

Black River Audubon Society February Program  
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Join the Black River Audubon Society for an informational presentation, **Evolution of a Land Conservation Project**, by Western Reserve Land Conservancy's Andy McDowell at 7pm, February 5 at the Carlisle Reservation Visitor Center, 12882 Nickle Plate Road, LaGrange.

Have you ever wondered how land conservation projects work? What's the process like? What is a conservation easement? Are there benefits for the land owner? Is that land really protected forever? McDowell, Vice President of WRLC Western Field Operations, will give answers to these questions and more!!

This program is free to the public. For more information on programs, volunteering or becoming a member, visit [www.blackriveraudubon.org](http://www.blackriveraudubon.org) or call 440-365-6465. And don't forget to LIKE us on Facebook!!

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More Information and Bio:

The Land Conservancy has conserved over 55,000 acres in their entire service area. In 2018, nearly 1,900 acres were conserved in the western region from the Oberlin field office. These acres include the preservation of natural lands, including miles of rivers and stream corridors, Kelleys Island rare alvar, biodiverse fen wetlands as well as a historic mill and rich farmland.

Andy McDowell is the Land Conservancy's Vice President of Western Field Operations. He provides direction and leadership of the Land Conservancy's efforts in 10 counties.

Andy, wife Jennifer, daughter Ashley, 8, and son Duncan, 6, live in North Ridgeville. McDowell is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing, canoeing, camping, backpacking and maintaining old tractors. He and his family are very active in their local 4-H club.