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## **Ohio EPA Awards \$5,000 Environmental Education Mini Grant for Delaware County Preserve**

Ohio EPA has awarded a \$5,000 environmental education mini grant to the Preservation and Parks of Delaware County to introduce visitors to the restoration efforts underway at Gallant Woods Preserve. Ten projects throughout the state were funded for \$42,813.

This grant will fund the preserve's interpretive gateway. Four panels will tell visitors the story of how the Gallant Woods Preserve has gone from private farm to a public park. The signs will focus on the re-establishment of wetlands and vernal pools and the plants and animals that depend on them for survival. The gateway and boardwalk will be a field trip destination for several collaborating school districts.

The Ohio Environmental Education Fund gives out approximately \$1 million each year for environmental education projects targeting kindergarten through university students, the general public and the regulated community. General grants are given for projects lasting up to 30 months and costing up to \$50,000.

Mini grants are available for projects lasting up to 12 months and costing between \$500 and \$5,000. Proposals for classroom projects, conference speakers, and other activities that are eligible under the general grant program are eligible under the mini-grant program, but the application process is streamlined. Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education reserves up to \$50,000 each grant round to fund projects submitted under this program. Just like the general grant program, there are two mini-grant rounds each year, with the next application deadline on Jan. 17, 2012. An electronic letter of intent to apply is due on Jan. 9, 2012.

For more information, contact Ohio EPA's Office of Environmental Education at (614) 644-2873. Staff is available to assist potential grant applicants who contact the office before the submission deadline. Information also is available [online](#).

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