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Park Receive Funds for Trail Operation and Maintenance

\$39,000 disbursed to CVNP from TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Fund

Brecksville, Ohio – Today, the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Conservancy) announced the first disbursement from the TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Fund to Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP).

The National Park Service received \$39,000 in the first disbursement from the TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Fund of the \$1 million dollars raised-to-date. These funds were used to hire a seasonal Volunteer Trails Coordinator, which is critical for the coordination with the hundreds of volunteers who help manage park trails. The funds were used for a much needed trailer to store trail supplies and materials; and for the participation in a collaborative partner initiative, Code for America, in which an app will be created and used to navigate **all** the trails in Summit County.

“We could not make this happen without the support of the TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Fund. We are truly grateful for the work of the Conservancy and our volunteers, and to the public for their support and dedication to our TRAILS FOREVER program”, said Stan Austin, Superintendent, CVNP. “Imagine what we can do together as we work towards our goal of raising a \$10 million dollar endowment for our national park trails by 2016!”

“The Conservancy is pleased to support the trails of Cuyahoga Valley National Park, as they are very important to our community. We are grateful to the hundreds of donors who made this year’s gifts to the national park possible,” said Deb Yandala, CEO for the Conservancy.

The goal of the TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Fund is to ensure the public will forever have access to a world class trail system in CVNP. In its capacity as the official fundraising partner for the national park, the Conservancy has engaged the community with a goal of raising a \$10 million trails endowment fund by 2016, which is the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.



Separate TRAILS FOREVER Legacy Funds are managed by the Akron Community Foundation and Cleveland Foundation. These funds are used exclusively to support the operation and maintenance of trails in Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

For more information about TRAILS FOREVER visit <http://www.nps.gov/cuva/parkmgmt/planning.htm>.

The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park is a nonprofit organization created to engage public support for the park and provide services to enhance public use and enjoyment of the park. For more information about the Conservancy and its membership program, visit www.conservancyforcvnp.org or call 330-657-2909.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information visit www.nps.gov/cuva or call 330-657-2752.

*** Photo of Cuyahoga Valley Trails Council volunteers and Jeff Pettigrew, NPS Volunteer Trails Coordinator in front of new trails trailer. NPS Photo/Denny Reiser. ***