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Youth Conservation Teams Program Launches in Southwest Ohio

(Cincinnati) March 22 – Expanding on its popular education programs and burgeoning restoration work, Ohio River Foundation is pleased to announce the launch of a Youth Conservation Team program for 2011.

Modeled after successful programs in other parts of the country, Youth Conservation Teams will perform habitat stewardship work in Hamilton and Clermont Counties during the summer 2011. Potential projects include planting trees and shrubs along streams; removing winter sand from ditches, culverts, and settling basins; rock lining ditches and culverts, and installing water bars and other diversions to direct water from dirt roads and paths to vegetated areas.

“This is an exciting opportunity for high school students to expand their community service record and also learn more about environmental restoration work,” said Rich Cogen, Executive Director, Ohio River Foundation.

Inaugural program partners and beneficiaries are Hamilton and Clermont County Park Districts. This program is being funded in part by grants from the Robert H. Reakirt Foundation, PNC Bank, Trustee, and The Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Student Crew applications will be accepted through April 29th. Details and further program information are posted at www.ohioriverfdn.org. To support this program current funding partners require corporate and citizen matching support. For you or your company to help support this program, please call Rich Cogen, Ohio River Foundation at 513-460-3365.

Now in its eleventh year, the non-profit Ohio River Foundation (ORF), through its education and conservation activities, assists communities along the river and throughout the 200,000 sq. mile watershed with protecting water quality and improving public awareness of the importance of the natural environment in the Ohio River watershed.

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