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## PRESS RELEASE

Love My Parks Day East Aurora Rallies to Clean Up Knox Farm State Park

**East Aurora, May 5, 2012:** On Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>, students and staff from the East Aurora Schools are volunteering to help cleanup and maintain Knox Farm State Park. This event is sponsored by the East Aurora Faculty Association and Friends of Knox Farm State Park, Inc.

East Aurora High School teachers and students from the Science and Key Clubs, along with members of the Track and Field and Cross Country teams will be painting doors, raking out topsoil, clearing trails, cleaning in and around the Main House, guest house, tennis courts, and staining picnic tables. The East Aurora Faculty Association will be providing hotdogs and bottled water to all volunteers. Teachers in East Aurora believe it is more important than ever to keep our parks beautiful, clean, and welcoming for all to visit and enjoy. We understand the value of having such a beautiful resource available to the residents of East Aurora, and want to maintain a vibrant park for our community enjoy.

Friends of Knox Farm State Park, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation. Its primary mission is to promote, support, preserve and protect the recreational facilities, natural habitats, permanent green space and historic and cultural resources of the Knox Farm State Park. The Friends, Inc. encourages and supports educational programs and activities that develop an understanding and appreciation for the Park, nature and the environment.

I Love My Park Day is an exciting new statewide event organized by Parks & Trails New York to improve and enhance New York's parks and historic sites and bring visibility to the entire park system and its needs. Volunteers from across the state will participate in cleanup, improvement, and beautification events at New York State parks and historic sites. New Yorkers love their parks. Thousands of volunteers are willing to help maintain the beauty of New York's treasured state parks and historic sites.

Cleaning will take place between 9 am and 2 pm.