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*Earth Day Coalition presents annual
EarthFest celebration at Metroparks Zoo*

CLEVELAND - Earthfest, Ohio's largest environmental education event will be held Sunday, April 20, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RTA's state of the art Rapid Transit Vehicle will be on display for this year's event in the Hippo Lot behind the RainForest. The 63-foot long articulated vehicle was designed specifically for the **HealthLine** on Euclid Avenue. It will begin operation this fall. RTA has ordered 21 of these hybrid-electric vehicles from New Flyer.

This year's theme: *Climate Change Solutions*.

Reduced admission fees are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children age 2-11. Children under 2 are free. To obtain free admission:

- Ride any RTA bus or train to Tower City, and take the special EarthFest FREE RTA shuttle from Public Square. Boarding will be on West Roadway at Superior Avenue. At the Zoo, the shuttle will drop off and pick-up on the upper level, at the Administration Building off Fulton Parkway. The first trip will leave Public Square at **9 a.m.**, and the last trip will leave from the Zoo around **5:30 p.m.**
- Register for the Walk or Bike for the Earth. Registration begins at 7 a.m. Step-off is at 9 a.m. for Walkers. Bike for the Earth begins at two community locations (Dewey's at Shaker Square and Phoenix Coffee Shop in Lakewood) and winds up at the Zoo. Click www.earthdaycoalition.org for details.
- Ride bus routes #20A, #35, #50 or #79A to the intersection of Pearl Road and Wildlife Way, and walk to the Zoo entrance on Wildlife Way. Upon request, operators will issue a courtesy pass for Earthfest attendees, which can then be exchanged at the ticket office for free admission.

A record 160 other exhibitors will participate in Earthfest this year. The event includes:

- NEW - Clean Fuel Vehicles and Clean Transportation
- Green Home Improvement
- Local and Organic Foods
- Children's Eco-Activities near the Primate, Cat & Aquatics Building on the upper level
- Environmental Science
- Live music and entertainment at the Zoo Amphitheater
- Zoo will be effectively wind-powered for EarthFest 2008
- Recycle Because You Can! Bring a bag of aluminum cans to the Zoo Welcome Plaza and enter to win a hybrid aluminum mountain bike (cans only please).
- NEW - Take an Eco-Safari at EarthFest and win a prize

For more information:

- On Earthfest, call 216-281-6468.
- On the Zoo, call 216-661-6500.
- On RTA, call 216-621-9500.

Earth Day has been celebrated nationally since 1970. The local event, sponsored by the Earth Day Coalition, began in 1990.

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