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Local production features Clevelander’s efforts to protect Whiskey Island green space

KENT, Ohio — April 10, 2006 — Clevelander Edward Hauser’s fight to preserve greenspace along the shore of Lake Erie is the topic of Citizen Hauser. The documentary will air on Sunday, April 16 at 10:30 p.m. on PBS 45 & 49.

Hauser’s citizen action helped to save Whiskey Island, the largest natural shoreline in Cleveland, from sale to Cleveland’s Port Authority for future development. Hauser believes that the area should not be sold and should remain in its present state, including 20-acre Wendy Park with its rare natural shoreline, a 10-acre marina and 30 acres of adjacent submerged land. The documentary emphasizes the struggle of one citizen to make Cleveland a better, more sustainable place to live.

The video is the work of Blue Hole Productions of Cleveland Heights. Filmmakers Ryan Rodriguez, Jonathan Shick and Ryan Weibush interviewed politicians from both sides of the debate, including Tim Hagan, Jimmy Dimora, Chris Ronayne, Peter Lawson Jones and Matt Zone.

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