



Buckeye Trail Association's Horner Chapel Project

BTA Horner Chapel Project

Established February 24, 2004

Status

- Trail Type: Developed hiking trail
- Buckeye Trail Miles: 0.25
- Acreage: 16
- County: Adams
- Preservation Tool: Deed restriction
- BT Section: Sinking Spring

Natural and Cultural Resources

- Protection of land next to Serpent Mound State Memorial

Significance

- Permanent protection of the trail corridor
- Key shelter location between Fort Hill State Memorial and Peebles, Ohio
- Concurrent North Country National Scenic Trail and American Discovery Trail

Early in 2004, with the help of the BT Sinking Springs Section Supervisor, the BTA acquired an important 16-acre piece of property adjacent to Serpent Mound State Memorial in Adams County. The BTA actively pursued this piece of property for two reasons: First, to establish a campsite in the Sinking Springs Section, and second, for access to Serpent Mound State Memorial to remove the trail from an undesirable section of State Route 73. The initial contact with the landowner was made in 2006 who, in 2008 agreed to be a willing seller.

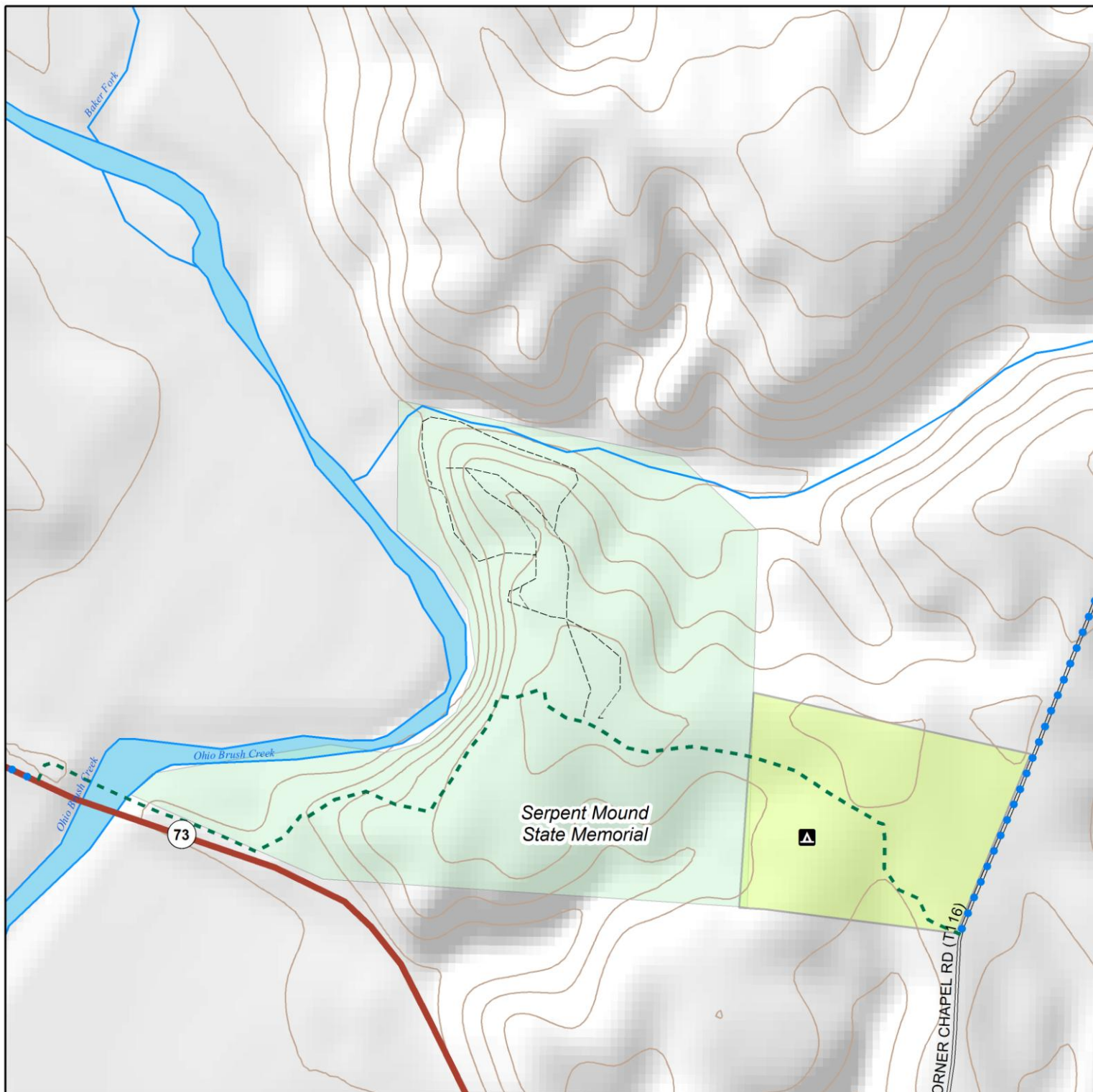
The undeveloped property is 12 acres of field and four acres of woods on the edges of the property.

The BTA discussed possible sale of the property, with a trail easement and a leave no-trace campsite, with the local landowners, as future maintenance of this property could strain the organization's resources.

On July 21st 2009, the organization sold the property with a deed restriction to a very supportive local landowner, which included permanent trail access and provision for a campsite shelter. In 2013, the Buckeye Trail Crew built the shelter on the property.



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Horner Chapel Road Deed Restriction

Legend

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



Map Location

