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**Commissioners Again Teaming Up with Goodwill Columbus, Columbus Clippers
for E-Waste Collection on Earth Day, April 22**

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners is again celebrating Earth Day by partnering with Goodwill Columbus and the Columbus Clippers to help keep e-waste out of our landfill by collecting used electronics.

The public is invited to donate unwanted computers, monitors, cell phones, electronics, and small appliances on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – Noon at Huntington Park, located at 330 Huntington Park Lane. A complete list of items being accepted can be found at commissioners.franklincountyohio.gov/ewaste.

“In our ever-changing and technology-driven world where cell phones and computers become outdated so quickly, e-waste has become a real concern,” said Franklin County Commission President John O’Grady. “Recycling these electronic items is critical for preserving landfill space and for ensuring that hazardous materials used to make electronics are properly disposed. This county-wide e-waste drop-off event and others like it offer residents a quick and efficient way to safely dispose of their unwanted items and feel good about doing it. We encourage all Central Ohio residents to take this opportunity to do some spring cleaning and properly recycle their e-waste.”

This is the fifth year for e-waste collections held by the county and Goodwill at Huntington Park. Last year’s spring collection diverted 30 tons of e-waste from the landfill.

“We are so pleased to support Franklin County Commissioners and our hosts at Huntington Park in their quest to create a greener and cleaner world,” said Goodwill Columbus President and CEO Margie Pizzuti. “And we are immensely grateful to the donors who come out in force for this event. By participating, you help divert tons of waste from landfills and help people with disabilities and other barriers to employment get on a path to meaningful employment.”

"Huntington Park is very proud to be a part of this endeavor, which encourages recycling and helps to protect the environment, while offering the community the opportunity to help Goodwill Columbus," said Ken Schnacke, President and General Manager of the Columbus Clippers.

Goodwill Columbus adheres to Responsible Recycling (R2) standards. Goodwill does not accept liability for lost or confidential data or software. Donors are responsible for backing up any valuable information and erasing sensitive data from computer hard drives before dropping them off.

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