

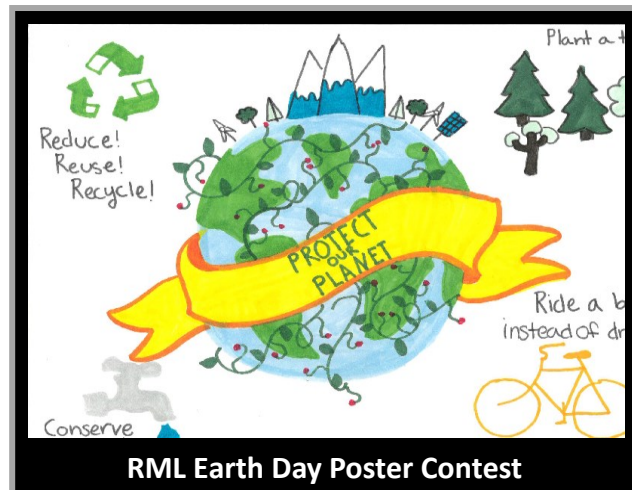
## Earth Day Recap

### Rocky Mountain Labs

Rocky Mountain Laboratories (RML) celebrated Earth Day on Thursday, April 25, 2019. The children celebrated by participating in the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual RML Earth Day Poster Contest and by making a pledge to change their behavior at the Earth Day Pledge Tree. Kids were also able to experience live exotic animals and learn how their actions can displace these animals from their native habitats. Lastly, kids learned about the importance of walking instead of driving while taking a stroll to the nearby Bitterroot River.



**Live Exotic Animals**



**RML Earth Day Poster Contest**

### Baltimore

The Bayview campus held its Earth Day activities on Friday, April 19 from 10am to 2pm in the atrium area of the Biomedical Research Center (BRC). These activities were centered around collections for recyclable items, such as batteries, toner cartridges, clothing, eyeglasses and cell phones. The collections act as an effective way to reduce waste, while also providing benefits to those that receive the items, such as through the "Cell Phones for



**Electronic Waste Collection**

Soldiers” program. Collections were also arranged for non-accountable (no NIH decal) electronic waste, such as computer mice, cables, keyboards and VCRs. In total, the Earth Day event collected over 2,000 pounds of electronic waste.



**Electronic Waste Collection**



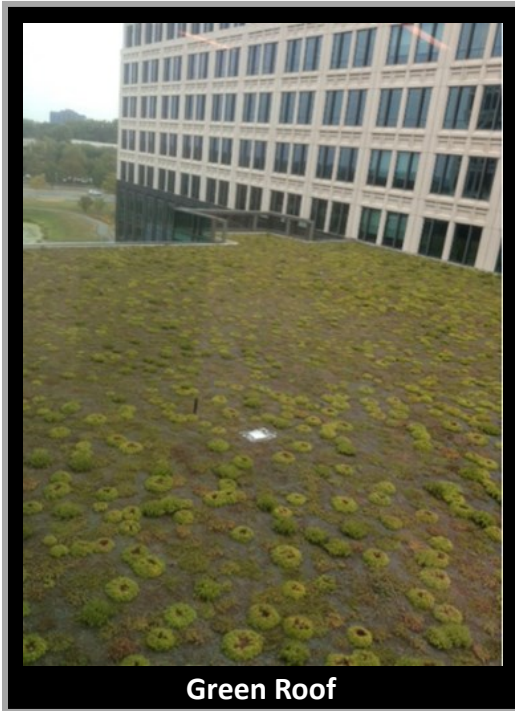
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### Shady Grove

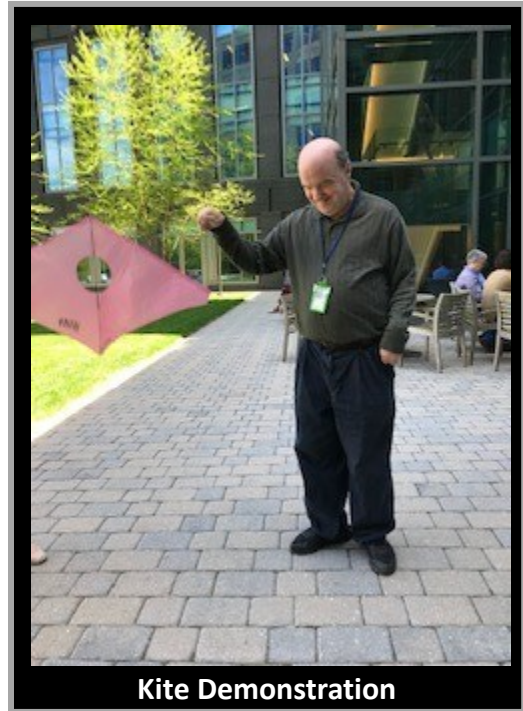
The NCI team on the Shady Grove campus arranged activities from Monday, April 22 through Thursday, April 25. A composting activity helped show staff how to locate composting bins and how to determine which items can be composted. There were also interactive activities, like a bird watching group and a kite demonstration. Many NCI staff enjoyed watching the kite demonstration during their lunch and some event joined in! Activities for children included a green roof presentation and tour and an activity for making pet toys and bird feeders out of recyclable waste.



**Making Pet Toys & Bird Feeders**



**Green Roof**



**Kite Demonstration**

Research Triangle Park

Research Triangle Park Earth Day activities were hosted by NIEHS and the EPA on April 22-25 with the theme “Protect Our Species.” The most heavily-attended event was a seminar about protecting the Red Wolf, which has become extinct everywhere except in North Carolina. Other popular activities were the “Talk & Tour” of the Net-Zero Energy Building, the RTP campus 5K run (hosted by the EPA), and the bio-based products seminar. Several activities were designed for children, such as coloring book pages and a variety of scientific demonstrations.



**Red Wolf**



**Net-Zero Energy Building**



**Bio-based Products Seminar**

**NIGMS**

In honor of Earth Day, the NIGMS Green Team organized an institute-wide Soft Plastics Recycling Day. NIGMS staff were encouraged to visit information tables to learn about soft plastic, recycle their soft plastic waste, and enjoy treats provided by the Green Team. A sorting activity was provided to give staff hands-on experience with deciphering various types of plastics. Approximately 75 staff participated. This event acted as a kickoff to introduce the permanent soft plastics collection bins added to NIGMS.



**Soft Plastic Collection**



**Soft Plastic Information**

Bethesda

The Bethesda campus held its Earth Day celebration on April 25 from 10am to 2pm at Building 45 (Natcher Conference Center). Activities took place inside the building and on the lawn, including food trucks, a farmer’s market, a cookout and an electric vehicle display. The event’s theme was “Protect Our Species,” with quite a few exhibits featuring live animals. Kids enjoyed seeing turtles, snakes, a baby alligator, owls, a kestrel and honey bees. Other popular activities included: learning about the dangers (and benefits) of radiation with the Division of Radiation Safety; discovering the effects of stormwater runoff with the Enviroscape model; learning about wild animals and their habitats with the World Wildlife Fund and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources; and learning how to recycle with the Division of Environmental Protection. Attendance at the event was estimated at well over 2,000 people, which would be a sizable increase from last year’s event!



**Mont. Co. Beekeepers Association**



**Division of Radiation Safety**



**Enviroscape Model**



**Maryland Reptile Conservation Center**



**NICHD Composting**



**NIDCD Noisy Planet**