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Area High School Students Invited To Join Environmental Youth Council

The Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (HCDOES) continues to accept applications for the 2009-2010 Youth Council. This program is for high school students between the ages 13-18 residing in Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren Counties. The HCDOES Youth Council will hold its first meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2009 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. All completed applications are due to Kristy Kim by **Monday, September 14** in order to participate.

The HCDOES Youth Council provides students with the opportunity to learn more about environmental issues such as air quality and recycling, while also making an impact in their schools and communities. Students will guide the topics covered at monthly meetings and staff will provide resources and assistance to help students accomplish goals as members of the Youth Council. Volunteer opportunities and excursions to environmental sites of interest will also be scheduled throughout the year.

Last year's Youth Council was recognized by the Cincinnati Bengals and Coach Marvin Lewis as a "Green Team" and invited to Paul Brown Stadium for the Bengals Draft Party. Students also worked on outreach campaign ideas and took an educational tour of the LEED certified Schott Education Center at the Cincinnati Zoo.

Interested high school students may apply by downloading the application at www.hcdoes.org. All completed applications must be submitted to Kristy Kim by **Monday, September 14**. Applications can be mailed to 250 William Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45219, emailed to kristy.kim@hamilton-co.org or faxed to 513-946-7779. Parents and teachers interested in serving as advisors are invited to call 513-946-7754.

The Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services houses the Solid Waste Management District (District) and the Air Quality Management Division (AQMD). The District is dedicated to promoting recycling, waste reduction and responsible waste management in Hamilton County. The AQMD works with local, state and federal government agencies, businesses, communities and citizens to achieve and maintain healthy air quality. The AQMD serves Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties in Southwest Ohio.

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