

Ohio Stream Preservation, Inc. Conservation Easement Inspection Report

Investigator(s) CVE Limited

Site Geauga Lake Greenbelt

Date of Site Visit January, 9 2013 Long: 81°23'01.34" W Lat: 41°21'99.66" N

Total Easement acreage 21

Property Location:

City Aurora, County Geauga, OH Zip 44202

Additional location identification / Access:

The old Geauga Lake Amusement park facility is located north of State Route 43 (N Aurora Road). The conservation easement is north/northwest of the parking lot and can be accessed from N Market Place Drive.

Land Use On Property: (check all that apply) ☐ Agricultural, ☐ Commercial, ☐ Industrial, ☐ Residential,

☒ Forested, ☒ Shrub, ☒ Herbaceous, ☐ Open lot, ☒ Wetlands, ☐ Streams, ☐ Floodplain

☒ Other gas well

Comments:

Stream(s): ☒ Absent, ☐ Present: Number present _____, Approx. length: _____ ft.

Substrate Type: _____, Stream Cover: _____

Overall Stream quality: ☐ Low, ☐ Medium, ☐ High Erosion: ☐ Low, ☐ Medium, ☐ High

Flow regime(s): _____

Comments: (forested, pollution, bank condition, invasive sp., modifications, etc.)

Wetland(s): ☐ Absent, ☒ Present: Type(s) (PFO, PEM, etc.)

Emergent (PEM) / Forested (PFO)

Comments: (forested, pollution, alterations, invasive sp., etc.)

The wetlands within the conservation easement are recovering from past disturbances including the installation of the existing well head and access road and the parking lots and amusement park facilities (impacts pre-date easement).

Vegetation: Plant Communities (Check all that apply): ☐ Young field, ☐ Old field, ☒ Shrub,

☒ Young forest, ☒ Second growth forest, ☐ Older stratified forest, ☐ Mature forest, ☒ Snags

Threatened or endangered species present: ☐ Yes, ☒ No,

Invasive species observed: ☒ Yes, ☐ No Density of Invasive Cover: ☐ Low, ☒ Medium, ☐ High

Comments / species present:

Common reed (*Phragmites australis*), Narrow leaf cattail (*Typha angustifolia*)

Wildlife:

Endangered / threatened or rare species observed: ☐ Yes, ☒ No

Other Wildlife Observed:

Recreation/Scenic Values: ☐ Trail potential, ☐ Birding, ☒ Community green space,

☐ Scenic views, ☐ Fishing

Encroachments: ☐ Yes, ☒ No, **Encroachments since last inspection:** ☐ Yes, ☒ No

Encroachments On-site: ☐ Structures, ☐ Damage to vegetation, ☐ Alterations, ☐ Dumping,
☐ Logging, ☐ Areas of encroachment, ☐ Erosion, ☐ Utility lines - Type(s):_____

General Site Conditions:

No recreational or motorized vehicles use patterns were found within the conservation easement limits and the surrounding land use remains commercial. In addition no clearing, mowing or spraying of vegetation was noted. Easement signs are present along the entire CE limits and remain in good condition.

Description of Impacts: (include general observations, photographs locations/direction, addresses or subplot # for encroachments)

n/a

Additional Information: (include any residents spoken to and brief description of conversation)

Replaced few signs

General Topography & Soils: – ☒ Flat, ☒ Gently sloped, ☐ Moderate, ☐ Severe,
Soil Series Ud, CcA, Cf ☒ Hydric, ☐ Hydric Inclusions

Adjacent land use:

North border: Open

West border: Commercial

South border: Commercial

East border: Commercial / old abandon amusement park



2012 Geauga Lake Greenbelt aerial

Site Photograph(s):

