

## **THE SOUTHEAST OHIO HISTORY CENTER**

The purpose of the Southeast Ohio History Center is to collect, preserve and share Southeast Ohio's unique cultural and natural heritage.

### **A Call to Action:**

As part of our Vision 2020 exhibition plan, we are hoping to tackle the larger issue of environmentalism and environmental change through time. This concept is aimed to focus on several different aspects of environmental change in our local and national history. A large part of the focus will be placed on the environmental photography program put on by the federal government in the 1930s to document human influence on the environment. As history has shown, environmental protection didn't really gain a foothold until the late 1960s and early 1970s. Southeast Ohio fits into this equation nicely, as some of the photographers who traveled around the U.S. were from Athens! We are hoping that we can work with Rural Action, Ohio University, and several other organizations around southeast Ohio to develop an exhibition on how the environment around us has been affected by us, documented by us, and changed the way we live. Furthermore, we want to highlight what we are doing to preserve our environment for future generations.

### **WHAT A COMMUNITY BASED INTERN CAN DO:**

While we are in the early concepts of this, having an intern at our side during this would be extremely helpful. Projects may include but are not limited to:

- Community and organizational outreach
- Research on the Photography Initiative and how the individuals in Athens fit in
- Helping develop events and programs to put on for the benefit of the community
- Helping design and install the exhibit
- Developing key relationships with individuals who will work with us in the future
- Researching ways how we can better care for the environment as an organization