

Name of Volunteer: _____

(Please print)

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY BY A VOLUNTEER ENGAGED IN STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES
FOR THE OHIO CHAPTER OF THE NATURE CONSERVANCY**

In consideration of my participation as a volunteer member of a work crew of The Nature Conservancy in Ohio (the "Conservancy") performing various stewardship activities including but not limited to invasive species removal, tree cutting, construction, trail maintenance, planting, seed collection, trash cleanups, and weed pulling, I state and agree as follows:

1. I am familiar with and understand the scope of stewardship activities for The Nature Conservancy. I understand my role during these stewardship activities, including the actions I am to take in the event stewardship activities deviate from the anticipated norm. I understand and accept the risk that is associated with the remote location and rugged nature of the areas in which the stewardship activities will be conducted.
2. I agree to follow the instructions of the crew leader. I have been instructed in and understand the proper operation of the equipment I am to use, including any power tools used in stewardship activities. I understand that my participation in this work may involve sustained strenuous physical activity and exposure to heat and smoke. I am in good health and I am aware of no physical problem or condition which will limit or interfere with my ability to participate as a member of the crew under either predicted or emergency conditions. I also understand that medical attention may not be readily available.
3. I am aware that, even when carried out in the context of a planned event, use of power tools are dangerous activities. I agree that I am participating on the crew at my own risk, and acknowledge that the Conservancy has made no warranty or representation, express or implied, regarding the safety of conducting this work for the Conservancy.
4. I understand that I am not an employee of the Conservancy and that I will receive no compensation or other employment-related benefits from the Conservancy.
5. I agree to waive and release the Conservancy and its officers, directors and employees from any and all claims, liabilities, losses, damage, costs and expenses resulting from any injury or disease to me or damage to my property arising out of my presence on a preserve or other designated project site, my travel to or from any preserve or other project site, and my participation in these activities. I intend this release to be effective, regardless of whether the claim of liability is asserted in negligence, strict liability or other theory of recovery. I further agree to be responsible for any injuries or damage caused by my failure to follow instructions or because of any inaccurate statements I have made in this release.
6. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read and understand this form and that the statements I have made in it are all true, and that I am at least 18 years of age.
7. This release shall be in full force and effect for all volunteer work I perform for the Conservancy at any of their preserves or other designated project sites for one year from the date of this document.

Signature of Volunteer

Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY CONSERVANCY WORK LEADER

By signing below I acknowledge that I have thoroughly reviewed this form with the volunteer named above.

Signature of work leader

Date