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MWRD celebrates Earth Month with area activities and continued progress with green initiatives

In commemoration of Earth Month, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will partner with several organizations to highlight its ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship. During this month of service and awareness for many environmental causes, the MWRD is adding to its growing list of sustainable solutions in its efforts to improve water quality, reduce flooding and treat wastewater.

The MWRD will attend several activities to promote its rain barrel program and many ongoing green initiatives, such as phosphorus recovery, nitrogen removal and pathogenic bacteria reduction from area waterways. In addition to its many water quality improvement projects, the MWRD is investing in green infrastructure with a green roof installation at the Racine Avenue Pumping Station, the construction of a hybrid porous pavement with bioretention at the Egan WRP and the composting of biosolids through wood chips. In its quest to become energy neutral within the next decade, the MWRD is creating energy from sewage solids and organic waste material to offset energy demands at treatment plants and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills. The MWRD is also generating other sources of renewable through solar heat, sewer thermal heat pumps and a pico turbine using water.

MWRD officials will be on hand at various locations this Saturday, April 25 to participate in Earth Month events, including:

--Chesterfield Community Council Home Expo 2015 at Tuley Park Field House, 501 E. 90th Place, Chicago, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

--Park District of Franklin Park Earth Day Celebration at North Park, 10040 Addison Ave., Franklin Park, Noon to 2 p.m.

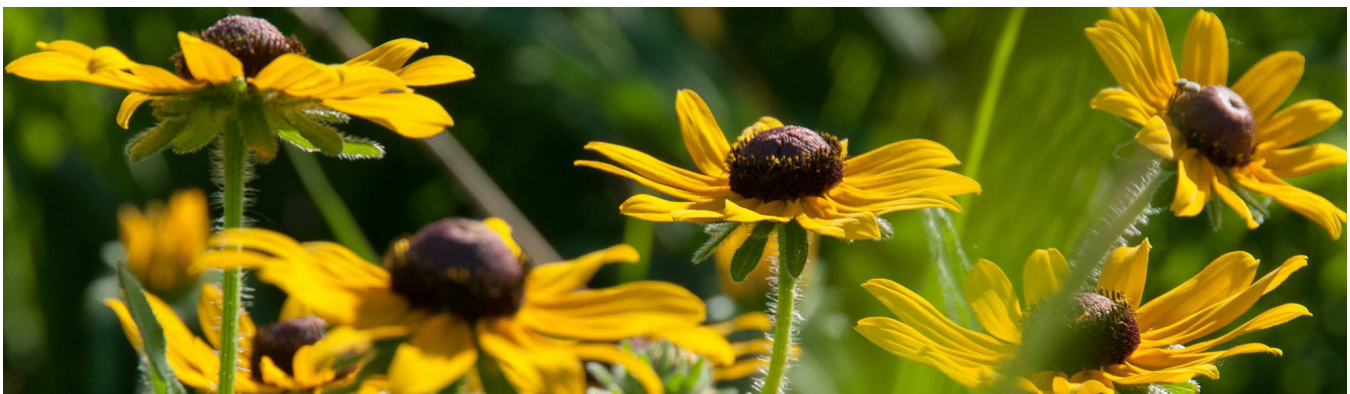
--Orland Park Earth Day Smart Living Fair and Clean the Park event at the Recreation Administration Building, 14600 S. Ravinia, Ave., Orland Park, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

--Northbrook Annual Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration at the Village Green Park, corner of Shermer and Meadow roads, Northbrook, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

--The 6th Annual Oak Park Earth Fest at the Oak Park Public Works Center, 201 South Blvd., Oak Park, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To learn more about MWRD green initiatives, visit www.mwrdd.org.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award-winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.