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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MONMOUTH COUNTY PARK SYSTEM PLANS  
EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

HOWELL & MIDDLETOWN— Every day is Earth Day at the Monmouth County Park System. That is especially true the weekend of April 16-17, when the Park System's Earth Day Celebration will be held. The celebration kicks off on Saturday, April 16 from 12noon-5pm at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Georgia Tavern Road, Howell, with bird house building (for a fee), make and take crafts and other family-friendly nature activities. Learn ways your family can go green, take part in a macro invertebrate study and discover how to garden in a cup. Meet representatives from ecological-minded organizations such as the Monmouth County Audubon Society, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ and the NJ Beekeepers Association.

On Sunday, April 17 from 12noon-5pm, the fun moves to the Huber Woods Environmental Center, Brown's Dock Road, Middletown, with games from recycled items, make and take crafts and animal shows. Play volleyball over a recycled net made from 6-pack rings, try your hand at lacrosse using cardboard and plastic bags as equipment and swing a golf club made from outgrown boots at the Wide World of Sports. Discover the basics of birding in the Naturalist Corner and learn to use recycled materials to create something useful. For a small (\$1) fee, enjoy a wagon ride to the Frog Pond Outpost where you can play frog-fun games such as Lily Pad Flop or Flying Frogs and try your hand at capturing a live one.

Admission and parking are free. Some activities may require a fee. For more information, visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com), call the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center at (732) 751-9453 or the Huber Woods Environmental Center at (732) 872-2670. For persons with hearing impairment, the Park System TTY/TDD number is 711. The Monmouth County Park System, created in 1960 by the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders, is Monmouth County's Open Space, Parks, and Recreation agency.

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PICTURED – Held from 12noon-5pm on Saturday, April 16 at the Manasquan Reservoir Environmental Center, Howell and on Sunday, April 17 at the Huber Woods Environmental Center, Middletown, the Park System's Earth Day Celebration features fun and educational activities for youngsters.