



# Wynne Farm Ecological Reserve

*Obléon, Kenscoff, Haiti*



## **Our story - dedicated to Haiti's natural environment**

Wynne Farm was founded in 1956 by Victor Ainsley Wynne, a civil engineer and geologist with a degree from Harvard and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Living in Carrefour at the time, he noticed the ongoing misuse of land and the threats of erosion and deforestation in the country. Wanting to create a sustainable farm, he purchased with his wife, Nativita Debrosse, approximately 30 acres over time.

Victor began to work with about 40 people from the area, terracing the land, and propagating indigenous species with the objective of conserving Haiti's rich biodiversity while introducing fruits, vegetables and trees from other parts of the world. His focus was to highlight the need for soil conservation, composting, reforestation and to experiment with different agricultural techniques.

After his death, it was named a reserve in his honor to protect the work he had done. It has continued to operate under the care of Victor's daughter, Jane, family and a team following his life's work and vision. Since 1994 the farm has been dedicated to environmental education and conservation.





## **Regenerative Farming**

We regenerate the soil through crop rotation, soil conservation, composting agroforestry, and vermiculture which not only returns carbon to the soil but also increases biodiversity.

## **Environmental Education**

Visitors are encouraged to learn

about biodiversity. They are invited to redefine their priorities and find a balance between a healthy environment and a prosperous economy, where each individual can make a difference.

- Environmental awareness days for schools
- Internships for agronomy students
- Farmers workshops on sustainable agriculture
- Guided tours





## Natural Space Access

Wynne Farm is the only natural open space close to Port-au-Prince accessible to the public. It is a sacred space to breathe and spend time in a natural environment.





## Biodiversity

**338** Identified species of insects

**250** Identified species of plants

**16** Endemic bird species

**18** Migratory bird species





## Watershed

Three major rivers Grise, Froide and Momance take birth in the area where Wynne Farm is located in the communal section Sourcaille. These rivers are the water sources for the entire Port-au-Prince region, where almost one-third of Haiti's population resides. While the reserve is well-forested, the areas around are increasingly becoming deforested. There are many threats, mostly human to the reserve.

The preservation of the area is absolutely essential for the capital of Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas.





An aerial photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, there is a dense forest of green trees. In the middle ground, a small building with a white roof is visible, surrounded by a fenced area. The background shows rolling hills and more forested areas.

## Rural Center for Sustainable Development

Fondation Wynne Pour l'Environnement (FWE) was created in 2013 to oversee the outreach activities of the Wynne Farm Ecological Reserve.

The foundation manages a rural center for sustainable development that was built in collaboration with USAID providing local farmers with training in techniques such as composting, beekeeping, organic regenerative farming, as well as other ecological practices.



## Support Our Work

To continue the important work of the reserve and to ensure its protection, we need your support. There are many ways one can lend a hand:

- 🌿 Encourage family and friends to visit and enjoy
- 🌿 Volunteer at the reserve
- 🌿 Donate at [www.wynnefarm.org/donate](http://www.wynnefarm.org/donate)

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