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Governor Strickland to Appear at Franklin Park Earth Day Celebration

Columbus, Ohio – April 21, 2010 – After an impressive weekend of volunteerism, final preparations are being made for *Earth Day 2010: The Update* celebration at Franklin Park tomorrow Thursday, April 22nd – the calendar Earth Day – from 3:00pm to 10:00pm. The event will feature two stages of entertainment, a fashion show, cooking demonstrations, and speakers, including Governor Ted Strickland, who will be delivering his Earth Day message at 4:15pm on the Main Stage, presented by Limited Brands Foundation.

The Earth Day celebration is the second component of *Earth Day 2010: The Update*, which also included over 120 area volunteer community service projects across central Ohio the previous weekend. The total number of volunteers participating in Earth Day will be announced at the celebration as well as the winners of the Earth Day Challenge Cup, a friendly contest that honors the company, school and non-profit organization that send out the most volunteers. For 2010, the Challenge Cup is sponsored by G&J Pepsi Bottling.

The celebration runs from 3:00pm to 10:00pm, and includes activities on the grounds of Franklin Park Conservatory, inside the Conservatory, and on the Scotts Miracle-Gro Community Garden Campus. More information is available at the event website – www.Update2010.org.

About Green Columbus

Green Columbus exists to promote sustainable living in Central Ohio and globally by 1) providing forums for environmental groups, citizens and others to interact. 2) raising awareness about environmental issues and what can be done to address them, and 3) encouraging participation in action oriented green events. More information is available at www.greenbus.org.

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