

GREENCOLUMBUS

DATE: December 2012
TO: AASHE STARS
FROM: Tad Dritz, Board President of Green Columbus
RE: Green Columbus, Earth Day 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to endorse The Ohio State University's role as a featured sponsor of Green Columbus, Earth Day 2011. For Earth Day 2011, Columbus coordinated the largest volunteer effort for Earth Day anywhere in the world. Volunteers from central Ohio and Ohio State created a more sustainable region by planting trees, installing rain gardens, restoring local ecosystems, and creating or reviving community food gardens. "Coordinating more service projects for Earth Day than any other city in the world, Green Columbus registered 137 worksites for 2011." (Source: <http://greencbus.org/site/earth-day/>)

The Ohio State University held a variety of events over a two-week period to commemorate Earth Day, April 22, 2011. Over a dozen university organizations sponsored the campus-wide events to support the city-wide Green Columbus program, including Office of Student Life Facilities Management & Logistics, Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens, Energy Services and Sustainability, Office of Energy and Environment, Olentangy Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park, OSU Center for Automotive Research, OSU Urban Arts Space, Multicultural Center, Bike OSU, and Students for Recycling.

University events included a variety of campus and community workshops, including: **Serve the Earth: Earth Day Columbus Community Workshops, Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens Tour, Wilma H. Schiermeier Olentangy River Wetland Research Park Tour, Earth Day Bicycle Ride, OSU Urban Arts Space Rooftop Garden Tour, What is Sustainable Food? Summit, and a Think Before you Throw recycling presentation.**

Green Columbus, Earth Day 2011 was one of the many ways The Ohio State University continues to play a prominent role in supporting local community environmental projects.

Sincerely,



Tad Dritz

References:

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<http://sustainability.osu.edu/earthday>