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Earth Day Festival on April 28 Sponsored by Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling

Festival on Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Park Circle in North Charleston

Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling will host the eighth Annual Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Park Circle in North Charleston.

April 22 marks the 37th celebration of Earth Day, which was established as a national holiday in 1970, and is now celebrated by over a half-billion people around the world.

The event and parking are free to the public.

Earth Day Highlights:

- More than 60 educational exhibits
- Live music from Rivers & Co. and bluegrass band, Common Grounds
- Adande Drum & Dance Co.
- Becky's Box of Puppets with recycled puppets
- Recycled art for sale
- Earth Day T-shirts on sale for \$5.00
- Food vendors

Activities for children:

- Jump castle
- Water slide
- Face painting
- Arts and crafts
- A variety of animals, including birds, reptiles, turtles and other marine organisms
- Award presented for *Earth Day T-Shirt Art Contest* to an elementary school student

Litter is a hot topic for Charleston County and all of South Carolina. County, city and state officials are working together in the fight against litter, but there are also those unsung heroes who fight litter daily in our communities. During the festival, the cities of Charleston and North Charleston will recognize those who participated in this year's Clean City Sweep, and will present the results from this year's Great American Cleanup.

"We encourage everyone to come out and celebrate this very important day. We can all make a difference, whether it is coordinating litter clean-ups, recycling, home composting or properly disposing of our household hazardous materials," said Gregg Varner, Director of Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling.

The Eight Annual Earth Day Festival is hosted and sponsored by Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling, with the support of the following co-sponsors: North Charleston Recreation Department, Charleston Water Systems, SCE&G and Nucor Steel.

For more information about this year's Earth Day Festival, call Charleston County's Solid Waste and Recycling Department at (843) 720-7111.

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