



## Oak Glen Nature Preserve Oil Pipeline Release: Restoration Efforts

*Cleanup of the March 2014 spill from the Mid-Valley Pipeline continues. Ohio is working with the company, federal and local partners to restore the affected areas of the preserve.*

### Background

Oak Glen Nature Preserve is located in Colerain Township, Hamilton County, Ohio. The preserve is owned and managed by Great Parks of Hamilton County. On March 17, 2014, a break was reported in the underground Mid-Valley oil pipeline that runs through the preserve on a route between Longview, Texas, and Samaria, Michigan. The 20-inch pipeline is owned by Sunoco Logistics.

Approximately 500 barrels (21,000 gallons) of crude oil went into an unnamed creek and a large vernal wetland that are known habitats for Ambystomatid salamanders and the state endangered cave salamander.

### Cleanup

Sunoco Logistics hired an environmental cleanup contractor to clean the site. Affected water and soil were removed, rocks and woody debris washed. Impacted wildlife were cleaned and some taken off site to recuperate. Several dozen salamanders were taken to the Boonshoft Museum in Dayton to keep them out of the water during their breeding season.

Agencies involved included Ohio EPA, U.S. EPA, Great Parks of Hamilton County, Hamilton County Health Department, Colerain Township Department of Public Safety and Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

### Restoration

Sunoco Logistics is working with Great Parks of Hamilton County, Ohio EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a restoration plan. Ohio EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are Natural Resources Damage Trustees under the federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and other applicable laws.

On Sept. 9, 2014, Ohio EPA notified Sunoco of Ohio EPA's expectations regarding the restoration and compensation work Sunoco Logistics is expected to conduct at the Oak Glen Nature Preserve.

On March 6, 2015, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, on behalf of Ohio EPA, and the U.S. Department of the Interior Office of the Solicitor, on behalf of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, notified Sunoco's counsel of the Trustees' intention to conduct restoration planning and assessment.

On March 4, 2016, the Phase 1 Primary Restoration Plan was conditionally approved. The parties continue to work toward developing the Phase 2 and Phase 3 Primary Restoration to comprehensively address restoration of the stream and preserve.

Restoration work is projected to start in the summer of 2016. For more information go to <http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/30/remedial/docs/Sunoco%20NOI%20Signed%20Final%201-14-16.pdf>