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The Newsletter of Green Lawn Cemetery
Spring 2022

Cemetery Completes Seven Year Tree Canopy Restoration Program

By Randy Rogers

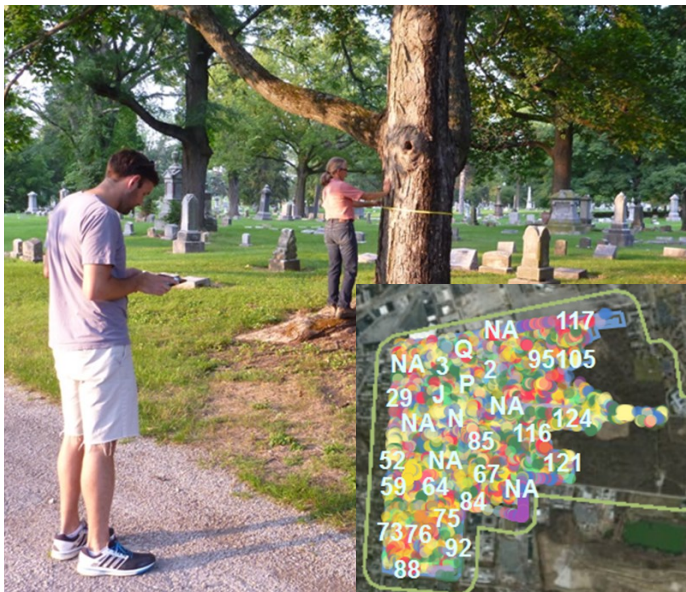
After 160 years, Green Lawn had a problem. The grounds appeared covered with a beautiful treescape, a closer look made a grimmer reality. For decades the cemetery had not planted trees to keep up with fallen or removed trees, especially after storms or problems like Dutch elm disease or emerald ash borer caused mass losses. When trees were planted, too often they were non-native trees with shorter lifespans and less wildlife value than the trees they replaced. Between 1938 and 2012 the canopy had thinned by about 33%, and many of the remaining trees were not healthy.

In 2013 the trustees commissioned a study to identify, measure, and map every tree in the cemetery—at that time 4,343 trees. An analysis of this data revealed a number of oak and maples over 200 years old—part of the native pre-European settlement mixed oak forest—remained in the cemetery. This remnant original treescape was obviously very special, but based on the rate of loss it could disappear in just another 50 years! The results also showed that only half of the trees on the grounds were native.

A restoration plan was created with the goal of planting 200-400 trees per year emphasizing the native trees of a mixed oak forest. For Green Lawn that mix included 6 species of oak, 3 maples, 3 hickories, and other trees such as Ohio buckeye, wild black cherry, sassafras, dogwoods, redbud, and about 15 other primary species. The association and the Friends along with individual donors provided funds, up to \$15,000 per year. Some trees were available locally, but others had to be picked up at native tree nurseries and brought to the cemetery. One species critical to the mix, black maple, was simply not available retail, and we had to recruit a local nursery to collect seed and grow them for us. We also had them grow oaks and other trees from cemetery seed so that not only would the type of tree mix be preserved but also the specific genetic lines of our old trees.

On September 1st of 2014 at 1:00 pm we planted our first tree—a northern red oak. This was a deliberate start on the 100th anniversary of the extinction of the passenger pigeon in recognition that our oldest trees knew this now extinct species, and that we were committing to save our mixed oak forest from the fate of their old feathered friends.

Planting the trees included protecting the saplings from deer by installing fence or trunk guards and watering the new trees for their first two summers. This extra care resulted in a high success rate of over 90%, but there were still about 20 per year that didn't make it and had to be replanted. *(Continued on page 3)*



Left: Mapping trees in early 2014—the inset is the actual map

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President's Message

Thanks to Our Supporters!



*Kevin Schoedinger, President
Green Lawn Cemetery Association*

With mixed feelings, I must share that this will be my only opportunity to write this column!

I have served as a trustee of Green Lawn for 10 years, and in October was honored to be elected president of the board. Since then many of you will have seen in the news that our family business, Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service, has merged with the largest funeral and cemetery operator in the country. Our family, myself included, continue to manage the business, but being part of this new organization puts me in an unavoidable conflict of interest. In fairness to both organizations, I am stepping aside as president and next edition my successor, Kelly Casto, will introduce herself.

I will remain a trustee for the remainder of my term, and the Schoedinger family will continue our strong support for Green Lawn. After all, we have been involved at Green Lawn for six generations going back to our company founder and my great-great-great grandfather, Philip Schoedinger, buried here in 1880!

As members of the Founders Society at Green Lawn, my family and I would like to take this opportunity, as we do each spring, to thank all the people who support the Annual Campaign and the Friends of Green Lawn Cemetery. Without this continued and often multi-generational support, there are many things that simply wouldn't get done in the preservation and beautification of the cemetery. In 2021, we raised over \$118,000!

Thank you for honoring me as your association president even for a short time, and thank you for joining me in continuing to support "our very special park".

Wildlife Stories



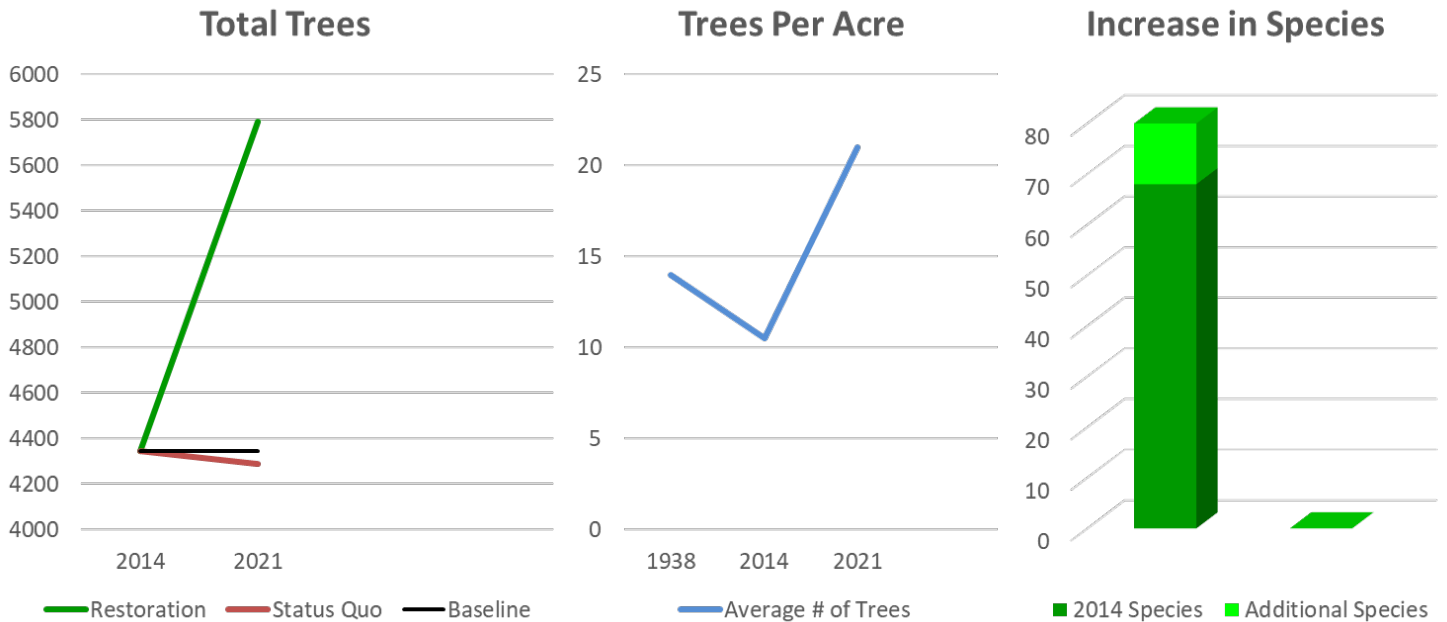
Common Redpolls are a rare winter visitor to central Ohio, but a couple of lucky birdwatchers observed one at our feeders for a single day in January.



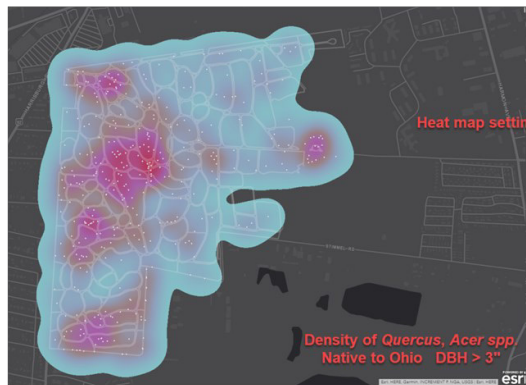
20' high in an old oak, this is the nest of a wood duck. Last spring our staff watched as the young left this nest, which we hope will be used again this year! Wood ducks are the only North American ducks that nest in tree cavities.

Canopy Restoration Program Completed (continued from page 1)

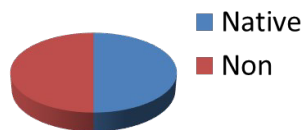
In December of 2021, we officially completed the program by getting through the entire 270 developed acres. The results have been remarkable:



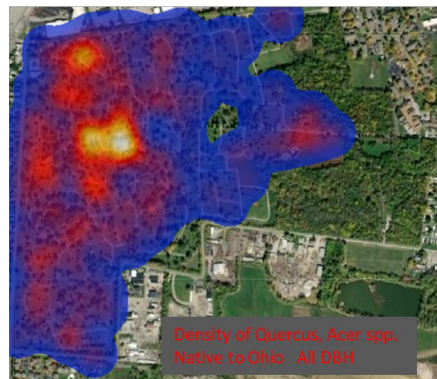
Native oak and maple density in 2014



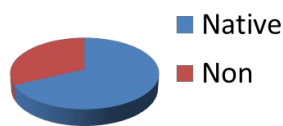
2014
Native v. Non



Native oak and maple density in 2021



2021
Native v. Non



We planted 2188 trees—over 300 per year! This will not only preserve our native treescape for another 200 years, but by increasing the species diversity and increasing the mix of native trees the value of our treescape for birds, pollinators, and other wildlife will actually increase.

We still have a couple of years of watering and other work to follow through with (including the gradual transition of the pond and ravine to a more native mix of shrubs), but now we can transition from restoration to maintenance.

Thank You!

Dear Friends of Green Lawn,

Spring is the most beautiful time of the year at Green Lawn, and I hope that you will have the opportunity to walk or drive through the cemetery in the coming weeks. The migrating birds and flowering trees will be too lovely to miss!

Thank you for your contributions to the annual campaign. Your generous giving in 2021—coupled with the time and talent of our volunteers and partners—will fund the following projects approved for Green Lawn in the coming year. These restoration projects are both significant and very visible to the public:

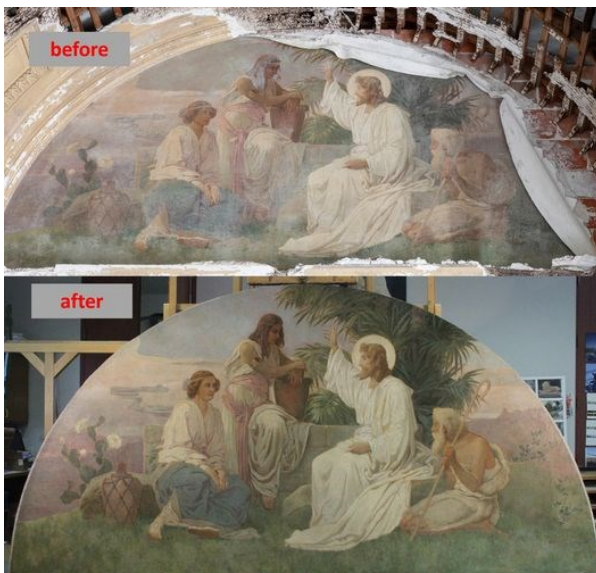
- ❖ Restoration and replacement of hand water pumps throughout the cemetery
- ❖ Restoration of the second of four murals saved from the Hayden Mausoleum
- ❖ Returning a life-sized bronze elk to Elks' Rest
- ❖ Purchase of an Ohio-built 1880 hearse as a deluxe service we can offer our families

In addition, we continue to virtually welcome hundreds of old and new friends to the Huntington Chapel for our programs and the Seasonal Walking Tours co-hosted by Columbus Landmarks Foundation.

The Development Committee members— Trip Lazarus, Susy Meiling, Jane Mykrantz, Anne Wright and Tanya Yepsen—join me in thanking you for your commitment. We are pleased to recognize both our most devoted Friends of Green Lawn and several new donors. We depend on you and truly appreciate your partnership!

Like you, my family members and many dear friends are buried at Green Lawn. It is a privilege to join you in honoring those we love by taking good care of this very special park.

Lynne M. Jeffrey
President
Green Lawn Cemetery Foundation



From left to right:
A. The first Hayden mural restored in 2021
B. Our “new” 1880 hearse
C. Clay model for Elks’ Rest

For more information about making an Annual Campaign donation, a gift to the Endowment Fund, or a Planned Gift for Green Lawn Cemetery, please contact Randel Rogers, Executive Director, at 614-271-8600 or at greenlawncemeteryassoc@gmail.com.

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Upcoming 2022 Green Lawn Cemetery Events

April 17, 7:00am: Easter Sunrise Service. Emmanuel Lutheran Church will be holding a sunrise service at Huntington Chapel. The speaker will be the event's founder, Emeritus Pastor Floyd Stolzenburg.

April 23, 10:00am-12:00pm: Earth Day Litter Cleanup. Volunteers are needed to help keep Green Lawn Cemetery green, clean, and dignified. All supplies and tools will be provided. Held in partnership with Columbus Earth Day 2022. Meet in front of the cemetery office for orientation.

April 23, 2:00-4:00pm: Green Lawn Cemetery Bike Tour. (Fundraiser): Green Lawn partners with Outdoor Pursuits to offer guided bike tours narrated by Matt Wolf and Randy Rogers. Tours begin and end at Green Lawn Abbey at 700 Greenlawn Avenue. Bring your own bike or Outdoor Pursuits can provide one. Helmets are required. Register required at: <https://app.donorview.com/Ebg0l>

April 24, 2:00-4:00pm: Columbus Landmarks Spring Walk. Join us on the path less traveled as Randy Rogers and Doreen Uhas-Sauer lead us on a narrated tour of unique sculptures and some unusual stories about residents of yesteryear. Registration is required at www.columbuslandmarks.org

May 7, 7:00am-9:00am: WOSU News Birding Event with Ann Fisher. Watch our FB page for more information as this event is developed.....

May 8, 9:00am-2:00pm: Mother's Day at Green Lawn. Stop by and pick up a complimentary carnation in honor of those mothers who are missed and remembered on this special day. Carnations are a symbol of the purity, strength and endurance of a mother's love. Huntington Chapel will be open for visitation.

May 30, 10:00am-4:00pm: Memorial Day Open House: Hosted by Green Lawn Abbey and Green Lawn Cemetery. Join us for refreshments, a lunch cookout, and tours. Guided tours of Green Lawn Abbey and Huntington Chapel are planned. All are welcome!

The Ohio Military Reserve, Civil Air Patrol, and Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold a commemoration event for Memorial Day in section 104.

April, May, June: Multiple educational tours will be conducted as part of our Ohio Humanities grant project "*Facing History and Ourselves: The Rural Cemetery Movement in Green Lawn*". The walking tours are designed to deepen participants personal engagement and provide historical context. Three distinctly separate themes will be explored. Watch our FB page for details as these events are planned.....

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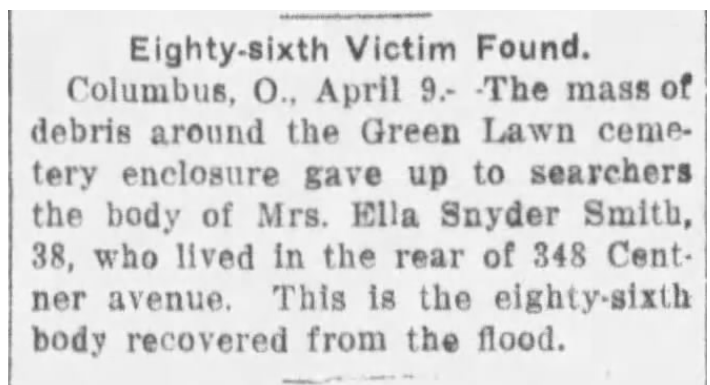
Green Lawn Events Website:

www.greenlawncemetery.org/events/

Cemetery News



Our "new" office in 1942!



From the Columbus Evening Dispatch, April 9th, 1913. The cemetery fence along Stimmel Rd. collected a lot of flood debris, including poor Mrs. Smith, who was buried in section 64 near the spot she was found.

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