



Buckeye Trail Association's Echo Hills Easement

BTA Echo Hills Easement Established December 18th, 2013

Status

- Trail Type: Developed hiking trail
- Buckeye Trail Miles: 1.1
- Acreage: 100
- County: Hocking
- Preservation Tool: Trail Easement
- BT Section: Old Man's Cave

Natural and Cultural Resources

- Tributary of the Hocking River protected by Appalachian Ohio Alliance

Significance

- Permanent protection of the trail corridor
- Key campsite location between Lake Logan State Park and the Wayne National Forest
- Concurrent North Country National Scenic Trail and American Discovery Trail

In 2013, Carl and Gail Boesel donated a two-mile trail easement on their property to the BTA with a 100-acre conservation easement surrounding the trail given to our partners at the Appalachian Ohio Alliance. The Boesels live on their property in northern Hocking County between the Wayne National Forest and the Hocking Hills. These easements insure that the trail will have a permanent home and that the Boesel's land will be protected for future generations of Ohioans to enjoy.

For as long as Carl can remember, the Buckeye Trail has run through his property. When looking to purchase the property, he noticed blue blazes along many of the trees, and when he asked the realtor what these were, the man stated that the blazes indicated Ohio's Buckeye Trail ran through the property. Carl, having only heard of the trail through stories an old friend told him, thought this was a "neat" quality that the property possessed.

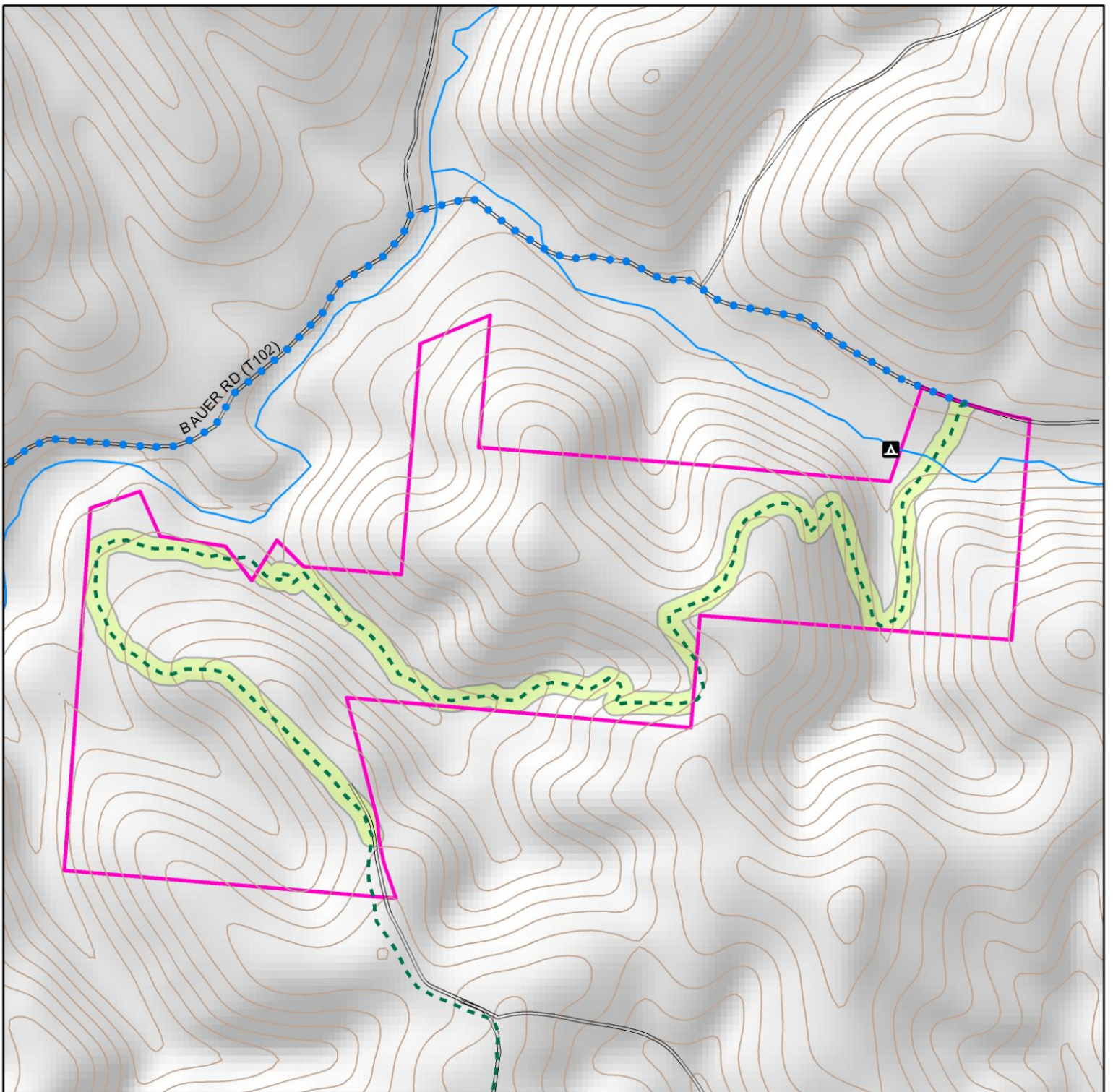
Though the trail had been long-established on the Boesel's property, it was only recently that Carl decided that he wanted to preserve their property and donate the permanent easements. He stated that "I wanted to see the trail preserved and provide a place for hikers to experience nature and see the hills and wild areas. This also will protect the land from logging." When asked if he had any apprehension about having the trail on his property, he said, "At first I was worried about liability, but I learned that Ohio law actually protects the landowner. I hear many people tell me that they don't like the idea of having people on their land, making noise and littering. I can tell you that I have never had any litter on my property from hikers; they are usually the ones [who] are picking the litter up." Carl's message to other landowners is "It is really satisfying to preserve, build, and maintain the trail on his property." He enjoys "continuously making the trail nice and though [he] rarely sees them, does enjoy seeing the thru-hikers when they come through."



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Legend

-  Buckeye Trail (On Road)
-  Buckeye Trail (Off Road)
-  Boesel Property
-  BTA Protected Area
-  Other Protected Land



Map Location

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