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SUBJECT: EARTH DAY EVENTS – MINNESOTA 2004

Purpose. To request information about planned Earth Day activities.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2004.

As was the case last year, USDA will be soon asking NRCS to provide them with Earth Day events across the country which could serve as POTENTIAL venues for Department appearances by the Secretary or Under Secretary, etc.

To assist in communicating this information to National Headquarters, please e-mail Julie MacSwain, Public Affairs Specialist, with any Minnesota NRCS Earth Day events that are being scheduled.

The attached event matrix shows what Earth Day events have been planned to-date.

WILLIAM HUNT  
State Conservationist

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## By-State Earth Day 2004 Activity Summary

State /Contact	Home	Classroom	Community
<b>Alabama</b>			
<b>Alaska</b>			
<b>Arizona</b>			
<b>Arkansas</b> Sonja S. Coderre Natural Resources Conservation Service, 501-301-3133			<p>Cliff Roberts, District Conservationist NRCS – Hot Springs FSC Hot Springs, AR</p> <p>Friday, April 23, 2004, the Hot Springs/Garland County Beautification Commission will sponsor “Arbor Day 2004”, an expo of urban forestry related educational activities, demonstrations, exhibits, and displays at the Gulpha Gorge Campground in Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Approximately 1000 Garland County fifth grade students will participate.</p> <p>“Arbor Day 2004” is a multi-agency project of the Hot Springs/Garland County Beautification Commission, Arkansas Forestry Commission, Entergy Arkansas, Hot Springs National Park, Lake Ouachita State Park, Lake Catherine State Park, U. S. Forest Service, Ouachita Job Corps, Hot Springs Urban Forestry Department, Garland County Cooperative Extension Service, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, the Garland County Conservation District, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.</p>
<b>California</b>			
<b>Colorado</b>			
<b>Connecticut</b>			
<b>Delaware</b> Paul Petrichenko - 302-678-4180, or paul.petrichenko@d e.usda.gov		April 21, 2004 Time TBD	Dover, Delaware Governor Minner will hold Ceremony to sign Soil Stewardship proclamation
<b>Florida</b>			Marion Soil & Water Conservation District is hosting EARTH DAY Celebration on April 24, at the Silver River Museum in Silver Springs, South of the Silver Springs Attraction. Jill Dobbs- District Conservationist/ Ocala
<b>Georgia</b>			
<b>Hawaii</b>			
<b>Idaho</b>			
<b>Illinois</b>			
<b>Iowa</b>			
<b>Kansas</b> Beth Held- Wyandotte County Conservation District 913-334- 6329 wycocd@toto.net			<p>Annual Wyandotte County Water Rally April 22, 2004 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wyandotte County Lake Park, Kansas City</p> <p>The second annual Wyandotte County Water Rally is a learning opportunity in the form of a water festival that promotes student environmental awareness for elementary grades K thru 5. Water Rally</p>

			<p>2004 will educate students and community volunteers on the importance of improving our water quality and conserving our natural resources. The program activities are designed to address environmental issues that currently impact our lakes and streams in the county such as; non-point source pollution, storm water pollution, stream degradation and destruction of wildlife habitat.</p> <p><b>Media Info:</b> Kansas City Star Vicky Long <a href="mailto:vlong@kstar.com">vlong@kstar.com</a> 816-324-7740</p>
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<b>Kentucky</b>			
<b>Louisiana</b> Herb Bourque, Natural Resources Conservation Service,  318-473- 7762,herb.bourque @la.usda.gov			Earth Day in Baton Rouge April 22, 2004  Every year for the past 12 years, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and soil and water conservation district personnel have joined forces to staff a large hands-on exhibit for Earth Day in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)/ Soil and Water Conservation District will feature an interactive natural resource exhibit. The entire exhibit area takes in about one-tenth of a city block with multiple stations and is in an area that has a high amount of traffic. Children are especially attracted to the NRCS/Soil and Water Conservation District hands-on work at the exhibit. This year's focus will be on the subject of restoring the "Cajun Prairie" an area of land in southwest Louisiana NRCS and districts are working on to restore land back to a prairie condition similar to what was found when early settlers came this country. The theme "Restoring the Vanishing Cajun Prairie" is also the theme for Baton Rouge Earth Day.
<b>Maine</b>			
<b>Maryland</b>			
<b>Massachusetts</b>			
<b>Michigan</b>			
<b>Minnesota</b>			
<b>Mississippi</b>			
<b>Missouri</b> Norm Klopfenstein, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 573-876- 0911,norm.klopfenst ein@mo.usda.gov			The 2004 St Louis Earth Day theme is "Explore the Earth's Treasures"  Please mark the following dates on your calendars:  April 22 and 23, 2004 Earth Day Symposium on "Green Development"  April 25, 2004 Earth Day celebration in Forest Park which will include: St Louis Earth Day Festival at The Muny, Annual Run for the Rivers, Forest Park cultural institution events, and stewardship projects throughout the park. Various Dates in April Earth Day Around Town events at many area institutions.  A free "Explore St Louis' Treasures" Teacher's Guide will also be sent to area educators Please send requests to pam@stlouisearthday.org by March 1)  Details on all of these events will be coming in the New Year. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!  Warm regards,

			Pam Schulte, Exhibit Coordinator, pam@stlouisearthday.org Cheri Hutchings, Events Manager, cheri@stlouisearthday.org Karla Wilson, Director, karla@stlouisearthday.org Corps of Engineers Two-Day Event April 30 and May 1 Wappapello Lake
<b>Montana</b>			
<b>Nebraska</b>			
<b>Nevada</b>			
<b>New Hampshire</b>			
<b>New Jersey</b>			
<b>New Mexico</b>		Las Cruces will be participating in the Earth Day event at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces on April 15 or 22	
<b>New York</b>			
<b>North Carolina</b>			
<b>North Dakota</b>			
<b>Ohio</b>			
<b>Oklahoma</b>			
<b>Oregon</b>			
<b>PACBAS</b> Pona T. Ala, Natural Resources Conservation Service public affairs Specialist, 684-633-1031 ext 26 pona.ala@pb.usda.gov			
<b>Pennsylvania</b>			
<b>Puerto Rico</b>			
<b>Rhode Island</b>			
<b>South Carolina</b>			
<b>South Dakota</b>			
Nick Stotz, Charles Mix Conservation District 605-487-7501			
<b>Tennessee</b>			

<b>Texas</b>			
<b>Utah</b>			
<b>Vermont</b>			
<b>Virginia</b>			
<b>Washington</b>			
<b>West Virginia</b>			
<b>Wisconsin</b>			
<b>Wyoming</b>			