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Cuyahoga Valley National Park

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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SUBJ: Request for Proposals (RFP)

Enclosed is a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) package for leasing farm properties in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). We appreciate your interest, and wish you every success in preparing a proposal.

**Completed proposals are due to CVNP Headquarters by 3:00 PM, Monday, June 16, 2008 (see page 22 of the RFP for submission details). Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.**

We will evaluate all proposals, and select and notify finalists by Thursday, July 31, 2008. Interviews with finalists will be conducted in early August, with a final determination of a selected lessee for each of the two properties by mid August. Unsuccessful candidates, who wish, may schedule a meeting to discuss our evaluation of their proposal. It is anticipated that farm leases can be completed and signed by late August or early September, and that selected lessees will have access to their farms shortly thereafter.

Two tours of each farm described in this RFP will be conducted in mid May. These tours will provide you an opportunity to see and discuss the individual property or properties that interest you. CVNP and Cuyahoga Valley Countryside Conservancy (CVCC) staff will conduct the tours. Supplemental information not included in the RFP (but useful for your proposal preparation) will be available on CVNP and CVCC websites, as well as pick-up at a tour (see page 23 of the RFP for a list of materials available, and website addresses). Tour times and locations are attached to this letter.

Many of you who receive this letter and RFP will have already had numerous conversations with CVCC staff members, Darwin Kelsey and Stephanie Webb. CVCC was originally established to help CVNP manage the Countryside Initiative program, and will serve as your primary contact for this RFP process. Should you need additional information or assistance, please contact Darwin or Stephanie at 330-657-2542.

Once again, thank you for your interest. Good Luck!

John P. Debo, Jr.  
Superintendent

Enclosure