

Petersburg Wildlife Habitat Site

Oldcastle Company: The Shelly Company

Location: Petersburg, Ohio, USA

Size: 240 acres

Certification:

- *Wildlife at Work*, 2007; Recertified 2009; 2011

Partnerships:

The Petersburg Quarry, located near the Ohio-Pennsylvania border, covers approximately 240 acres, with 50 acres designated for wildlife habitat management. The main vegetative communities on the site are forests, open meadows and wetlands. The site is surrounded by rural areas and lies within the Ohio River basin watershed.

To provide cover

Wildlife

Coyote, white-tailed deer, raccoon, Eastern cottontail rabbit, bald eagle, Canada goose, Mallard duck, tree swallow, killdeer, ruby-throated hummingbird, mourning dove, heron

Foliage

Tall fescue, orchard grass, alsike clover, red clover, sycamore, reed canary grass, purple loosestrife, teasel

Additional Features

Basking logs, raptor perches, eastern blue bird and owl nest boxes



and living space for cavity-nesting bird species, Cub Scouts helped construct eastern bluebird nest boxes and an owl nest box. The site regularly monitors and cleans each box after each nesting season, as the site's nesting boxes exhibit annual activity.

In addition, new basking logs were installed in the pond to provide habitat for semi-aquatic organisms such as turtles, wading birds and frogs, as well as shelter for fish. The pond enhancements have increased the waterfowl and fish population at the site.

Throughout the site, raptor perches were installed to create an elevated, active hunting space near the raptor nesting areas. Brush piles were also assembled near the perches to provide shelter for small animals that provide food for the birds of prey.

The Petersburg Quarry wildlife habitat site is one of Oldcastle's oldest certified Wildlife Habitat Council (WHC) *Wildlife at Work* program. ■