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RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO “GO GREEN” AT DURHAM’S EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Participants Enjoy Green Activities and Learn About Sustainable Practices!

DURHAM, N.C. – Durham residents will receive information on the many ways to “love” the Earth and make a local impact at Durham’s 2019 Earth Day Festival. The festival, sponsored by Durham Parks and Recreation in partnership with the Durham Parks Foundation, will be held on Sunday, April 28 from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Durham Central Park on 501 Foster Street. CBS17 Meteorologist Bill Reh will be the emcee.

There will be opportunities for participants to learn about “green” activities and sustainable practices. Festival goers and vendors will go green when they dispose of their waste at the Zero Waste Stations sponsored by Keep Durham Beautiful and Compost Now. Attendees can also bring their refillable water bottles and fill up on fresh drinking water at the Durham H2O 2 Go Hydration Station.

Participants are also encouraged to “go green” by biking, walking, skating, carpooling or riding [Go Durham](#) to the festival. Members of Durham’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission will sponsor a bike valet near the corner of Hunt Street. A bicyclist can get their bike checked for safety and learn how to change a flat tire. Some of the latest hybrid vehicles on the market will also be on display.

Festival-goers can engage with environmental agencies and listen to presentations provided by the Center for Human-Earth Restoration and the Durham Public Schools & Hub Farm. They can also shop at the Earth Day Market, enjoy stage performances, visit community

resource tents, food vendors and more.

There will be hands-on activities and kid-friendly attractions including a rock climbing wall and activities provided by Music Explorium, Durham County Library, Museum of Life and Science, School House of Wonder, Family Literacy and Community Services, and Child Care Services Association. Also included will be Bookmobile of Durham, City of Durham Fire Department, and Face Painting.

Free document shredding will be available at the festival from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. A convenient drive-through will be set up at 412 Morris St. (Measurement Incorporated Parking Lot) to collect all of your sensitive paper documents that need shredding. Because 100% of shredded paper is recycled, participants must remove all substantial cardboard, plastic, and metal from their materials. This service is free and open to the public.

The event will culminate with the Annual Earth Day Parade with musical performances by the Bulltown Strutters and ShurSoundz featuring DL Zene.

For more information, call 919-560-4355 or visit DPRPlayMore.org.

About Durham Parks and Recreation

Durham Parks and Recreation provides opportunities for the Durham community to Play More by connecting our whole community to wellness, the outdoors, and lifelong learning. To learn more about Durham Parks and Recreation, visit us [online](#), follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#), or call (919) 560-4355.

About Durham Parks Foundation

Durham Parks Foundation preserves, strengthens and expands parks, trails, open space and recreational opportunities in Durham through diverse community involvement, fundraising, partnerships, and education. To learn more about Durham Parks Foundation, visit us [online](#), follow us on [Facebook](#), or call (919) 560-4355.