

**2026 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award**

**Name of Nominee: Dave Nolin**

***Name of Nominator: Brandon Hough and Eric Marcus***

In 1988, Dave Nolin helped found the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association (BCWA), an organization that was dedicated to preserving the wetlands along Beaver Creek in Beaver Creek Township. Today, the Beaver Creek Wetlands Association manages the watershed for Beaver Creek from US 35 all the way to Pearl's Fen in Fairborn in concert with a number of partners including the City of Fairborn, Beaver Creek Township, the City of Beaver Creek, Greene County Parks & Trails and the ODNR Division of Wildlife.

Dave began his work on the Beaver Creek wetlands as a graduate student at Wright State University. Dave, along with others, explored the Beaver Creek corridor and assembled a map of the wetlands. These efforts led to the formation of a coalition of public entities and individuals who formed the land trust that exists today.

One of Dave's finest discoveries was a fen along Byron Road. Acquired in 2004 by Greene County Parks & Trails with assistance from BCWA, the fen was restored under Dave's leadership in 2018.

Over the last 35 years, Dave has helped to acquire and preserve the 12+ mile long Beaver Creek watershed, which consists of more than a dozen parks and preserves. Without Dave's conservation efforts, much of the wetlands would have been lost forever. His volunteer efforts have left a lasting mark on the quality of life in Beaver Creek.