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Subject	Kay Fuller
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Abstract	Kay Fuller, a founding member of the Shaker Lakes Nature Center, discusses the "Shaker Freeway Fight," in which a coalition of local activists successfully stopped the construction of a new highway through Shaker Lakes during the 1960s. This experience laid the groundwork for the creation of the Nature Center. Fuller discusses many changes over the years at the Nature Center, including alteration of the landscape, educational programming, and an abandoned plan to build an \$8.5 million Shakespearean theater in the park (the money was later redirected to development of the North Coast Harbor district in downtown Cleveland).

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- 0 biographical information
 - early interest in nature: ice skating on shaker lakes, biking and walking adventures near
- 1 doan brook
- 2 lakeside hospital flu epidemic
- 3 Village Garden Club formed to plant cherry trees at Horse Shoe Lake
- 4 Shaker freeway fight: Park Conservation Committee of Greater Cleveland
- 5 ____threat to the beauty of Shaker Lakes
- 6 ____involvement of many local groups, NOAACA
- 7 ____educating influential citizens about the freeway fight
 - ____Meeting at Byron: v. well attended, Park Conservation Committee of Greater Cleveland
- 8 is formed
 - Formation of Park Committee of Greater Cleveland, threat of Shakespeare Theater taking
- 9 up too much space in Shaker Lakes Park
- 10 ____8.5 million designated in state budget for the Shakespeare Theater (never built)
 - ____North Coast Harbor built with funds (8.5 million) previously appropriated for
- 11 Shakespeare Theater, Richard Celeste breaks ground at "bathing edifice"
- 12 Children and families enjoy Shaker Lakes and park
 - ____Large rocks were placed around lakes for seating in lieu of park benches to achieve
- 13 more naturalistic setting
 - Shaker Lakes Nature Center: Jean Eakin and Mary Elizabeth Crocks, Shaker Heights, Cleveland and Cleveland Heights to share jurisdiction equally, focal point of nature
- 14 instruction
- 15 ____Design of the SLNC building, ousting of canoe/boat club and building demolished
- 16 Beginings of education at SLNC
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- 18 Evolution of the SLNC
- 19 ____National Wildlife Federation Camp at SLNC
- 20 ____Changes in Flora and Fauna over time
- 21 ____Pollution and water quality concerns
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 - ____Evolution of the physical structure of the SLNC building(s): past was more rustic,
- 23 present is more "groomed"
- 24 ____"All Peoples Trail"
 - ____Wildlife encounters, diversity of frogs and snakes, fewer small animals observed than
- 25 in past
- 26 ____Cherry trees planted around Horse Shoe Lake in comeration of locals who have died
- 27 Friends of Shaker Lake involvement
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29 Building of concrete barriers at Doan Brook blocks natural flood plains, allows for traffic flow
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32 Walter Kelly, Mayor of Shaker Heights, active with Park Committee of Greater Cleveland

33 Mary Elizabeth Crocks, active with Park Committee of Greater Cleveland

34 Jean Eakin, active with Park Committee of Greater Cleveland,

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