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Community Work Day Planned

Portland, IN – October 22, 2008. National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. (NCGLNAC) is planning a volunteer work day on the nature trail on their site just north of the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland on Saturday, November 1. Anyone or any organization in the Portland and Jay County community that is interested in helping is encouraged to meet at the Women's Building at the Jay County Fairgrounds at 10 a.m.

The NCGLNAC trail is the only nature hiking trail open to the public in the Portland area. It is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long and takes the hiker through the recovered borrow pits, next to the wetlands, around the pond and through the mature and immature woodlands. Future plans call for plant identification signs and a self-guided hike. It is hoped that the volunteers will be able to clear out some large limbs and a tree that fell on the trail during the June 6 storm.

The work day is during the NCGLNAC Fall Friendship Fire celebration which will be held November 1 and 2 at the Jay County Fairgrounds and at the NCGLNAC site.

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National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization. The Center is composed of Native and non-Native members whose mission is to preserve traditional Great Lakes Native American art, history and culture by helping pass those traditions on to Native people and by educating the general public about the importance of Great Lakes Native culture. NCGLNAC will locate its future Center on 30 acres of land generously donated by the Jay County Fair Board, Portland, Indiana. The new center will feature a 14,000 square foot building that includes classrooms, an Interpretive Center/Gallery for changing exhibits, Art Gallery, Sales Gallery and artist-in-residence apartments. The grounds will feature outdoor learning and classroom space, rain gardens and ethno botanical trails, restored wetlands, an early 1800's Great Lakes Native American village with Native American gardens, restored prairie and Native plants, fresh water pond, and immature and mature woodlands. The first educational ethno botanical hiking trail is expected to be open to the public in the fall of 2008.

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