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Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Announces... Annual Honor of a Person/Organization of the Year 2006: West Creek Preservation Committee

August 17, 2006 The Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that it has selected the West Creek Preservation Committee as the 2006 Organization of the Year. Accepting the award will be Neal Hess, West Creek Preservation Committee's Watershed Coordinator. The award ceremony will occur at the chamber's luncheon on Thursday, September 14 at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Road in Independence. The luncheon will take place from 11:30 am – 1 pm.

Founded in 1997, this volunteer-driven, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization has focused on greenspace preservation, water resource restoration and on the creation of a regional recreational trail network to connect with the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. Among West Creek Preservation Committee's many crowning achievements are the creation of the 300-acre West Creek Reservation, Cleveland's 16th and newest Metroparks Reservation and the protection and on-going restoration of the historic Henninger Homestead.

The West Creek Valley is located in the south central section of Cuyahoga County. West Creek travels nine miles through the communities of Parma, Seven Hills, Brooklyn Heights, Independence, and a small area of the City of Cleveland and Broadview Heights, Ohio. It is an important tributary to the Cuyahoga River and Lake Erie.

With overwhelming support, West Creek Preservation Committee has successfully preserved almost 500 acres of natural area for conservation, created four acres of wetlands, built one mile of recreational hike/bike trail and is in the process of restoring Parma's oldest and most historic house so that it can once again become a functioning part of the community landscape. West Creek Preservation Committee's projects have directed over \$13.5 Million in State and federal funds to this area, funding which otherwise would have been spent in other regions of Ohio and the country.

Member cost is \$20 and non-member is \$25. Corporate tables are available for \$200. RSVP to Tracee Zubic, Executive Director, Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce, at 216-573-2707 or email your reservation to: cvcc@cuyahogavalleychamber.org.

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