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Public Input Sought on Wiese Road Stream Channel Restoration

Brecksville, Ohio – The City of Brecksville, in cooperation with the National Park Service, is in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the restoration of a drainage channel in the Riverview-Wiese Road area. The public is invited to provide input regarding alternatives, environmental impact topics, and the scope of this EA.

The purpose of this project is to restore the existing drainage channel from the culvert under Riverview Road (approximately 250 feet. north of Wiese Rd.) northeast approximately 900 feet through Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). The culvert and drainage channel receives water from a 957- acre watershed. Over time, sediment has significantly filled the channel and culvert thereby greatly reducing the capacity to effectively transport flow, leading to flooding of roads and nearby yards. This flooding causes significant public health and safety concerns for those residing in the area and the traveling public. Deposition of these sediments onto park land also degrades the value and function of CVNP's streams and wetlands downstream of this area.

The EA will compare a No Action Alternative (status quo) to a Proposed Action Alternative, which includes excavation and removal of the sediment, restoration of the drainage channel, and relocation of some drainage through a new culvert.

A draft plan for the Proposed Action can be found on the National Park Service's Planning Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva>. Comments can be submitted via PEPC regarding this project through July 1, 2009. The public is encouraged to provide comments via the PEPC web site. However, written comments can be mailed to: Superintendent, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, OH 44141.

For more information, please contact Kevin Skerl at (330)650-5071 Ext.4.

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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