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Ohio EPA Director to Present Award to Green Acres Foundation

Grant Focuses on Little Miami's Conditions

Green Acres

Foundation used a \$4,967 grant to purchase supplies and equipment to support the Saturday Stream Snapshot -- a successful community outreach and volunteer monitoring program in the lower Little Miami watershed.

The program trained local residents to collect water samples and perform nitrate-nitrogen, total phosphorus, turbidity, conductivity, pH and fecal coliform analysis.

The resulting data is shared with local residents and Ohio EPA.

Collaborators included the Isaak Walton League; Little Miami, Inc., Little Miami River Partnership; Hamilton County Wet Weather Initiative; and a number of other local organizations.

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Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski will recognize the Green Acres Foundation for its citizen monitoring program as one of nine Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) outstanding projects. The group will receive a re-award (made of recycled glass) for the general public audience for work it conducted through its 2006 grant.

The presentation ceremony will be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on December 19, 2007, in the Warren County Municipal Building, 6000 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, in the upstairs conference room.

In addition to presenting the award, Korleski will discuss:

- Governor Ted Strickland's plan for Ohio to have a more secure, less polluting energy future, and,
- Ohio EPA's 2007 results for samples collected near the historic Peters Cartridge site in the Little Miami River.

Reporters who are unable to attend, but would like to have information sent to them electronically, should contact Heather Lauer at (614) 644-2160.

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