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**Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services'**  
**Youth Council Accepting Applications**

The Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services (HCDOES) is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 "Green Team" Youth Council. This program is for high school students between the ages 13-18 residing in Hamilton, Butler, Clermont and Warren Counties. HCDOES will select approximately 20-25 students to participate in these meetings. All completed applications are due to Kristy Kim by **Friday, June 5**.

The HCDOES "Green Team" 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. 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](http://www.hcdoes.org). All completed applications must be submitted to Kristy Kim by **Friday, June 5**. Applications can be mailed to 250 William Howard Taft Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45219, emailed to [kristy.kim@hamilton-co.org](mailto: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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