Greenwood Farm

In 1798, John Moss bought from the Conn. Land Co.

In 1809, Abraham Bishop built a grist mills at the falls.

In 1814, Jonathan Pelton bought the mill.

In 1828, Euclid Twp School District 6 centered on Peltons Corners.

Euclid Dist 6 'Beechnut' 2nd sch'house, built 1886

Euclid History Museum

Phypers collection

Early settler farmhouse, burned 1916

In 1908, George and Maude Phypers bought 18.6 acres straddling Euclid Creek east branch; they named the property Greenwood Farm. The land held a mid-nineteenth century farmhouse, which burned in 1916.


Phypers collection

Phypers house under construction, 1917

In 1917, the Phypers used paving brick to build a new house of 3,796 sq ft, with a finished attic and a large porch.

In 2004, the City of Richmond Heights purchased Greenwood Farm from the last residing Phypers descendants. The property is operated by the Greenwood Farm Historical, Cultural & Arts Association, Inc. The mission is to preserve the farm and grounds, and to promote local arts, culture, education and history.

Euclid Creek / Portage Escarpment

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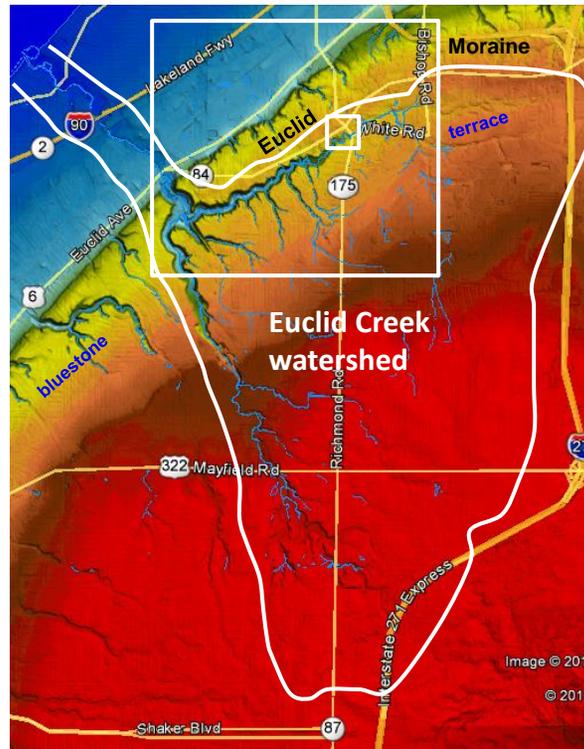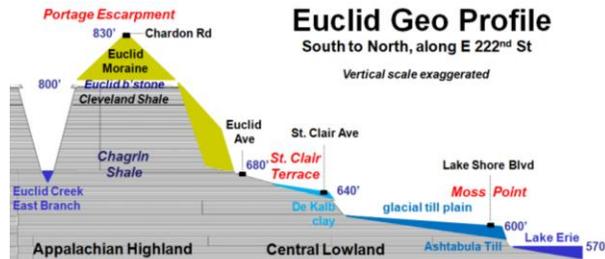
Fourteen thousand years ago, the last glacier, in retreat, generated many streams along the Portage Escarpment. The Euclid Creek established a watershed between the larger pre-glacial Cuyahoga and Chagrin valleys.

The main branch begins in high on the escarpment to flow northward. The east branch gathers headwaters forced westward along the Euclid Moraine.

Each branch falls over the Euclid bluestone to create a gorge in the underlying Bedford, Cleveland and Chagrin shales.

Greenwood Farm lies where the east branch falls over the bluestone, the start of its two-mile long gorge.

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Euclid Creek
East Branch
at Greenwood Farm

Roy Larick

for the

Friends of Euclid Creek

James Danforth

View W from the base of the bluestone waterfall

About 14,000 years ago, the final Ice Age glacier retreated northward from the bluestone terrace of western Lake and eastern Cuyahoga Counties.

The ice front stalled for a while at the terrace north edge and dropped a ribbon of fine debris. This *Euclid Moraine* later became the course for Chardon Rd.

The moraine forced meltwater and terrace runoff westward, thereby forming Euclid Creek east branch.

Greenwood Farm lies where the east branch falls over the *Euclid bluestone*. The Greenwood Farm tour explores the bluestone 'knick point' area.

Greenwood Farm and the nearby Redstone Run Reserve are models for conserving escarpment run (lake-direct) ravines in Euclid and Richmond Heights.
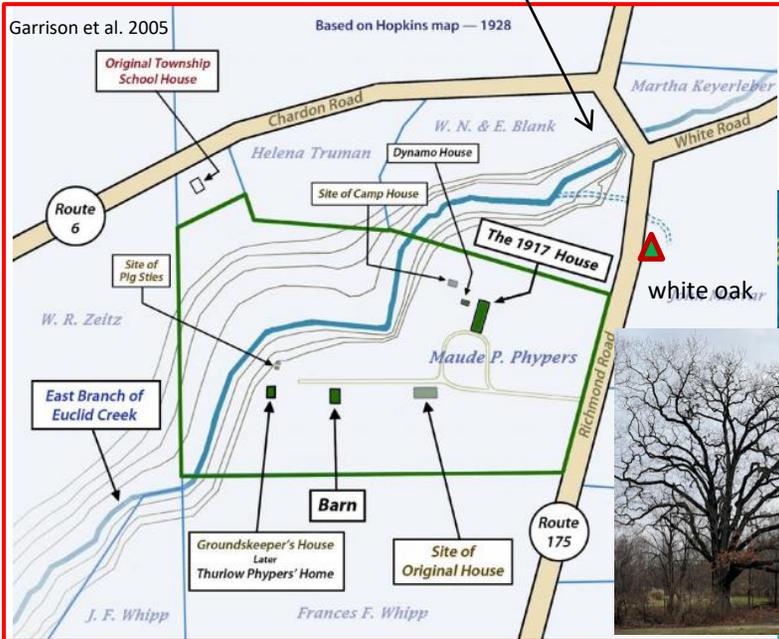
Greenwood Farm Ravine Preserve
Portage Escarpment nature and history

Site of Bishop/Pelton mill

Garrison et al. 2005 — Based on Hopkins map — 1928

Original Township School House

Chardon Road

W. N. & E. Blank

Martha Keyerleber

White Road

Helena Truman

Dynamo House

Route 6

Site of Camp House

The 1917 House

Site of Pig Sties

W. R. Zeitz

Maude P. Phypers

East Branch of Euclid Creek

Richmond Road

Route 175

Barn

Groundskeeper's House Later Thurlow Phypers' Home

Site of Original House

J. F. Whipp

Frances F. Whipp

white oak

Greenwood Farm
264 Richmond Rd, Richmond Heights, OH 44143

Portage Escarpment at Euclid Creek east branch
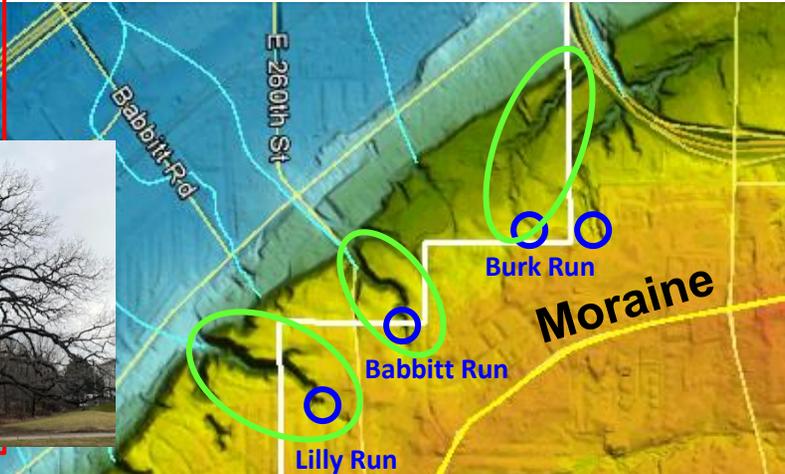
Euclid bluestone cap, Redstone Run — D. Lawrence

Greenwood Farm lies atop the Euclid bluestone terrace, a broad expanse of hard sandstone caprock unique to the East Side. The cap rock resisted several Ice Age episodes of glacial buldozing.

Now, the cap rock terrace forms a large plain stretching from Cleveland Heights eastward to the Chagrin River

Some 14,000 years ago, retreating glacial ice deposited the Euclid Moraine on the terrace north edge. The moraine diverted N-flowing streams W-ward to form Euclid Creek's east branch.

○ **Bluestone Knick Points**

As the east branch and tributaries flow across the bluestone terrace, each cuts a knick point waterfall and gorge. During the last 14,000 years, the bluestone knick points have migrated upstream approximately one mile.

Greenwood Farm and Redstone Run Highland Reserve each safeguard bluestone knick point waterfall areas and their downstream ravines.

◯ **Escarpment Run Ravines**

Similar knick points and ravines exist on the north side of the Euclid Moraine, where small escarpment runs drain directly to Lake Erie. At least four such ravines are available for conservation within Euclid.

Now is the time to preserve these ecological treasures.

Burk Run

Babbitt Run

Moraine

Lilly Run

terrace

Greenwood Farm

Euclid **Creek**

Euclid Ave

St. Clair Ave

Dille Rd

Euclid

bluestone

East branch

Main branch

Redstone Run

Stevenson Brook

Claribel Creek

Berea Sandstone terrace

Bishop Rd

Highland Reserve

Green Creek

Green Rd

Highland Rd

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