



Valley View has received critical funding from the Clean Ohio Greenspace Conservation Program to restore 55 acres in the heart of the preserve. This project builds on earlier Clean Ohio–supported efforts that permanently protected 190 acres of ecologically and culturally significant land from development.

Beginning in January and through the next two years, visitors walking the trails will notice active restoration work in the central portion of the property. At times, there will be equipment, temporary trail reroutes, and areas that look disturbed or “messy.” While this phase will feel disruptive, it is a necessary step toward restoring a healthier, more vibrant and natural landscape for the future.

Much of this area has been impacted by past agricultural use and invasive species like Amur honeysuckle and Callery pear. These plants crowd out native trees and wildflowers, reduce wildlife habitat, and limit access to parts of the preserve. Removing them allows native ecosystems to recover and thrive again.

Through this project, we will restore native plant communities, improve wetland and stream health within the East Fork watershed, enhance habitat for declining species, and open previously overgrown areas for safe public access. A new master trail plan and expanded hands-on learning opportunities will greatly improve each visitor’s experience and understanding of these restored spaces.

This work also complements riverbank stabilization efforts led by the Clermont County Soil & Water Conservation District, strengthening the overall impact across the region.

We’re grateful for your patience during this season of change. The temporary disruption will lead to stronger habitats, cleaner water, improved trails, and a Valley View that truly reflects its potential.