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MORPC's Riverfest *On Tour!* announces its first Canoe Float on the Olentangy River - Saturday, June 14

(Columbus – June 10, 2014) Join the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC), the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed, Hero USA, REI and others for the kick off of Riverfest *On Tour!* Paddle the newly restored Olentangy River from Tuttle Park to Downtown Columbus. Participants will experience the free flowing waters of the river after the removal of the 5th Avenue Dam. Stops along the way will examine the new riverbanks and the stormwater wetlands that have been created to help clean the water running off the surrounding neighborhoods. Come learn how you can help protect this awesome resource in the heart of the city and experience the Olentangy Water Trail.

Olentangy River Canoe Float

10 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2014
Olentangy River at Tuttle Park
240 W. Oakland Ave
Columbus, OH
Canoes will be provided

Riverfest *On Tour!* is a celebration of water, Ohio's greatest resource. Riverfest activities take place in June and July of 2014 in various locations and are free of charge. These activities demonstrate how water can be fun, while emphasizing the importance of preserving this vital resource. By interacting with waterways, people of all incomes and ages can develop a lifelong appreciation for this resource. Take the time this summer to get outdoors and learn how to enjoy and respect our waterways.

For more information on Riverfest *On Tour!* contact Amanda McEldowney at 614-233-4112, email amceldowney@morpc.org or visit www.morpc.org/riverfest.

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