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Youth conservation team members restoring habitat along Ohio River

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An Ohio River Foundation Youth Conservation Team is now active in Hamilton County performing habitat stewardship work.

The high school students on the YCT crew are Lauren Bernard (Milford), Claire Griffiths (Archbishop McNicholas), Alex Zacharias (Sycamore), Anna Schuh (Archbishop McNicholas), Jackie Tran (Seton), Nick Johnson (Sycamore). The crew is planting trees in floodplains and removing invasive species like honeysuckle and hemlock in county parks along the Ohio River.

"This is an exciting opportunity for high school students to expand their community service record and also learn more about environmental restoration [career opportunities](#)," said Sarah Borgman, YCT Crew Leader, Ohio River Foundation. "They are also receiving college level watershed education on designated YCT Education Days. It is a comprehensive stewardship experience."

The Hamilton County project partner is the Hamilton County Park District, and the work is funded in part by a grant from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation.

Now in its 13th year, the non-profit Ohio River Foundation, through its education and conservation activities, assists communities along the river and throughout the 200,000 sq. mile watershed with protecting [water quality](#), restoring rivers, and improving public awareness of the importance of the natural environment in the Ohio River watershed.



YCT crew members Jackie Tran and Lauren Bernard prepare to plant a Sycamore tree at Fernbank Park along the Ohio River.

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