



FUNDING is WITHIN REACH *with YOUR HELP*

The PCHS is proud of the fact that these community benefits are very attainable. With the support of the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, we are already over half way to our goal of \$699,956.

The Society has provided cash match in the amount of \$32,915 which leaves us with a very realistic campaign goal of \$317,040.

The fundraising plan includes soliciting three primary groups: local & area foundations, local & area businesses, & PCHS members & donors. Support from all of these will be needed to achieve the funding goal.

2011 ANNUAL PROJECTED BUDGET

In order to project expenses & anticipate the financial demands of operating this new facility, the PCHS Board modeled this 2011 (year one) projected budget on the Fort Recovery 2009 annual budget. Fort Recovery has been successfully operating a similar venue & program for the last nine years.

Expenses:

Programming stipends	\$10,000
Publicity/Advertising/Marketing	\$10,000
Grounds Maintenance	\$2,000
	\$22,000

Income:

Corporate Program Sponsorships (10 @ \$1000)	\$10,000
Brochure ad sales, in-kind contributions	\$ 7,000
Events revenue	\$ 5,000
	\$22,000



An Exciting Past is in Your Future

The Preble County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving our rich farming, social & rural heritage, as well as the artifacts, memories & natural environment that make it unique. From artifacts & archives, to prairie conversion & wetland restoration, wooded nature trails, and a range of educational, historical & living-learning programs, we're working hard to keep the past for the future.

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PROJECT ROLLOUT & EVALUATION

The Society has proposed the following criteria for evaluating the rollout & impact of the program expansion.

1) *Construction Completion:* As soon as our match is raised, amphitheater construction will begin. Project completion is set for Fall/Winter of 2010 with programming beginning Spring of 2011.

2) *Programing Development:* In the first summer season, PCHS will expand its summer program offerings by at least one offering per month; in season two an additional program per month will be offered; & so on.

Current staff & volunteers will coordinate year one summer season; a part-time educational programming coordinator will coordinate year two; & a full time educational programming coordinator will coordinate year three.

3) *Membership & Community Involvement Expansion:* Based on expanded knowledge of PCHS due to exposure through the summer event series, the PCHS membership will increase by at least 15% a year for the three years following the series initiation.

4) *Financial Evaluation:* Net revenue from the summer series events will increase by at least 15% a year for the three years following the initiation of the series. Donors to the amphitheater project will also participate in supporting future program success & facility development at the Center.

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The Amphitheater Project * * * **SETTING the STAGE**
for HISTORY, CULTURE & NATURE
to PERFORM TOGETHER in our OWN BACKYARD.



Imagine an evening of arts overlooking a dramatic landscape of natural wetlands and forest on the grounds of the Preble County Historical Society (PCHS).

Imagine a community endeavor to provide a permanent & accessible outdoor educational facility for historical, cultural, environmental & special event programming.

Imagine a summer season that will expand the cultural, arts & educational opportunities for the community.

Imagine how a fully accessible, outdoor venue with a wide-reaching schedule of events would put the PCHS & Preble County on the summer destination map for residents & tourists alike.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT *is the OPENING ACT.*

AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY

from the OHIO CULTURAL FACILITIES COMMISSION

Consistent with the 2001 master plan for land use at the Center, the PCHS proposes to build an outdoor amphitheater to provide an arena for educational & environmental programming, school & cultural events & activities.

With the support of local county officials, Governor Ted Strickland, State Senator Keith Faber, & State Representative Jim Zehringer, the PCHS obtained a \$350,000 matching grant from the State of Ohio through the biennial capital budget of the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission. Their commitment is strong affirmation of the PCHS's objectives for this community project.

This funding is released only when matching funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis are raised. PCHS currently is launching a capital campaign to raise the remaining matching funds.

DEVELOPING A NEW COMMUNITY RESOURCE

at a PROVEN SITE

For over thirty years, the PCHS has pursued its mission of providing opportunities for the community to experience, learn, create, & imagine the historic flavor of the rich cultural heritage of Preble County.

The Center's 255-acre location, only one mile from the intersections of SR 503, SR 122, & SR 725, added to the Society's current partnerships with schools, community volunteer organizations, local government, state & federal entities, creates a depth of opportunity for the type of family programming, culture & activity that attracts residents, businesses & visitors from beyond Preble County.

A NATURAL & GREEN DESIGN

The amphitheater will highlight the natural contours of the dramatic hillside location into its low-impact design. Incorporating Preble County limestone seating with environmentally-friendly lighting for the hand rails, stage & canopy will further enhance this beautiful setting. Solar & wind energy resources will be incorporated to reduce operating costs.

Lined with the natural forest of the original farm the site will overlook the 15-acre restored wetland area providing visitors with a dramatic panorama of the lush natural features of the western Ohio landscape – woods, water & wildflowers. Also on view will be rural agricultural activities that change with the seasons.



HELP US
OPEN *the CURTAIN* on this
GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

A UNIQUE FACILITY FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS

In addition to its natural beauty, the amphitheater will provide significant additions to the community's available outdoor facilities.

- an outdoor classroom for hands-on education & demonstrations
- venue opportunities for corporate, public, non-profit & private functions with seating for 350+ people & additional terracing for lawn seating of up to 1,000 people
- an event/booth space at the top of the grounds
- paved parking for autos, buses, & handicap access with designated drop-off areas
- electrical capabilities for lighting, audio & video

COMMUNITY-WIDE ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Imagine the many community-wide benefits from this project.

- added exposure for area attractions, shops, food, services, lodging & amenities from residents & visitors
- increased tax revenue & job opportunities by utilizing local materials, contractors & summer help
- broader cultural offerings to attract relocation & investment by employers & residents
- opportunities for local businesses in design, construction, maintenance, partnership & programming
- new PCHS revenue opportunities from potential ticket sales, car entrance fees, new memberships & food & gift shop sales

Just imagine your summer schedule.

To help, we've merged our current summer schedule (shown in green) with a series of proposed new events (shown in black). The possibilities are endless.

MONTH of APRIL

April 10 PCHS Green Day with Adopt-A-Plant for the Wetlands, Wildflower Hike, & meeting of the Preble County Living Green Group

MONTH of MAY

May 2 Herb Faire, hikes, plant sale, music, food
May Preble Explorers (PCHS Youth Organization) will explore our past, become aware of the present, and prepare for our future.
May Bluegrass Band Concert
May Monthly Stargazing Evening

MONTH of JUNE

June 12 Herbal Tea Luncheon
June Evening Concert by Dayton Philharmonic
June Monthly Stargazing Evening
June Graduation & Wedding Ceremonies
June Mid-summer Theater Performance

MONTH of JULY

July 4 Old Fashioned Independence Day Celebration with the Eaton Community Band and Chorus
July 25 Preble County Archaeology Day
July Concert Series with the US Military Band
July Youth Summer Theater Performance
July Monthly Stargazing Evening

MONTH of AUGUST

August 15 Covered Bridge Poker Run and Bier Tasting
August Prairie Serenade and Concert
August Antique Study Group Program
August Monthly Stargazing Evening

MONTH of SEPTEMBER

September Back to School Celebration of Education in Preble County
September PCHS Annual History Lecture
September Monthly Stargazing Evening

MONTH of OCTOBER

October 2-3 Fall Gathering with artisans, antiques, living history interpreters, demonstrations, food, tractor rides, music, kid's activities
October Covered Bridge Tour
October All Hallows Eve Festivities
October Monthly Stargazing Evening
October Food festivals & Art shows