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NIH Celebrates Earth Day

The NIH community celebrates Earth Day to increase awareness about environmental stewardship and to teach important lessons about the direct connection between the environment and human health. Each year NIH dedicates resources to educate and inform adults and children about the choices we make in our daily lives which affect the environment – choices such as: conserving or wasting natural resources; polluting air, or planting trees to help clean the air; recycling batteries, or sending them to a landfill where they may leach toxic chemicals into the soil; and, planting native flowers in our home gardens, however large or small, to support bees and butterflies. These simple actions help create a healthy environment which contributes to and supports human health.

Parents and children were encouraged to participate on Earth Day, held in late April in conjunction with Take Your Child to Work Day, to learn together and share from each other's experience. The kids were thrilled and excited to experience activities such as hands-on environmental demonstrations, live bird and reptile exhibits, a series of environmental seminars, an Earth Day poster contest, various nature walks, and many more attractions. Accompanying adults found lots to do too and were pleased to witness the children's enthusiasm. These activities helped adults and children to learn about the various ways to protect the environment from air and water pollution, oil spills, toxic releases, pesticide exposures, loss of habitat, and many other topics. The NIH staff, along with a diverse group of non-profit organizations, volunteers and vendors, joined in conducting fun-filled activities at various NIH locations.

- [Research Triangle Park, NC](#)
- [NCI Shady Grove, MD](#)
- [Bayview, MD](#)
- [Bethesda, MD](#)
- [Rocky Mountain Laboratories, MT](#)

We hope you enjoy reading the additional articles linked above, which provide detailed insight into the events at each NIH location. Planning for next year's Earth Day has already begun. We invite you to join the celebration. If you have any suggestions for the 2018 Earth Day events, please contact Joshua Haines at joshua.haines@nih.gov.

TAKE ACTION



Dark Room Compliance

Do you use a dark room? Is it in compliance with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) standard or is it one of the 40% in non-compliance? We need to work together to get the proper equipment and setup in every dark room.

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Meet the New NIH Bethesda Earth Day Coordinator

The NIH campus in Bethesda, MD has a new Earth Day Coordinator, Mr. Joshua Haines.

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NEMS TRAINING

Did you know? NIH has planted 360 trees on the Bethesda campus since the beginning of 2017.

To learn more about how to save the Earth's resources, please visit the [NEMS Training webpage](#).

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