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Preserving "sense of place" in a Cincinnati suburb ANNOUNCING THE WESTWOOD PRESERVE

The Land Conservancy announces our newest preservation project: the **Westwood Preserve** in the Cincinnati suburb of Westwood.

Building on the donation of a three-lot forested parcel (1) by Col. Robert Schmidt of San Antonio in 2004, we expanded our preservation efforts in the neighborhood by purchasing additional parcels. In 2009, we now own 24 parcels.

Preserved for all time

The preserved parcels are located on a "paper" street named Berninghaus. They are strategically located in the 20-acre forest fragment, providing a magnificent buffer for the carefully-tended homes on Aquadale, McBreen and Cavanaugh.

As more parcels become available, the Land Conservancy will purchase them or seek their donation. Under our protection, these wooded parcels will be kept safe from development.

The protected land will forever benefit the neighborhood, adding beauty, creating a sense of place, enhancing property values.

Schmidt family land

The first donated parcel had been in the Schmidt family since the early 1900s, passed down from



LEFT: Google Earth view of the Westwood site

Area is situated E of Harrison Avenue, and S of McHenry Avenue

PHOTOS BELOW

Left: Homes on Aquadale with forest buffer behind. Land donated by Col. Schmidt (1) is behind homes at far L in photo. A stately white oak dominates the property.



In the interior, (1) Land Conservancy Board member Bob Minges inspects the white oak, estimated to be at least 100 years old

great grandparents to the present generation. We are grateful for the help of Jeanette Bockhold, Col. Schmidt's cousin and a Land Conservancy member, for her help in facilitating the donation.

About "paper" streets

Streets that were planned but never built

are located all over Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Our newly preserved properties are on one such street—Berninghaus—identified with double lines on the site map.

This half-mile long "paper" street is populated with more than 100 small, privately-owned, land-locked, forested lots. Because this wooded area has never been cleared for a street and homesites, the land remains in its natural state, but is always in danger of being lost to development.



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