

Public Service Notice

**VOL Sponsors Free Environmental Expo March 2nd with live Birds of Prey exhibit.**

As a free service to the Vermilion Community, the Vermilion on the Lake Historic Community Center will host its thirteenth annual “Vermilion River Watershed Open House” at 3780 Edgewater Drive in Vermilion, Ohio 44089 on Saturday, March 2nd from 11am to 3pm.

The Expo will feature Lorain and Erie County groups dedicated to the protection and enhancement of our watershed area. Our feature exhibitor will be “Back to the Wild” from Castalia, Ohio, a non-profit wildlife rehabilitation center specializing in birds of prey. They will display a Bald Eagle, hawks, owls, snakes and other live wildlife “up close and personal”.

Besides these live display animals, who cannot be returned to the wild for various reasons, they usually bring one or two rehabilitated birds that are released “back to the wild” from our front yard during the expo. It is an event that impresses all our visitors each year, and one that everyone, young and old, should experience at least once.

In addition to “Back to the Wild” you will see exhibits from the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, the Lorain County and Erie County Metro Parks, the Lorain County Woodcarvers, Vermilion in Bloom, the Vermilion Tree Commission, the Beaver Creek Watershed Group, the Ohio State Stone Laboratory and Ohio Sea Grant College Program, Erie County Dept of Environmental Services, the Loco Yaks, Ritter Public Library, the Erie County Health Department, and the Erie County Soil and Water Conservancy.

Refreshments will be available for a donation and our lakefront porch is a great place to relax and to view Lake Erie close up. The event is 100% free unless you decide on a hot dog lunch. Wildlife release times will be posted at the doors. Hope to see you there!