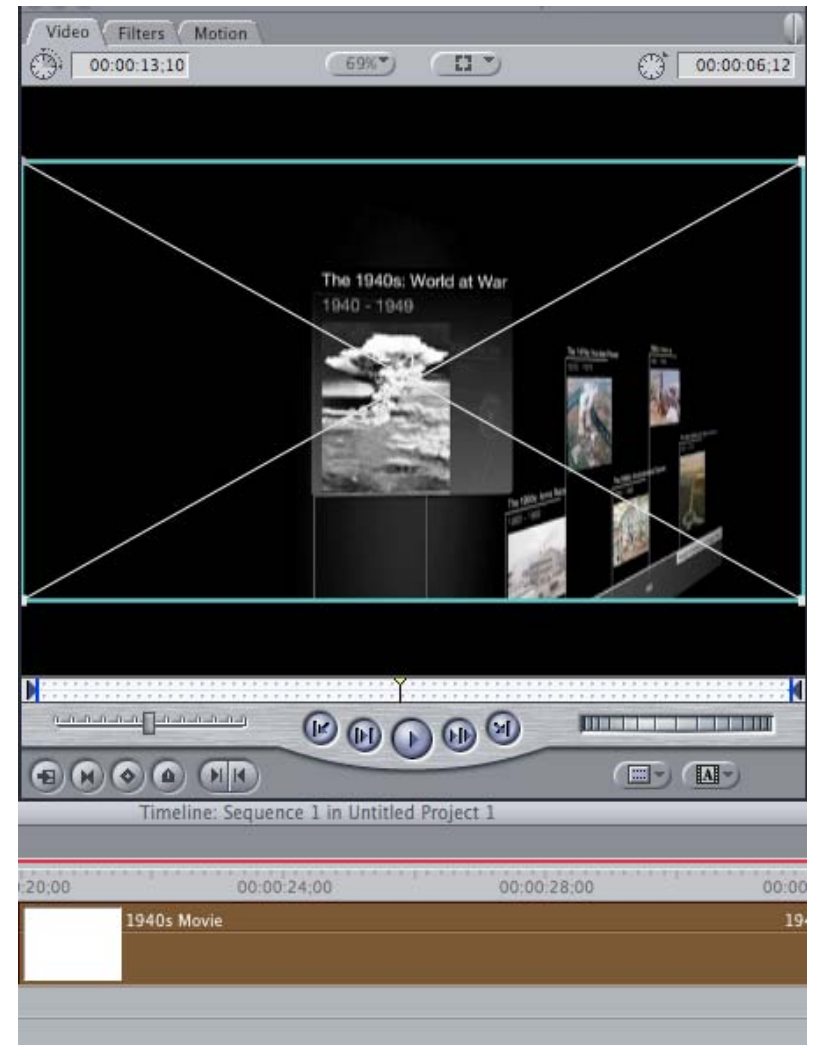
- Students generated a library almost 1000 photographs to be used in the project, all of which had to be dated, categorized & labeled for use.
- This process is ongoing.



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The students generated and organized an extensive photo library for use in the film.

# Video Editing & Media

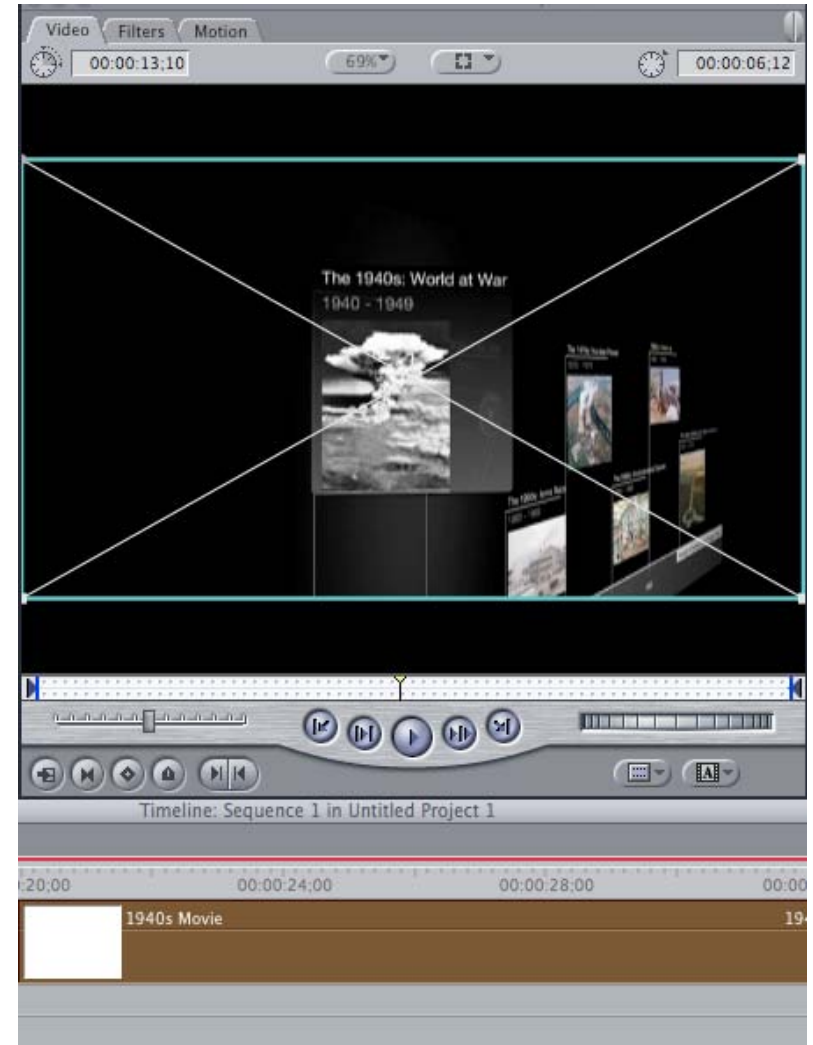
- Students learned non-linear video editing
- The task: take all of the information and media that the class generated and make it presentable and clean.



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The students have performed all film editing for the project.

# Video Editing & Media

- Challenges
  - Complex software
  - Media not available while we were training.
  - Time, time, time



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Many challenges faced by the students during the film production process.

# Script

- A fantastic group of academic kids.
- Took the information from the timeline and wrote the narrative.
- Mimics the style of History or Discovery Channel documentaries.

At the close of the 40s, the Atomic Energy Commission of a uranium feed materials production center as part of a facility. The need for these types of weapons facilities was at the close of the second great war. The AEC, which was part of the Department of Energy, sought out a new site for its uranium production. Of more than 60 locations, Fernald, Ohio had been chosen. The site was made public on March 30, 1951. The vast level land, and the C&O railroad made Fernald the ideal location for the facility.

On the same day as the announcement, President Harry Truman's 38<sup>th</sup> parallel where the Cold War had already begun. The fear of atomic warfare had made a large impact in the US. The fear of communism, had taken hold of the population. The US government produced service videos and pamphlets that contained both words of warning and communist propaganda. The fear led to average citizens stocking up on food and necessities in order to survive. The atomic testing in Russia led to even more fear and urged the US to produce new innovative weaponry.

In addition to the Fernald site, feed materials sites also existed at Niagara Falls. Upon getting wind of Russian atomic tests within its borders, namely in the desert, the Soviet leader Josef Stalin continuously reported the Soviet technology and with each bit of news, the US grew more determined. Even with plenty of weapons, both sides continued this several years.

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Based on their research, the students developed the script for the film.



# Script

- Creative Process
- Documentary Requirements
- Collaboration
- Editing
- Working with the Narrators

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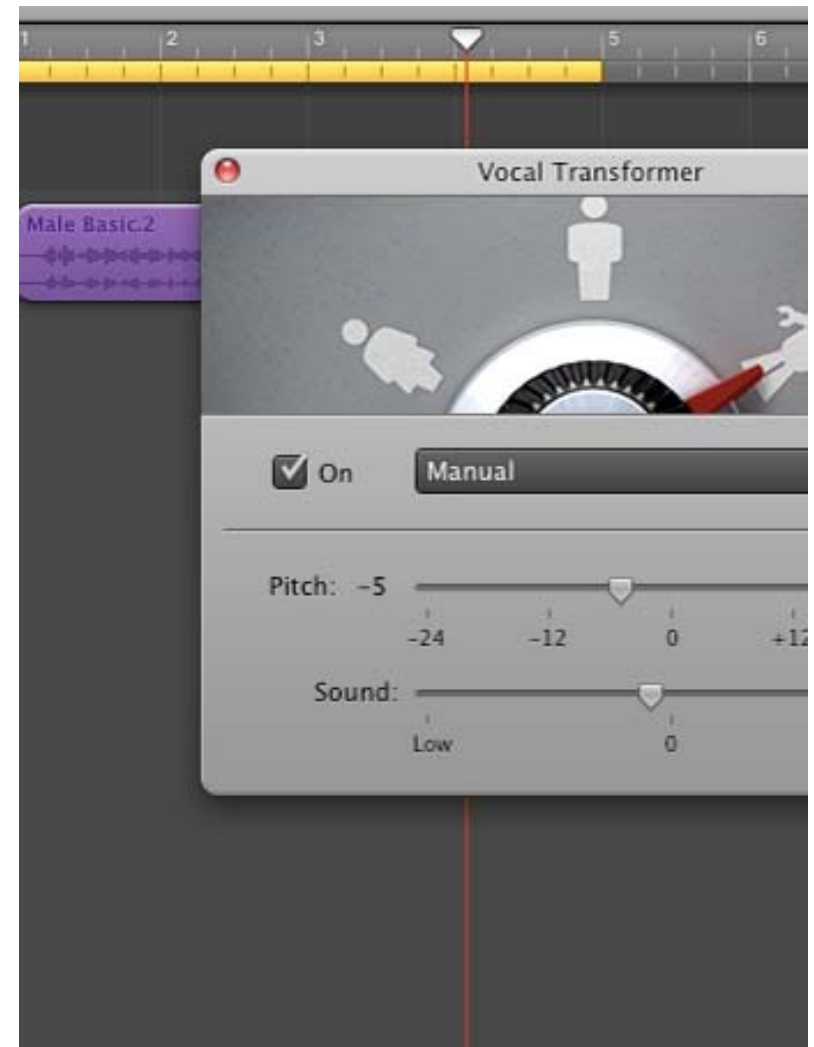
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The students performed many activities in finalizing the film's script.

# Voice Over

- We decided on a two-narrator format.
- Cadence, Delivery, Clarity
- The Perfect Voice...



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The film's narration was performed by the students.

# What's to come?

- May:** Draft Completion of film



- Summer:** document bio-blitz, record oral histories, recruit new students to fill vacant jobs.

- Fall:** Begin film revision.

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Schedule for film completion.

# A Fish Survey of Paddys Run at the Fernald Preserve

Northwest High School  
Senior Honors Seminar  
Class of 2009

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Students from the Northwest High School's Senior Honors Seminar used the Fernald Preserve as an outdoor laboratory to study the fish species in Paddys Run. The students reported the results of their study during the April 29, community meeting.

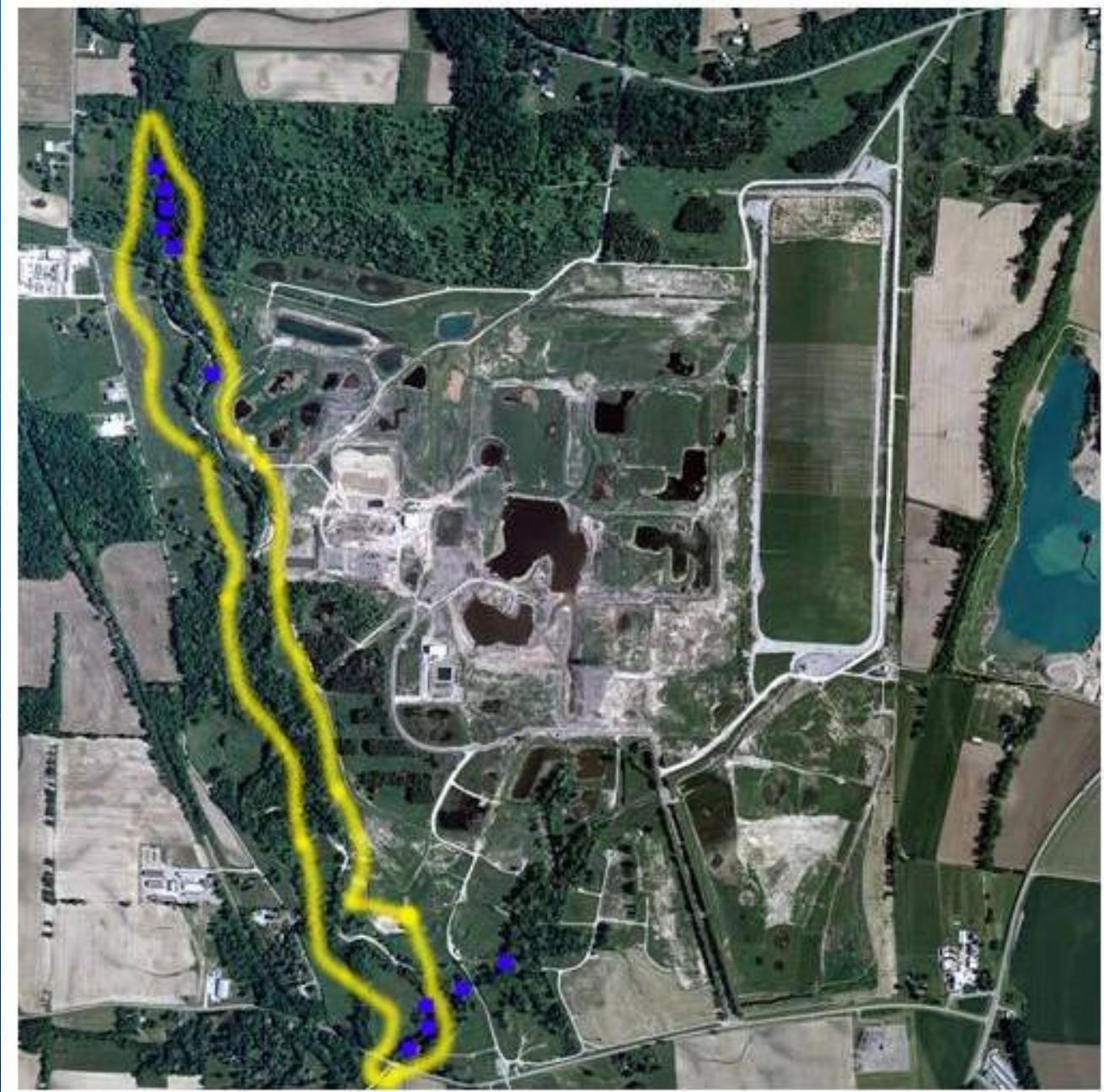
Students sampled for fish in Paddys Run at nine locations on five separate occasions. Two additional sites in a tributary stream were also sampled.

- September 23
- September 30
- October 8
- October 16
- October 26



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Parameters for the Northwest High School's Senior Honors Seminar project which was conducted at the Fernald Preserve in September and October 2008.



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Paddy's Run where the students studied the Fernald Preserve's fish population is highlighted.



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Students are shown seining for minnows in Paddy's Run.

# Methods we used...

- Three minnow seines, each with two students. (4 ft X 3 ft, 6 ft X 3 ft, & 8 ft X 3 ft)
- Sample efforts lasted 15 minutes.
- Fish were held in floating minnow buckets until they were identified and counted.
- Samples were preserved in the collections at the Cincinnati Museum Center.
- All other fish were released at the site of capture.

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Methodology used by the students, including the size of the minnow seines that were used to collect the fish.





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Students seining for fish in Paddys Run.

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Each section of Paddys Run was sampled for 15 minutes.



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Students, their instructor, and Fernald Preserve personnel identify collected fish

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The study method involved placing the collected fish in minnow buckets.

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Samples collected by the students were preserved in the collections of the Cincinnati Museum Center.



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Students with sampling equipment used during the project.

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All fish not preserved in the Cincinnati Museum Centers collections were released back into Paddys Run.

Nineteen species of fish in six families were collected from Paddys Run at the Fernald Preserve during the 2008 study.

A study conducted in 1994 compared the fish species diversity of Paddys Run to the Dry Fork of the Whitewater River approximately 3 miles to the west. Although the study involved Paddys Run, none of the sample sites were on what is now the Fernald Preserve. However, fish were sampled both upstream and downstream from the Preserve.

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Species and family mix of the fish collected by the students.



## Species diversity in Paddys Run; 1994 vs. 2008

<b>Family</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>2008</b>
Suckers (Catostomidae)	3	1
Sunfishes (Centrarchidae)	5	3
Minnows (Cyprinidae)	12	10
Catfishes (Ictaluridae)	0	1
Perches (Percidae)	4	3
Toothed Carps (Poeciliidae)	0	1
<b>TOTAL SPECIES</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>

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This chart compares the results of the students 2008 Paddys Run study to a similar study conducted in 1994.

## Family Catostomidae - Suckers



White Sucker *Catostomus commersoni*

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The White Sucker was a species collected by the students at the Fernald Preserve.

## Family Percidae - Perches



Fantail Darter

*Etheostoma flabellare*

Orange-throat Darter

*Etheostoma spectabile*



Johnny Darter

*Ethostoma nigrum*



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Three species of darters were found by the students at the Fernald Preserve.

## Family Poeciliidae - Toothed Carps



Western Mosquitofish *Gambusia affinis*

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Western Mosquitofish was collected by the students at the Fernald Preserve.

# Family Centrarchidae - Sunfishes



Bluegill

*Lepomis macrochirus*

Longear Sunfish

*Lepomis megalotis*



Green Sunfish

*Lepomis cyanellus*

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Three species of sunfish were collected by the students during their study at the Fernald Preserve.

## Family Ictaluridae - Bullhead Catfishes



Yellow Bullhead *Ameiurus natalis*

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Yellow Bullhead catfish were among the fish collected by the students at the Fernald Preserve.

## Family Cyprinidae - Minnows



Bluntnose Minnow

*Pimephales notatus*

Creek Chub

*Semotilus atromaculatus*



Western Blacknose Dace

*Rhynchichthys obtusus*

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Several minnow species were found by the students in Paddys Run during their study at the Fernald Preserve. This slide shows three of the collected species.

## Family Cyprinidae - Minnows



Central Stoneroller

*Campostoma anomalum*

Spotfin Shiner

*Cyprinella spiloptera*



Silverjaw Minnow

*Notropis buccatus*



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Minnow species found by the students at the Fernald Preserve.



## Family Cyprinidae - Minnows



Striped Shiner

*Luxilus chrysocephalus*

Rosefin Shiner

*Lythrurus ardens*



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Minnow species found by the students at the Fernald Preserve.

## Family Cyprinidae - Minnows



Suckermouth Minnow

*Phenacobius mirabilis*

Southern Redbelly Dace

*Phoxinus erythrogaster*



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Minnow species found by the students at the Fernald Preserve.

# What do the results of the study tell us?

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Study results.

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Seven species we collected are indicators of high water quality.

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High water quality is present in the Fernald Preserve section of Paddys Run.

# What do the results of the study tell us?

- Orange-throat Darters
- Fantail Darters
- Silverjaw Minnows
- Rosefin Shiners
- Blacknose Dace
- Spotfin Shiner
- Southern Redbelly Dace

Seven species we collected are indicators of high water quality.

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The presence of these seven species is an indicator of high water quality.

The Western Mosquitofish is an introduced species that can become invasive.

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Possible sources of the Western Mosquitofish.

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- As its name implies, it eats insect larvae, the primary food of most of the darters and minnows.

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Information on the Western Mosquitofish diet.



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Comparison of the results between the 1994 and 2008 studies and addresses the significance of finding more species in 1994.

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The study concluded that there is probably no significance in finding more species during the 1994 study.

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- During the 1994 study, pools were sampled from the headwaters of Paddys Run to near its mouth. All samples in 2008 were on the Fernald Preserve.

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Another factor for the higher number of species is the 1994 study covered a wider area.

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