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Economic Developers to Help Restore Nature Reservation in Cleveland
IEDC coordinates Cleveland Metroparks Volunteer Cleanup Project

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Aug. 5, 2016) – IEDC’s 2016 Annual Conference will take place Sept. 25-28, 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio. As with previous years, a volunteer project opportunity will be offered to attendees who want to engage with the community of Cleveland. This year’s opportunity will be a restoration project in the Acacia Reservation, a part of Cleveland Metroparks.

Located in the middle of the city of Lyndhurst, the Acacia Reservation is part of a conservation effort to transform the 155-acre former golf course to a nature preserve. Volunteers will be tasked with assisting in planting trees, bushes and flowers, installing enclosures to protect certain plants from animal consumption and restoration activities related to Euclid Creek.

Up to 50 attendees are invited to volunteer. Most volunteer activities will be centered around improving the water quality of Euclid Creek.

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 24 before the conference begins as a kickoff to the week’s festivities. Transportation from the Huntington Convention Center of Cleveland to Acacia Reservation will be provided. A bus will leave the center at 11:15 a.m. and will return at the end of volunteer activities. More information on the volunteer project can be found on the Tours and Special Events page of the [Annual Conference website](#).

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