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Volunteers Needed For RiverDay 2010

Brecksville, Ohio - Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA) are seeking energetic volunteers to help clean up the Cuyahoga River watershed in celebration of the 20th Annual RiverDay on **Saturday, May 15**, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All plastic removed will be recycled by Polyflow, an Akron-based early stage advanced energy producer that converts a mixed stream of dirty and mixed plastics into valuable chemicals. This event commemorates the 41st anniversary of the infamous burning of the Cuyahoga River and is part of the Friends of the Crooked River's RiverDay 2010. For more information on the other sites in RiverDay 2010, visit www.cuyahogariver.net or call (216) 651-3476.

Polyflow will showcase to volunteers that their tangible efforts to clean up the environment are complimented by a technology that converts polymer waste into valuable end products. Polyflow Chief Executive Officer Jay Schabel states, "We want to work with the National Park Service and capture the waste before it passes on to the larger bodies of water. Moreover, we want to showcase a technology that can work hand-in-hand with environmental efforts in order to promote the greater good for the earth and profitability for business."

Volunteers will meet at Boston Mills Ski Resort at 8:30 a.m. with projects ending by 1 p.m. Volunteers will assemble into crews, choose a project site, and carpool to the site. Participants will help manage populations of Japanese Knotweed and remove trash from three project sites in the Cuyahoga River watershed.

To register or for more information, contact Volunteer Program Assistant Shelby Lewis at (330) 657-2296 or volunteer@cvnnpa.org. Early registration is required. Visit www.cvnnpa.org (search by keyword "RiverDay") for more details.

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Volunteers are required to dress in work clothes with long-sleeved shirts and long pants, and sturdy boots. We recommend that volunteers bring a filled water bottle. We will provide sunscreen, water, gloves, safety glasses, poison ivy block and remover, and a light breakfast. Bagels and coffee are provided through the generous support of Bruegger's (Fairlawn) and Starbucks (Cuyahoga Falls). Volunteers must be at least 10 years old, accompanied by an adult, and have a signed Volunteer Agreement Form, provided by the park. The form can be found at www.nps.gov/cuva/supportyourpark/volunteer-activities.htm.

Boston Mills Ski Resort is located at 7100 Riverview Road in Peninsula.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association (CVNPA). To learn about volunteer opportunities please visit www.cvnpa.org or (330) 657-2296.

Polyflow's innovative technology offers an alternative end-of-life solution for all types of mixed and contaminated plastic and rubber waste, including tires and carpeting. For more information on Polyflow visit www.polyflowcorp.com or (330) 253-5912.

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