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### **Ohio EPA, SWACO Help Put More Green in German Village Haus und Garten Tour** *Event Reduces Paper Waste and Looks for Additional Sustainable Measures*

Ohio EPA and the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) have worked with the German Village Society to improve recycling opportunities at its Haus und Garten Tour, June 29, 2014. Experts from both agencies will be reviewing this year's event and seeking suggestions about how to make future tours come even closer to zero-waste, sustainable events.

This year alone, to reduce waste generated, the society eliminated printed "Save the Date" announcements and RSVP cards in favor of an electronic format. In addition to reducing waste, this saved about \$2,000 in printing and mailing expenses.

Ohio EPA and SWACO representatives are available to help identify ways to reduce waste and make events more sustainable. For more information about steps to take to go green contact Angel Arroyo-Rodriguez at Ohio EPA, (614) 728-5336, or Kristi Higginbotham at SWACO, (614) 801-6413.

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*The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1972 to consolidate efforts to protect and improve air quality, water quality and waste management in Ohio. Since then, air pollutants dropped by as much as 90 percent; large rivers meeting standards improved from 21 percent to 89 percent; and hundreds of polluting, open dumps were replaced with engineered landfills and an increased emphasis on waste reduction and recycling.*