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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 and Terra Aqua Club to host the first 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 fish and urban fisheries from OSU Professors and staff who visit their classrooms. Following the classroom sessions, students will have the opportunity to experience these topics first hand at the Latham Park pond.

Media/TV Day: Latham Park Educational Programs

Date: Wednesday, May 9 **Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Location:** Latham Park Pond 170 Green Clover Drive Hilliard, OH 43026

Tomorrow, City of Hilliard and OSU staff members will set up five educational stations at Latham Park and provide boats, waders and microscopes for students to explore communities of organisms living in the pond. The events are being coordinated by Urban Park Development LLC.

"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 are 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. After the event, the City plans to use the information gathered by OSU staff members to add educational signage to the park that will explain the species and wildlife living in the pond.

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