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## Community Service Project Whitewater Canal Trail

Cincinnati State College in Cincinnati, Ohio is a two year state college with the dual role of being both a technical cooperative college and a two year community college. It is the second largest college in Cincinnati with a current enrollment of approximately 9,000 students. The Business Division of Cincinnati State College consists of approximately 1,500 students. As part of the graduation requirement in this division all students are required to perform at least 20 hours of voluntary community service. The Business Division maintains an approved list of community projects on which students may serve. The Whitewater Canal Trail project was reviewed and has now been added to this list.

As it is a co-op school the college operates year round with students working on their community service projects at any time during the calendar year. Students work with the community service coordinator and chose the project they will volunteer for. Projects can be related to, but not limited to, skills in the student's program area.

Within the Business Division there are many diverse program areas. Instructional programs include such areas as Management, Marketing, Business, Finance, Landscape-Horticulture, Turf grass Management, Real estate, Accounting, Graphic Communications and much more. As a result there are students with a wide range of skills available to add to the Canal project. For example, Horticulture students can do landscape designs and construction for trail heads and scenic viewing areas as well other outdoor construction projects. Marketing students can create marking materials for the project. Business and Office Technology students can create member mailing lists, PowerPoint presentations and data spread sheets. Graphic Communications students can design and produce literature and promotional materials. Students with Project Management skills can organize work projects and coordinate other volunteers. Other students would be pleased just to come out and enjoy the outdoors while helping to build and maintain trails and scenic areas.

In the Engineering Division of the college there is a Civil Engineering program. This program does an annual surveying project. In prior years the classes have done work for organizations such as county parks. The Whitewater Canal Trail is under consideration for inclusion in this activity.

There are many skills Cincinnati State Students can bring to this project. The Business Division sees this as a great opportunity for student involvement in doing a project where there is a great deal for the students to learn and a wonderful chance for the students to apply their skills to a real world project. Given the large number of students available it is easy to see that even if only a small percent selected to work on this project the numbers are quite large. Also, since this program is on-going the list of volunteers would continue into the future.

If there are any questions concerning this program please feel free to contact me.

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