

Ostrander Wildlife Habitat Site

Oldcastle Company: Shelly Materials, Inc.

Location: Ostrander, Ohio, USA

Size: 80 acres

Certification:

- *Wildlife at Work*, 2010

Partnership:

The Ostrander site is located 20 miles northwest of Columbus, Ohio, three miles west of the Scioto River and 10 miles south of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Delaware Wildlife Area.



The wildlife habitat site was conceived in January 2007, with the construction of the larger of the two ponds and the planting of 1,100 trees in May 2008. Continuing the site development, native grasses was planted in 2011 for restoration of grassland habitat. Aquatic and terrestrial wildlife are benefiting from the acreage that has been developed to date.

The site's wetlands have been restored for the migratory songbirds and upland game birds in the prairie, and for numerous mammals, reptiles and amphibians. The site also will provide direct benefits to species such as the North American bald eagle.

In addition to restoration, the site will maintain and monitor growth of invasive plant species, such as Phragmites, multiflora rose, autumn olive and reed canary grass.

There are three large-scale projects scheduled to complete the site: 1) creation of additional ponds, 2) a short grass prairie with wetland complexes and 3) a 30-acre oak savannah will be established on previously mined land to provide a transition zone from the prairies and the existing woodland habitat that it will adjoin.

Wildlife

Ground hog, red fox, coyote, white-tailed deer, raccoon, Eastern Cottontail rabbit, North American bald eagle, American goldfinch, red-tail hawk, Mallard duck, wild turkey, bass, bluegill

Foliage

White red and black oak, hickory, cottonwood, evergreen, flowering dogwood, sassafras, American Elm, hop hornbeam, wildflowers

Additional Features

Pollinator garden; two ponds