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**Anheuser-Busch and Columbus City Schools Recognized with Great Blue Heron Award
For Watershed Conservation Efforts**

12/7/2015 FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO—Anheuser-Busch and Frank Dengg of Columbus City Schools were recognized with the Great Blue Heron Award at the FLOW (Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed) meeting December 7th. Both Anheuser-Busch and Mr. Dengg were recognized for their conservation ethic, environmental initiatives, and community partnerships. In particular, their partnership with FLOW has increased resident participation in river clean-ups and tree plantings to improve water quality in Franklin County.

Since 2011, Anheuser-Busch has partnered with FLOW to spearhead water quality initiatives in the Olentangy Watershed. As a large-scale company that is in the headwaters of Rush Run, a tributary to the Olentangy River, Anheuser-Busch has made water quality and conservation a top priority. This year, the brewery and FLOW offered a river cleanup of the Olentangy, with 59 volunteers contributing over 177 hours of work and collecting an estimated 1,750 pounds of trash from the river. Bryson Cole, Environmental Manager for the Columbus brewery was in attendance and accepted the award on behalf of Anheuser-Busch.

Frank Dengg has also partnered with FLOW to implement conservation practices at multiple Columbus City Schools. As the head of the Landscape and Grounds Department, Mr. Dengg approved and supported an Arbor Day Tree Planting event at multiple elementary schools in the Linden area this year. He made tools, supplies, and his knowledge available to FLOW as the events took place. The tree plantings were first suggested to FLOW by FSWCD Watershed Coordinator, Ryan Pilewski in order to reduce the stormwater impacts in the Glen Echo ravine.

The Great Blue Heron Award recognizes outstanding contributions in natural resources and stream protection within Franklin County. Franklin Soil and Water recognizes the importance of partnerships to the sustainability and success of its mission to protect and improve soil and water resources, and is pleased to recognize Anheuser-Busch, Columbus Brewery and Frank Dengg with this award.

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