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Public Input Sought on Boston Mills Historic District Sanitary Sewer and Treatment System

Brecksville, Ohio – The National Park Service is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to upgrade the Boston Mills Historic District sanitary sewer and treatment systems. The public is invited to provide input regarding alternatives, environmental impact topics and the scope of this EA.

The Boston Mills Historic District in Cuyahoga Valley National Park is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as a significant, intact example of a 19th century "canal village" and for its concentration of intact 19th century architecture. The NPS currently owns and maintains eleven structures in the District and surrounding area. Only four buildings have properly functioning sanitary systems. Although no existing systems have failed, several have been identified for replacement within the next five years.

In order to develop a permanent solution for providing sanitary services to the park-owned structures, the NPS is undertaking an EA to analyze feasible alternatives. The NPS has identified three alternatives:

Alternative 1 is the construction of a subsurface drip irrigation system. Primary treatment would be completed in the existing septic tanks, where suspended solids and grease are separated from the wastewater. A small package plant is proposed for secondary treatment.

Alternative 2 (Preferred Alternative) is a constructed wetland system which would consist of a combination of a subsurface wetland and a surface wetland. These two alternatives would be constructed on NPS owned land located between Interstate 271 and the Ohio Turnpike.

Alternative 3 (No Action) is continuation of the status quo which involves replacing the failing individual leach or evapotranspiration systems with similar on-site systems.

More information on the alternatives being considered can be found on the National Park Service's Planning Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva>. Comments will be

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accepted through August 20, 2009. The public is encouraged to provide comments via the PEPC web site. However, written comments can be mailed to: Janet Popielski, P.E., Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, OH 44141.

A public open house will be held on August 11, 2009 from 7-9pm at Boston Store located at 1548 Boston Mills Road, Boston Township, Ohio to discuss the project.

For more information, please contact Janet Popielski at 440-546-5979.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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