



## ***Ecological Restoration and Sustainability – Partners for the Future***

Fifth Annual Chapter Meeting

April 12 to 14, 2013

Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, Ohio

Please join us for the fifth annual meeting of the Midwest-Great Lakes SER Chapter. We will explore how ecological restoration can assist other disciplines with achieving their sustainability goals and how other disciplines can contribute to ecological restoration. We have planned an exciting three-day meeting that includes:

- ***Keynote Presentation*** by Mohan Wali, The Ohio State University, “*Ecosystem Restoration: The Bedrock of Sustainability.*”
- ***Opening Plenary Session*** on “*Interdisciplinary Insights for Guiding Future Ecological Restoration and Sustainability Efforts.*” Representatives from DePaul University, F. T. Stone Laboratory, The Ohio State University, and the U.S. Forest Service will discuss how their experiences and research results from different ecosystems in the Midwestern United States can guide future ecological restoration and sustainability efforts in the region so that ecological benefits are maximized despite an uncertain future.
- ***Special Plenary Session*** on “*Managing Sustainable Ecosystems Can Lead to Conservation and Restoration.*” Scientists from the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center will highlight how their research on managing disturbed ecosystems for sustainability can help restore important ecosystem functions.
- ***Tour of Secret Arboretum and Mellinger Farm:*** These tours supplement the managing sustainable ecosystems plenary session. Included is a guided tour of the Secret Arboretum to observe and explore the recovery of a natural area at the Arboretum from an EF-2 tornado that struck the OARDC campus in September 2010. A second guided tour of the Mellinger Farm will include an in-depth discussion of designing strategies to restore ecosystem structure and function and to ensure the sustainability of small farms. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss and contribute to future research and management plans for this demonstration farm.
- ***Choice of One of Three Symposia:*** 1) Challenges of Ecological Restoration in Landscapes Altered by Surface Mining; 2) Challenges and Opportunities in the Dam Removal Project Lifecycle; and 3) Using Collaborative Partnerships to Teach and Foster Ecological Restoration.
- ***Fifty Contributed Oral and Poster Presentations:*** Presenters from eight states (Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and West Virginia) will share their experiences involving prairie, forest, savanna, river/stream, and wetland restoration. Presentation topics include restoration in urban areas, plant succession on reclaimed mine habitats, solutions to waste water management, modeling invasive species growth, and more!
- ***Choice of One of Three Field Trips:*** Three offsite field trips will be offered and participants have the choice of: 1) Johnston Woods; 2) Wooster Memorial Park; and 3) Olentangy River Corridor.

- **Social Events:** Several social events are scheduled that include a sponsorship reception, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch.

Meeting updates will be periodically posted on our Chapter website (<http://chapter.ser.org/midwestgreatlakes/current-meeting/>). We encourage everyone to join us to learn about recent research findings, novel restoration techniques, and the chance to socialize with your colleagues.

### PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

	Friday April 12	Saturday April 13	Sunday April 14
<b>Morning</b>	Registration (begin 11 am EST)	Registration Continental Breakfast Contributed Oral Presentations	Field Trips- Johnston Woods Wooster Memorial Park Olentangy River Corridor
<b>Afternoon</b>	Opening Plenary Session - <i>Interdisciplinary Insights for Guiding Future Ecological Restoration and Sustainability Efforts</i>  Symposia	Lunch  Business Meeting / Awards Ceremony  Plenary Session - <i>Managing Sustainable Ecosystems Can Lead to Conservation and Restoration</i>  Secret Arboretum and Mellinger Farm Tour	
<b>Evening</b>	Sponsorship Exhibits  Poster Session  Dinner and Keynote Presentation		

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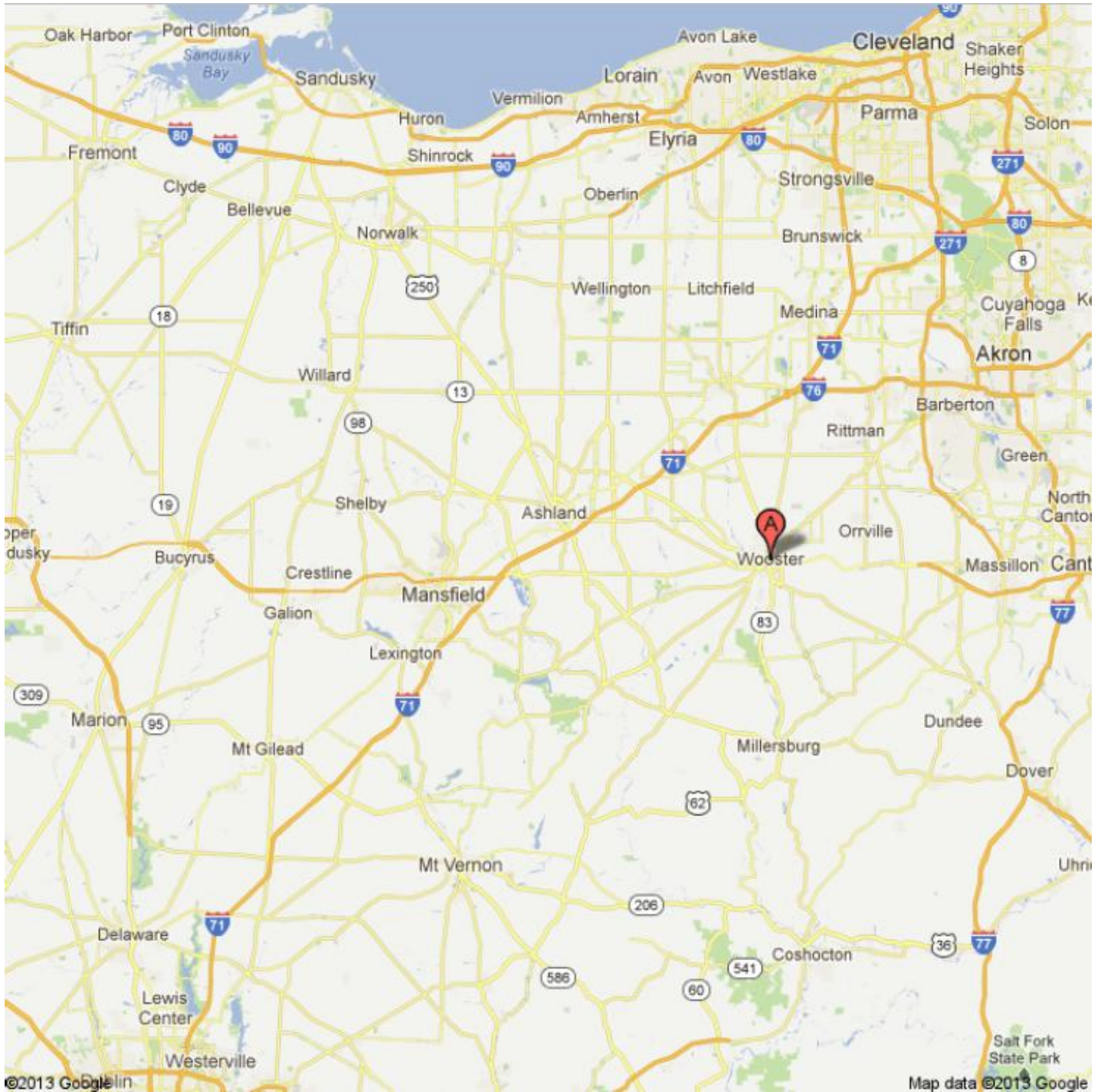
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## Map Depicting Location of Wooster, Ohio



- **The Chapter Meeting is being held in the Shisler Conference Center on the OARDC campus. The physical address of the Shisler Conference Center is 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster, Ohio 44691.**