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STREAM RESTORATION UNVEILING AT NATURE OF WOODLAWN EVENING

TOLEDO, OH: Woodlawn Cemetery: On Thursday, June 16th, from 6:00 – 7:30pm Woodlawn will hold the Nature of Woodlawn event, with a special presentation at 6:15pm to unveil the designs of our Stream Restoration by Wendy Fry of Mannik Smith architectural firm. Experts will also be on hand to talk about frog and bat monitoring on the grounds of Woodlawn, as well as, ongoing tree and bird programs.

The stream restoration addresses Bowen Ditch within Woodlawn Cemetery, returning the waterbody to a stream with surrounding wetland areas and allowing it to function as a stream with a well-connected floodplain. Bowen Ditch is currently fed by an approximately 856-acre sub-watershed comprised primarily of dense residential and industrial uses. It daylights for the first time at the western boundary of Woodlawn Cemetery and flows approximately 3,500 feet where to it is piped into the Ottawa River and flows to Lake Erie. The Woodlawn Cemetery project area sits within the Maumee River Area of Concern. An integral part of Woodlawn's Stream restoration is providing continued community engagement and outreach: establishing access points, signage, boardwalk, overlooks, and urban environmental program materials.

For the past ten years Woodlawn has documented 213 species of Birds, during the Friday Birds of Woodlawn Program, Tree of Woodlawn series has highlighted the Arboretums 138 species of Trees. Recently students from Bowling Green State University have conducted Bat and Frog monitoring on the grounds of Woodlawn. Woodlawn is seen as an important link for studies on our Urban Green space. This evening will share those stories in urban outreach, stewardship and research.

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery and Arboretum is a National Historic Site. With more than 160 acres of scenic and rolling hills, Woodlawn, a private, non-profit cemetery, has over 40 acres of burial space available. A public mausoleum, crematory, cremation niches as well as traditional burial plots are open to people of all spiritual beliefs and ethnicities. Public programs, tours and field trips continue the rural cemetery origin to share the beauty, natural beauty, and architectural significance. For more information about Woodlawn, please call 419-472-2186 or visit www.historic-woodlawn.com

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NOTE: Weather may cause us to reschedule this event.