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Abstract	Laura Gooch of the Shaker Lakes Nature Center discusses the Center's educational, environmental and public outreach programming; strategic planning; and staffing issues. Also discussed in some detail is the battle against highway construction in the Shaker Heights-Cleveland Heights area, as well as cooperation between the Center and the surrounding municipalities of Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, and Shaker Heights. Additionally, this interview contains details on the history of the Shaker Lakes and the Center. Other topics include bird-watching at the Lakes, academic research at the Center, and Gooch's personal experiences and thoughts on the Lakes and the Center.

minutes:

- 0 introduction and background; early interest in outdoors
- 1 coming to cleveland
- 2 [1:40] shaker lakes nature center: involvement
- 3 nice anecdote about first visit to nature center
- 4 shaker lakes nature center, doane brooke watershed project
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- 7 expanding the program; fundraising; other roles at nature center
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- 9 shaker lakes nature center, strategic planning
- 10 revising the mission statement
- 11 emphasizing educational and environmental programming; representative leadership
- 12 shaker lakes nature center, educational programs
- 13 Laudible Lawncare Program; Rainbarrel Workshops; ecological "restoration"
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- 15 designing curriculum for local schools
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- 17 shaker lakes nature center, changes: infrastructure, administrative and volunteer staff
- 18 increased programming; increased environmental activism; financial concerns
- 19 infrastructure
- 20 shaker lakes nature center, photography and birdwatching
- 21 heights highway development battle
 - "[had the freeways been built] this part of shaker heights and cleveland heights would look
 - like east cleveland right now"; comparison to North Boston
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- 23 personal feelings about working at the nature center
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- 26 hopes for the future of the nature center: financial issues; academic research
- 27 educational programs
- 28 shaker lakes nature center, funding
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- 30 shaker lakes nature center, community outreach and promotions
- 31 shaker lakes nature center, board development: minority representation
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shaker lakes nature center, operating support from surrounding cities (cleveland, cleveland
33 heights, shaker heights)
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35 capitalizing on the history of Shaker Heights
36 Shaker Lakes Nature Center Handbook (title not stated): audience
37 research process
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39 favorite aspects of shaker lakes nature center: birds and people
40 "crow population dropped 80% [after mosquito-ridden summer]"
41 possible interview subjects, end