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Dear Community Member,

In partnership with the Conservation District of Campbell County, I ask that you participate in the enclosed survey to better inform the process of managing the Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area.

Please find an informed consent statement enclosed. If you wish to have your name published as a source for the oral history, please sign and return the form with your survey. If you do not wish your name published, do not sign the form, but keep it for your records. Your survey will then be completely anonymous, as we will not have any way to connect you with the survey data.

There are two parts to the survey. The first part, the oral history, was collected in a series of community interviews last spring. We ask that you review the narrative and make any corrections, additions or comments that you think may improve our effort.

The second part of the survey includes statements made by participants of the community interviews. By having you and other community members rate each statement we can discover how representative these individual statements are of the entire community.

The survey should only require approximately one-half hour of your time.

Please contact me directly either by email (humed1@nku.edu) or by phone (859.572.5702) if you have any questions or concerns.

I thank you in advance for you participation.

Sincerely,

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INFORMED CONSENT STATEMENT

Principal Investigator (PI): Dr. Douglas Hume, Northern Kentucky University

Title of Study: Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area Project

Introduction

You are invited to participate in the collection oral histories of the Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area and explain what you, as a community member, believe should be done to conserve the area. The interview is estimated to last approximately one hour.

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may choose to stop participating (withdraw) at any time without penalty. You will not be paid for being in this study.

Confidentiality

Data collected in this study are anonymous, but you may elect to have your name attached to the data that is collected. The oral histories and suggestions for conservation plans will be made available to the Campbell County Conservation District and published on the Internet, journals and conference proceedings.

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the PI, Douglas Hume, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Northern Kentucky University, at humed1@nku.edu or 859-572-5702.

Questions about your rights as a participant of this research may be directed to Philip J. Moberg, Ph.D., IRB Chair, Northern Kentucky University, at either mobergp1@nku.edu or 859-572-1913 The IRB is a group of people that reviews research studies and protects the rights of people involved with research.

In signing below the participant indicates that s/he has read and understood the above statements and agrees to take part in this study.

Signature

Date

Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area Oral History

Directions: Please read the following oral history of the Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area. Clearly write any corrections, additions or comments that you think may improve the narrative either in the text or on the third page.

Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area along Licking Pike in Campbell County is bordered by the Licking River and Ripple Creek, both of which give a unique character to the land. Two knolls, often disappearing in the morning mist, provide outstanding views of the river. The name Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area was chosen to honor the history of this land. In earlier days, the shallow riffle in the Licking River near the community of Hawthorne allowed travelers an easy crossing into present day Kenton County. The community of Hawthorne has since disappeared, although its name endures in people's memories and in print, on county maps.

The first residents of Hawthorne were Native Americans. Remnants of one of their settlements can still be located on the property near the river. They used the cave system that runs throughout the property, as at the mouth of the cave, many people have found arrowheads and pottery shards. The entrance to the cave was dynamited shut in the late 1800s, as the people of Hawthorne were worried about their children being injured while playing in the caves. Hawthorne was named after Howard Hawthorne, who was a private in the cavalry who fought in the battle at Wounded Knee. Private Hawthorne died of meningitis and influenza in 1818. The 1883 Campbell County map shows the land as belonging to the heirs of Howard Hawthorne. The 1930 census lists Hawthorne Crossing as having a population of 26 people. Records show that James H. Rusk was postmaster in 1880, followed by Thomas Jenkins in 1893, and Theodore Shanks in 1913. Service was discontinued in August 1914 and mail was sent to Alexandria.

The Trapp family emigrated by boat from Germany to Hawthorne Crossing in 1855. The Trapp family included four sons (John, Nick, Leonard [known as George] and George Leonard [known as Len]) and a daughter who died during the voyage. Shortly after arriving, a fifth son (Andrew) was born on September 18, 1855. A month later Mrs. Trapp died due to the loneliness of losing her daughter and her isolation due to her inability to speak English. The Trapp family lived in the lower

house at Hawthorne Crossing. The family kept dairy cows, pigs, and farmed crops on the property. The Trapp family also barged coal up the Licking River using scales near the road to weigh the coal. After a tax was levied on scales, the scales were removed.

George Leonard Trapp donated some of his land for a one bedroom school house for local children. The school house, which was named after the Trapps, could house up to 28 students at a time. Also present on the land is a log cabin home that was once inhabited by one of the Trapp brothers.

An inn known as the Ten Mile House, was located just south of the property. Farmers would stay at the inn on their way to Newport and other towns to sell their produce. The Mile Houses are named for how many miles away the building was located from Newport, Kentucky. The Ten Mile House was a salon that sold gas, beer, and candy. At one time the price for gas at the Mile houses was 15 cents a gallon, two cents of which was tax. The Ten Mile House may have also served as a brothel at one time. Farmers would go and rest for the night during the process of shipping their pigs and herd animals to the markets in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Ten Mile House was still in operation before it burnt down in the 1970s.

In the 1950s the Army Corps of Engineers surveyed the property and surrounding area, labeling it Hawthorne Crossing. The Army Corps of Engineers determined that Hawthorne Crossing was within a flood plain and that certain buildings were not permitted to be built. Flooding is a common natural occurrence on the property of Hawthorne.

An old tollgate was located in the Hawthorne community, lending its name to the present day Tollgate Road. John Trapp also owned the Tollgate Road that passes close to the property. The actual Tollgate Building was last owned by Ms. Quinn. Inside the Tollgate Building was a slot machine. The Tollgate House burnt down in 1972. Some time later, Richard "Ace" Doran, a wealthy man, bought the property. He owned Ace Doran Company, which was a hauling and rigging company. He used the property to house chickens, pigs, and ponies. Ace wanted to buy back all the land his grandfather

Community Statements on the Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area

Directions: Please answer the following questions about yourself.

Age: _____ years old

Gender: _____

Directions: Please rate your agreement with the following statements:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1. Nature is not the state of the world as it is without mankind's intervention.	4	3	2	1
2. I would not like to see the land used for sightseeing.	4	3	2	1
3. I would not like to see the land used for hunting.	4	3	2	1
4. I would like to be hands on with the landscaping.	4	3	2	1
5. My idea of conservation is not saving the property in its original state, but preserving it.	4	3	2	1
6. I believe wildlife should be disturbed.	4	3	2	1
7. I would like to see the land used for sightseeing.	4	3	2	1
8. I would like to see the land used for scientific research.	4	3	2	1
9. Nature happens to be anything that occurs in the natural world.	4	3	2	1
10. Nature is the community and the houses that are a part of the area.	4	3	2	1
11. I do not want to be involved in the extent of communicating the oral history of the property.	4	3	2	1
12. Conservation is not important to me.	4	3	2	1
13. Nature does not happen to be anything that occurs in the natural world.	4	3	2	1
14. I do not think we need more green space.	4	3	2	1
15. Conservation to me is wise use.	4	3	2	1
16. I believe the land should not be interfered with and instead let nature manage itself.	4	3	2	1
17. I would not like to help in the construction of new projects, preserving old structures and the bridge work, etc.	4	3	2	1
18. I would not like to see the land used for fishing.	4	3	2	1

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
19. I just want to be involved in the extent of communicating the oral history of the property.	4	3	2	1
20. I think conserving green space in Kentucky is important.	4	3	2	1
21. Nature is not freedom for all to exist.	4	3	2	1
22. Nature is the state of the world as it is without mankind's intervention.	4	3	2	1
23. I do not believe conservation is preserving something before it is wasted or gone.	4	3	2	1
24. I would like to see the land used for kayaking.	4	3	2	1
25. I would like to see the land used for canoe access.	4	3	2	1
26. Conservation to me is getting areas to their previous state and preserving them from there so that later generations are able to enjoy them as well.	4	3	2	1
27. I want to be involved.	4	3	2	1
28. I do not believe conservation is maintaining natural order.	4	3	2	1
29. Nature is not all natural things: Animals, plants and the ecosystem.	4	3	2	1
30. Conservation to me is good stewardship of the land and natural resources.	4	3	2	1
31. I do not believe there should be an effort to recycle on the property.	4	3	2	1
32. Nature is all natural things: Animals, plants and the ecosystem.	4	3	2	1
33. I would not like to be hands on with the landscaping.	4	3	2	1
34. I would not like to see the land used for conservation.	4	3	2	1
35. I would not like to see the land used for kayaking.	4	3	2	1
36. I believe nature is God's Creation.	4	3	2	1
37. Nature is not the world of living things and the outdoors.	4	3	2	1
38. I would not like to see the land used for scientific research.	4	3	2	1
39. I would not like to see the land used for biking.	4	3	2	1
40. We must care for the water, trees, and creatures.	4	3	2	1

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
41. I do not believe conservation is not wise use.	4	3	2	1
42. I believe there should be an effort to recycle on the property.	4	3	2	1
43. I would like to see the old barn and silo restored and preserved.	4	3	2	1
44. I would not define conservation as the protection and preservation of wildlife and our natural resources such as forests.	4	3	2	1
45. I do not believe must care for the water, trees, and creatures.	4	3	2	1
46. I believe wildlife should not be disturbed.	4	3	2	1
47. Conservation is important to me.	4	3	2	1
48. Nature is the natural environment.	4	3	2	1
49. I would not like to see the land used for hiking.	4	3	2	1
50. Conservation to me is doing no harm, working with the land and helping it heal.	4	3	2	1
51. I do not think conserving green space in Kentucky is important.	4	3	2	1
52. Nature is not the natural environment.	4	3	2	1
53. I do not believe conservation involves good stewardship of the land and natural resources.	4	3	2	1
54. My idea of conservation is saving the property in its original state, but preserving it.	4	3	2	1
55. I do not believe nature is God's Creation.	4	3	2	1
56. Conservation to me is maintaining natural order.	4	3	2	1
57. I do not think the history of the land being preserved is very important.	4	3	2	1
58. I think we need more green space.	4	3	2	1
59. I would like to see the land used for fishing.	4	3	2	1
60. I do not want to be involved.	4	3	2	1
61. I would like to help in the construction of new projects, preserving old structures and the bridge work.	4	3	2	1
62. Nature is the world of living things and the outdoors.	4	3	2	1

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
63. I would like to see the land preserved and maintained.	4	3	2	1
64. I would not like to see information such as the history of the area on display on the land.	4	3	2	1
65. I would not like to see the land used for education.	4	3	2	1
66. I would not enjoy participating in the trail maintenance of the area.	4	3	2	1
67. I do not believe conservation is getting areas to their previous state and preserving them from there so that later generations are able to enjoy them as well.	4	3	2	1
68. I would not like to see the land preserved and maintained.	4	3	2	1
69. I would enjoy participating in the trail maintenance of the area.	4	3	2	1
70. Conservation to me is keeping it as natural as possible without interrupting nature.	4	3	2	1
71. I would like to see the land used for hunting.	4	3	2	1
72. I would not like to see the old barn and silo restored and preserved.	4	3	2	1
73. Nature is freedom for all to exist.	4	3	2	1
74. I would define conservation as the protection and preservation of wildlife and our natural resources such as forests.	4	3	2	1
75. I would not like to see the land used for canoe access.	4	3	2	1
76. I would like to see the land used for biking.	4	3	2	1
77. I would like to see the land used for conservation.	4	3	2	1
78. I do not believe conservation is doing no harm, working with the land and helping it heal.	4	3	2	1
79. I think the history of the land should be preserved.	4	3	2	1
80. I would like to see the land used for bird watching.	4	3	2	1
81. I would like to see information such as the history of the area on display on the land.	4	3	2	1

