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Thornton Landscape donates beautification project at Testerman Park

Maineville, Ohio – Volunteers from Thornton Landscape will be giving their time to beautify a park as part of an Earth Day observance by landscape professionals nationwide – Day of Service. The day, sponsored by the Professional Landcare Network, known as PLANET, will include nearly 250 similar projects at zoos, elementary schools, city parks, Boy Scout camps, churches, and cemeteries on April 22.

Rick Doesburg, president of Thornton Landscape in Maineville, said the company's commitment to the community inspired him to approach Hamilton Township about potential projects. Township leaders explained that the rear entrance to Testerman Park, off Caldwell Drive, needed better landscaping.

Doesburg, a registered landscape architect, and the Thornton Landscape team developed a plan for the entrance. And on April 22, volunteers from the company will install plantings at the entrance. The new plantings will include yews, royal burgundy barberry, golden spirea, summer wine ninebark, maiden grass and daylilies.

"This Day of Service gives us an excellent opportunity to give back to our community, beautify a park and highlight the importance of taking care of our environment," Doesburg said.



Thornton Landscape has designed and installed professional entrance landscaping at a number of high profile neighborhoods and developments in Greater Cincinnati, including the River's Bend neighborhood in Hamilton Township and Vintage Club in Montgomery, the site of the 2007 Homearama home show.

In the past, PLANET members have participated in numerous community services projects, including the Renewal and Remembrance event which brings hundreds of members to Washington D.C. each July to maintain and beautify Arlington National Cemetery and Historic Congressional Cemetery. The project has been going on for more than a decade and it is estimated that more than \$1 million in time and materials has been donated to Arlington National Cemetery over the years. Thornton Landscape has participated in that event for several years.

The lead sponsors for the 2009 PLANET Day of Service are Agrium Advanced Technologies, American Profit Recovery, Inc, John Deere, Lawns by Yorkshire Inc, and Shindaiwa.

About Thornton Landscape

Thornton Landscape, founded in 1961, is located in Maineville, Ohio, and provides comprehensive landscape services from design through installation to the residential, maintenance and commercial markets. Thornton Landscape employs 45 professionals who have extensive experience and certification in the landscaping industry. For more information, visit www.thorntonlandscape.com.

About PLANET

PLANET is the association of members who create and maintain the QUALITY OF LIFE in communities across America. With more than 4,000 member companies and affiliates, these firms and their employees represent more than 100,000 green industry professionals. For more information, visit LandcareNetwork.org, or call the PLANET office at (800) 395-2522.

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