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Healthy Environment, Healthy People: Achieving Better Health for Kentuckians

The Kentucky Environmental Foundation is hosting this event on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Gratz Park Inn from 10 am to 4 pm. There has never been so much evidence of the link between

environmental contaminants and poor health, yet so many community members, policy makers and even health professionals are unaware of the connection or have not been inspired to act. This one-day gathering will bring together health professionals in Kentucky to discuss the challenges and opportunities to improve Kentuckians' health through solutions for energy and chemical-related contamination. The event offers:

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Cost: \$25 registration - includes lunch and materials. Registration form and additional information coming soon! In the meantime, contact Deborah Payne with questions:

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Environmental Justice Grants

EPA Announces Solicitation of Applications for \$1 Million in Environmental Justice Grants

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that the agency is seeking applicants for \$1 million in environmental justice small grants expected to be awarded in 2012. The EPA's environmental justice efforts aim to ensure equal environmental and health protections for all Americans, regardless of race or socioeconomic status. The 2012 grant solicitation is now open and will close on Feb. 29, 2012.

For more information on the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program and a list of grantees see, <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>. For Environmental Justice Small Grants 2012 Request for Proposals and schedule of pre-application teleconference calls:

<http://centerforenvironmentalpolicyandmanagement.createsend1.com/t/r//hrkbt//g/>.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has already awarded more than \$1 million in grants to 46 non-profit and tribal organizations working to address environmental justice issues nationwide.

Urban Waters Small Grants

The EPA expects to award between \$1.8 to \$3.8 million in grants for projects across the country that will contribute to improved water quality and community revitalization. The goal of these Urban Waters Small Grants is to fund research, studies, training and demonstration projects that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities. For more information, visit

<http://centerforenvironmentalpolicyandmanagement.createsend1.com/t/r//hrkbt//w/>.

North Carolina 2012 Recycling Business grant

The N.C. Recycling Business Assistance Center (RBAC) announces the opening of the 2012 grant round. Please visit our website to download the RFP.

Applicants may request any amount of funding up to a maximum of \$40,000. Applicants must provide at least a 50 percent cash match to the requested amount. RBAC has committed \$700,000 for this grant cycle.

Private sector and nonprofit organization applicants are eligible for funding under this grant cycle. RBAC is seeking viable, well-planned and effective proposals and encourages you to consider applying for this grant if you are a N.C. recycling business seeking to start-up or expand your recovery efforts. Proposals are due by Feb. 3, 2012. For more information, contact Matt Todd at (919) 707-8137, or

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National Endowment for the Arts 2012 Our Town Grants

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The National Endowment for the Arts has posted the guidelines for 2012 Our Town grants. Now in its second year, Our Town supports creative placemaking projects that contribute toward the livability of communities and help transform them into lively, beautiful and sustainable places with the arts at their core. Our Town will invest in creative and innovative projects in which communities, together with their arts and design organizations and artists, seek to:

- Improve their quality of life.
- Encourage creative activity.
- Create community identity and a sense of place.
- Revitalize local economies.

Projects may include planning, design and arts engagement activities that reflect a systemic approach to civic development and a persuasive vision for enhanced community vibrancy.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Thurs., Mar. 1, 2012, at 11:59 p.m. EST

GRANT AMOUNTS: \$25,000, \$50,000, \$75,000, \$100,000 or \$150,000

See the Complete Guidelines at

<http://centerforenvironmentalpolicyandmanagement.createand1.com/t/r//hrkbt//yd/>.

EPA Issues First National Standards for Mercury Pollution from Power Plants



WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards, the first national standards to protect American families from power plant emissions of mercury and toxic air pollution like arsenic, acid gas, nickel, selenium, and cyanide. The standards will slash emissions of these dangerous pollutants by relying on widely available, proven pollution controls that are already in use at more than half of the nation's coal-fired power plants.

EPA estimates that the new safeguards will prevent as many as 11,000 premature deaths and 4,700 heart attacks a year. The standards will also help America's children grow up healthier – preventing 130,000 cases of childhood asthma symptoms and about 6,300 fewer cases of acute bronchitis among children each year. Read the full press release at

<http://centerforenvironmentalpolicyandmanagement.createand1.com/t/r//hrkbt//yh/>.

Ecosummit 2012 in Columbus, OH



EcoSummit 2012 will bring together the world's most respected minds in ecological science to discuss restoring the planet's ecosystems. Come hear Nobel Prize laureate Elinor Ostrom, Pulitzer Prize winners E.O. Wilson and Jared Diamond, Kyoto Prize winner Simon Levin, Stockholm Water Prize laureates Sven Jørgensen and William Mitsch, and many others in the first conference ever linking the Ecological Society of America (ESA), The International Association for Ecology (INTECOL) and the Society for Ecological Restoration International (SER).

70 symposia and 11 workshops with almost 600 participants from over 55 countries have been accepted for the EcoSummit 2012 Program. The symposia and workshops cover a wide variety of ecological topics, including ecological restoration, ecosystem services, climate change issues, and lake, wetland, and river management and will be presented over the entire week of the conference in parallel sessions.

The conference will be held September 30 through October 5 in Columbus, Ohio. Abstracts are due January 20. See

<http://centerforenvironmentalpolicyandmanagement.createsend1.com/t/r/l/hr1kbt/l/yk/> for more details.

Brownfields 2013 Conference in Atlanta



The 15th National Brownfields Conference is headed to Atlanta, Georgia on May 15–17, 2013. The Conference, cosponsored by U.S. EPA, is the largest and most comprehensive event in the nation that focuses on issues important to community revitalization and the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated properties.

Brownfields 2013 will offer a diverse set of educational opportunities including, but not limited to, panel sessions, marketplace roundtables, mobile workshops, film screenings, plenary events, an exhibit hall and a redevelopment forum. Stay tuned to www.brownfieldsconference.org for more information on the 2013 conference!

To learn more about the National Brownfields Conference and browse through the 2011 programming, please visit

<http://centerforenvironmentalpolicyandmanagementcreatesend1.com/t/r//hrkbt//yu/>.

For individual inquiries please contact Grant Sparks at gsparks@icma.org.

Black Bear Sightings Increase in Alabama



Black bear sightings in Alabama outside of their primary range of Mobile and Washington counties have increased in 2011. While hunted in other parts of the country, black bears are a protected species in Alabama and no hunting season is established for them. During the spring and summer of 2011, bears were reported in several locations throughout Alabama. A male bear was tranquilized in Jefferson County and relocated to suitable bear habitat in another part of the state. Another bear was seen on multiple occasions as it traveled across north Alabama toward Mississippi. Several other bear

sightings occurred in Macon and Chambers counties. Recently an adult bear has been the subject in several game camera images taken in Barbour County. Two bear cubs have also been seen in Barbour County. See the full press release at <http://centerforenvironmentalpolicyandmanagement.createsend1.com/t/r//hr1kbt//j/>

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