

What is next for the Puritas Wetlands?

- We are planning more planting days.
- We are seeking additional funding for educational enhancements to the site such as interpretive signage and informational kiosks.
- We are looking for a location at the site to add the passive learning and recreation space.



Get Involved:

To volunteer at a planting day, or to get more information about the wetlands and upcoming wetlands events please contact Melissa Miller at 216-671-2710 or by email at m.miller@bpdc.org.



Planting Day—May, 2009

Thank You to our Key Partners and Funders:

- Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- Wildlife Habitat Council
- Cuyahoga River Remedial Action Plan
- Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
- City of Cleveland Division of Water Pollution Control
- City of Cleveland Planning Commission
- Friends of the Big Creek
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- Charter One Bank Community in Action Program
- The Datey Company



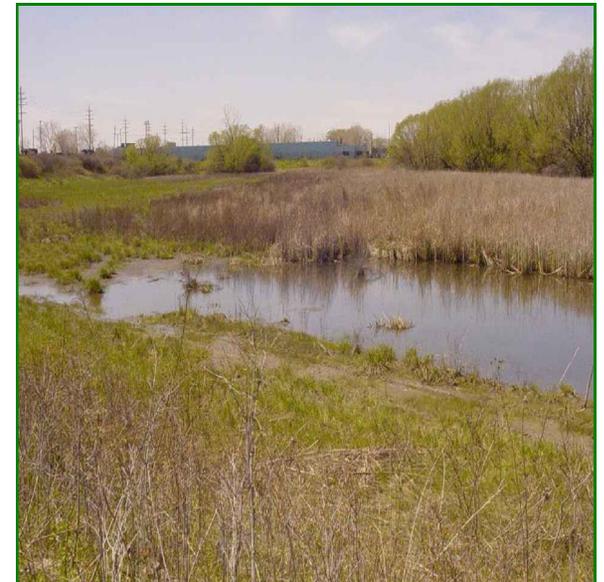
Olive-sided Flycatcher

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The Puritas Wetlands



A project of the Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation

What are the Puritas Wetlands?

- An 80 acre detention basin lying in the Big Creek watershed approximately two miles south of Lake Erie fed by a man-made channel designed to direct stormwater runoff away from contiguous properties and I-480.



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- A functioning wetland located in the heart of the City of Cleveland nestled between residential and

light industrial properties.

- Former home to the American Agricultural Chemical Company until 1970, a commercial fertilizer plant.



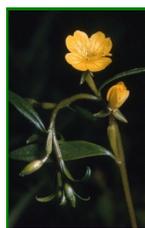
What makes the Puritas Wetlands unique?

- The Puritas Wetlands has a robust ecological character given its urban setting.
- Over 138 avian species have been catalogued at the site including the endangered Ohio yellow-bellied sapsucker, the olive-sided flycatcher, the American bittern and Wilson's snipe.



Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

- Over 66 plant species have been catalogued at the site including a county record for presence of sun drops and a rare occurrence of the whorled milkweed.



Sun drops

How did the project start?

- Bill Oatey, vice chairman of the local plumbing products manufacturer Oatey Co. that borders the Puritas wetlands, was the first to call attention to the wildlife activity at the site and engage the Wildlife Habitat Council.
- In 2005 the Cleveland Museum of Natural History surveyed and catalogued the bird

and plant species in the basin.

- In early 2005 key partners met to begin planning efforts around enhancing and preserving the existing conditions in the basin, and to eventually offer passive learning and recreation opportunities at the site.
- In a November 2005 a public meeting was held to share our planning ideas with the community. We received full support for the project.

What have we done so far?

- Received a \$10,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and \$2,500 award from Charter One.
- Sprayed targeted portions of the basin to control invasive plants, and free up greater growth of native, non-invasive species.
- Held two planting days.
- Hosted a public tour of the wetlands with



Planting Day—April, 2008

the Friends of Big Creek