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## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH ADOPT-A-PARK

**DAYTON** – Get a jumpstart on Earth Day celebrations by joining Five Rivers MetroParks for Adopt-A-Park on Saturday, April 17, from 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Adopt-A-Park is a regional cleanup of Five Rivers MetroParks and waterways throughout the county that brings together volunteers of all ages and backgrounds to make the parks and river corridors healthier and friendlier places to visit. Last year’s event drew over 2,000 volunteers, offering more than 7,000 hours of service. The dedicated volunteers that participate each year in Adopt-A-Park provide vital help in making the Miami Valley a happier and healthier place to live. “Volunteerism is key to sustaining our local natural amenities and green space,” says Kevin Kepler, volunteer services manager for Five Rivers MetroParks. “In turn, those natural amenities sustain our quality of life in the area.”

Volunteers are needed for a variety of projects throughout 26 work sites across the area. Opportunities include litter removal, trail maintenance, honeysuckle removal and gardening activities. Volunteers will be provided with a free T-shirt and lunch at Eastwood MetroPark at 11:30 a.m. as well as project supplies.

Individuals or groups interested in participating in Adopt-A-Park should contact call (937) 275-PARK or register online by visiting [www.metroparks.org/adopt](http://www.metroparks.org/adopt).

### ABOUT FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Five Rivers MetroParks focuses on three areas – conservation, recreation and education – as part of its role as steward of greater Dayton’s public lands. Established in 1963 through the efforts of forward-thinking citizens concerned about preserving green space and natural areas, Five Rivers MetroParks has grown to a nationally renowned park system composed of natural area parks, gardens, sensitive river corridors, urban parks and a network of recreation trails. Educational programs and recreational opportunities are offered year-round for all ages. And, diverse natural habitats are being protected and cared for today to assure their future existence. To learn more about Five Rivers MetroParks, log onto [www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org) or call (937) 275-PARK.

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