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### **Media Invitation:**

## **City of Hilliard and Hilliard City Schools Partnering with Ohio State University for Latham Park Educational Programs**

The City of Hilliard and Norwich Fire Department are partnering with Ohio State University, Hilliard City Schools, Ohio Department of Natural Resources and Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District to host the second Latham Park Educational Program.

The collaborative science program will be split into classroom sessions and field day activities at Clarence W Latham Educational Park pond, located at Cosgray Road and Scioto Darby Creek Road in Hilliard. Students at Bradley, Darby and Davidson high schools have been learning about careers in ecology and marine-biology from OSU Professors and staff who visit their classrooms. Following the classroom sessions, students will have the opportunity to experience these topics first hand with subject matter experts.

### **Media/TV Day: Latham Park Educational Programs**

**Date:** Thursday, Sept. 27

**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Latham Park Pond

Directly behind CVS Drug Store -- 6300 Scioto Darby Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026

Tomorrow, the City of Hilliard and OSU staff members will set up six educational stations at Latham Park that will include activities such as catching fish, studying organisms under microscopes and evaluating the pond's ecosystem.

The City has provided boats, waders and microscopes for this program.

“This is the perfect opportunity for the City to improve upon its knowledge of water quality management,” said Clyde Seidle, Director of Public Service for the City of Hilliard. “Through a collaboration with a developer who matched a grant that was awarded to the City, we were able to purchase the equipment needed to evaluate and manage Hilliard’s wetlands, learn from subject matter experts and provide hands-on education to our students,” he said.

Latham Park was originally built to be an educational nature park, and because of this program, it will soon be used for that purpose. The goal is to use the information gathered by OSU staff members to add things such as educational signage and an observation deck to the park.

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