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### 2011 Scenic Ohio Awards Cincinnati Nature Center

Scenic Ohio is pleased to announce that Cincinnati Nature Center is a recipient of a 2011 Scenic Ohio Award. This award recognizes communities, public agencies, private corporations, non-profits, individuals and others who preserve, or enhance Ohio's Scenic Resources through programs, projects, improvements, legislation, public awareness and resource management. This award was presented October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Grange Insurance Audubon Center in Columbus, Ohio.

"Cincinnati Nature Center was founded in 1967 to create a natural preserve where children of the region would be taught to appreciate and understand the natural world. Since then it has grown to over 1,600 acres and provides the highest level of nature education and experience to children and adults. CNC champions the importance of Ohio's scenic resources," said Gary Meisner, Chairman of Scenic Ohio.

Scenic Ohio is a private non-profit organization that promotes Ohio's Scenic Byway Program, advocates the use of native plants along Ohio highways, promotes context-sensitive highway design, educates the public on the importance of Ohio scenic, natural and historic resources, as well as advances ideas to better control and manage billboard intrusions that degrade Ohio's Scenic Resources. Scenic Ohio was founded in 1933 as the Ohio Roadside Council and continues to advance our mission to preserve Ohio's scenic resources and enhance the scenic character of Ohio's communities and countryside's for Ohioans and our visitors / tourists. Each year Scenic Ohio recognizes outstanding organizations and agencies that serve the public and programs - projects such as this by recognizing them with the Scenic Ohio Award.

Cincinnati Nature Center is a non-profit, environmental education organization. Their mission is to enrich lives by inspiring passion for nature through experience, education and stewardship.

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