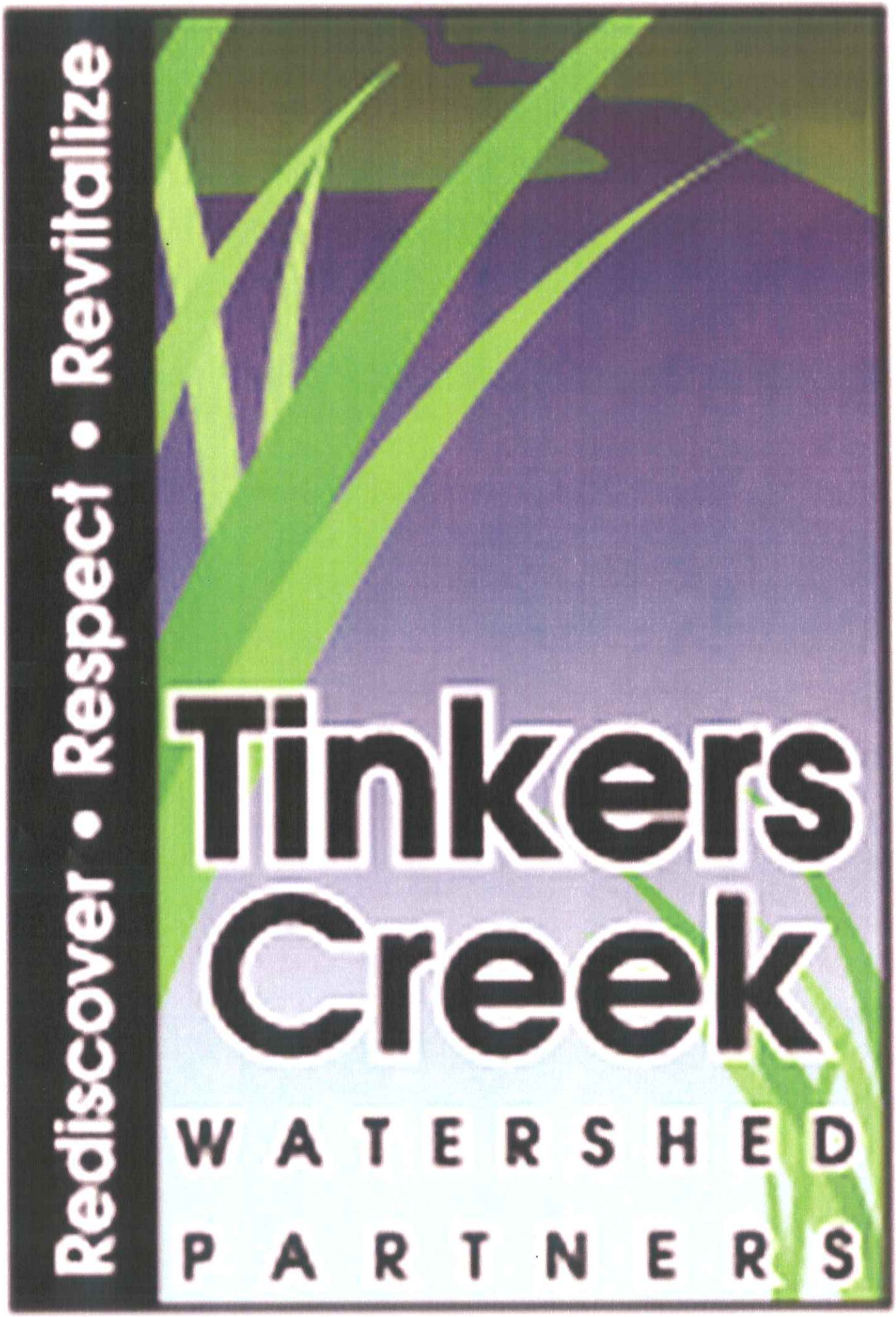
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Rare Ecosystem Preserved in the Tinkers Creek Watershed

The 50-acre Gott Fen State Nature Preserve just "got" bigger! An additional 55 acres of ecologically valuable land in the Tinker's Creek Watershed, which includes over 50 acres of high-quality wetland habitat classified as a Boreal Fen, is now permanently preserved. The preservation of this property was made possible through funding provided by the Ohio EPA's Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program. It is located in the City of Streetsboro on the south side of State Route 303, situated between Stone Road and State Route 14.

Boreal fens are rare wetlands that serve as homes to rare and endangered species typical of more northern climates. The U.S. EPA's Ecologically Rich Areas Report has listed Gott Fen as one of the finest boreal fens in the State of Ohio. The property is directly adjacent to the Gott Fen State Nature Preserve, sharing a common property boundary on its western edge with the Preserve for approximately 2,880 feet. The main stem of Tinker's Creek runs the entire length of this common boundary. Additionally, this property lies directly above the Cuyahoga Buried Valley Aquifer. The headwaters of Tinker's Creek originate in the area, adding to the importance of protecting the site, as the wetlands serve the vital function of filtering and providing a clean water source at its origin.

2011 Tinkers Creek Watershed Festival

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Tinkers Creek Watershed Festival, which will be held Saturday, September 24, 2011, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Bedford Commons, located at the corner of Broadway Avenue and North Park Street in Bedford. All are welcome to attend. Admission is free. Activities planned for the Festival include:

- Children's activities
- Composting demonstration
- Free food samples
- Healthy living options
- Live music
- Local food recipes
- Rain barrel construction
- Sustainable lawn care methods
- Wind turbine examples