



# Feed Materials Production Center

1987 Aerial Image



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In May 1951, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, predecessor to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), broke ground on a new uranium metals production facility in a rural area northwest of Cincinnati, Ohio, to support the nation's defense program during the Cold War. For nearly four decades, the Feed Materials Production Center delivered high-grade uranium metal products for America's nuclear weapons complex. These operations ceased in 1989, and the site's mission changed to environmental remediation.

The \$4.4 billion cleanup of the Fernald site was one of the largest completed in United States history. The environmental cleanup involved sampling, analysis, facility demolition, waste disposal, and close collaboration with the community and regulators to return the 1,050-acre site to a natural state. It is the responsibility of DOE Office of Legacy Management (LM) to protect, support, and manage the site.

The Fernald Preserve is an example of how an industrial site can be restored with native trees, prairie grasses, and newly developed and enhanced wetlands that support and encourage wildlife habitat. This safe community asset focuses on educating current and future generations, a task accomplished through the shared vision of DOE, regulators, and the surrounding community.

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## Hours of Operation

The Fernald Preserve trails and wildlife watching areas are open daily from 7:00 a.m. to dusk.

The Fernald Preserve Visitors Center is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, from 12 to 5 p.m.

## Meeting Spaces

The visitors center offers meeting spaces that are free for noncommercial use by organized groups. The Community Meeting Room can seat up to 120 people; the Resource Room can accommodate up to 8 people; and the Program Shelter can accommodate up to 58 people.

## Programs

Nature, environmental science, and history programs, designed to meet the needs of your group, can be scheduled with the Fernald Preserve staff.

Applications for programs and meeting spaces can be found at: [www.energy.gov/lm/explore-programs-and-meetings-fernalld-preserve-visitors-center](http://www.energy.gov/lm/explore-programs-and-meetings-fernalld-preserve-visitors-center).

## Contacts

Site-specific documents and information about the Fernald Preserve are available on the LM website at: [www.energy.gov/lm/fernalld-preserve-ohio-site](http://www.energy.gov/lm/fernalld-preserve-ohio-site).

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