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MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM TO HOST EARTH DAY CELEBRATIONS



MIDDLETOWN— Earth Day is almost here! To honor the occasion, the Monmouth County Park System is hosting an **Earth Day Open House** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, April 18 at the Huber Woods Environmental Center, 25 Brown's Dock Road, Middletown. The event includes live animal displays, guided nature and history walks, and a nature-themed book exchange. *(Please bring gently used books only.)* Visitors will have the chance to meet with representatives from Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County and local organization Wild About Atlantic Highlands. Admission and parking are free.

In addition to the **Open House**, the Park System is hosting two smaller activities at Bayshore Waterfront Park, 719 Port Monmouth Road, Port Monmouth. First up is an **Earth Day Beach Cleanup** from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on

Sunday, April 19. Area residents are invited to help clean our coastline of trash and plastics while learning about the local environment.

Then from 5-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22, Bayshore Waterfront Park will be the site of an ***Earth Day Planting***. Help restore the park's maritime forest by planting native plants that provide valuable food and shelter for local wildlife. Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last.

These Earth Day activities are free and do not require pre-registration. For more information, please visit www.MonmouthCountyParks.com or call 732-842-4000. For persons with hearing impairment, the TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks and Recreation agency.

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