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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Clarification on the Recovery Conservation Corps Initiative

To the Editor:

Athens County Job and Family Services would like to clarify a few points about the new Recovery Conservation Corps Initiative:

- This program uses federal stimulus money to provide a summer work experience program for 18-24 year olds who are receiving public assistance or are low-income.
- Participants must meet eligibility requirements set by the federal government.
- This program is in addition to our existing Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program that provides summer work experience, as well as other programming such as tuition assistance, to at-risk, low-income 14-21-year-olds.
- Through a contract with Hocking College, 18-24-year-olds in the Recovery Conservation Corps will receive classroom training, supportive services and valuable work experience in our local state parks.
- Due to the timeliness of this project, we are targeting students in the Athens County Retention Program, which is designed to assist low-income county residents afford to pay for college.

Athens County Job and Family Services offers assistance to people of all ages and income levels with searching for jobs, preparing resumes and finding work in the community. These programs are at The Work Station in The Plains, where we also have a jobs board that lists local job openings.

We apologize for any confusion in the community about the Recovery Conservation Corps Initiative or any of our other programs. If you have questions, please call Community Relations Coordinator Nick Claussen at 797-2523.

Thank you,

Athens County Job and Family Services.