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Nordonia Eagle Scout Completes Project *\$3200 in Savings to National Park*

Brecksville, Ohio – Eagle Scout Kevin Osborne of Troop 261 in Nordonia, Ohio recently completed a much needed project for the National Park Service at Coonrad Ranger Station. A long standing flooding problem of the brick walkway at Coonrad Ranger Station was alleviated by Osborne as his Eagle Scout project. Coonrad is located on Riverview Road and is the office for the park's Communication Center and Ranger Station. Osborne needed to raise the level of the walkway to the height of the parking lot (approx. 3.5"), re-establish the pitch of the walkway to the building, and landscape the ground area disturbed by the project.

Osborne and the volunteers he recruited removed 32 feet of brick walkway, built up the crushed stone base, installed a 4" drainline under the base material, compacted the base, and re-installed the brick pavers. To complete the project, the lawn area around the walkway was re-landscaped and graded with topsoil, seeded and covered with straw.

"Area Boy Scouts of America troops have done an outstanding job pursuing important maintenance projects like the one Kevin just completed," said Eric Semple, Chief, Facility Management Division, Cuyahoga Valley National Park. "Kevin's project corrected a long standing problem where a walkway at the Coonrad Communications Center regularly flooded and also would freeze over in the winter. Kevin's leadership and hard work allowed the volunteer crew he recruited and worked with to alleviate this maintenance concern which the park simply did not have the manpower to address."

As required with Eagle Scout projects, Osborne completed the work himself and through volunteers he recruited, as well as supplying all of the needed material. In addition to completing the project without additional funds from NPS, Osborne raised \$300 to support the NPS maintenance program. In total, Osborne's efforts saved the park \$3200 in staff time and resources.

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If you are interested in working with the National Park Service on Eagle Scout projects, service hours, or group projects please contact Travis White at (440) 546-5996.

Images of the project are available at www.nps.gov/cuva/parknews/newsreleases.htm.

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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