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Subject: **Invasive Species Hike with CWPDP**

CENTERVILLE, OH: Twenty-two percent of plant species in Ohio are non-native -- introduced from other states or countries. Most of these species never stray from where they were first introduced, but some become very invasive, displacing native plants in woodlands, wetlands, prairies and other natural areas. They threaten the healthy ecosystem that is important for clean air and water, soil stability, and food and shelter for local wildlife.

Ken Carter, park operations manager for the Centerville-Washington Park District, is hosting a hike at Bill Yeck Park Tuesday, August 22 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the impact of invasive species in our area. He will point out different species and discuss techniques used to remove them. The hike is free, however pre-registration is required to participate. Please call (937) 433-5155 or visit www.cwpd.org to register. The hike will begin at the Smith House entrance to the park, at 2230 E. Centerville Station Rd. Appropriate for ages 18 and up.

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, nine nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks encompassing more than 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit www.cwpd.org.

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