

Dear Allegheny County Municipal Managers,

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The Office of County Executive Dan Onorato is pleased to announce The Allegheny County Green + Innovation Festival! This zero waste event will take place on August 14 at Hartwood Amphitheater.

The festival will include earth-friendly food and product vendors, crafters, green living demonstrations, a book swap, musical entertainment, and children's activities. The goal of the event will be to educate Allegheny County Residents on how to live a green and innovative lifestyle within Allegheny County. Over fifty diverse exhibitors will attend the festival. Here are just a few examples of the exciting things we have lined up: Duquesne Light will be there with energy conservation kits, the Carnegie Science Center and Children's Museum will be working with kids, and families can learn about rain barrels and water saving strategies from the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association. People can also talk to experts about how to design a rain garden at their home, how to ride a bike to create their own energy, talk with architects and get design and planning advice on renovations, see a wind turbine, robots at work, and much more!

In addition to the exhibitors, The Green + Innovation Festival will include music from Joe Grushecky, Greg Joseph, The Turpentiners, The Long Time Darlings, and children's music from Kelsey Friday. Food will also be provided by Seivers Concessions.

***We need your help to get the word out!*** Please share this information with the residents of your communities, and encourage them to attend the festival with their families, neighbors, and friends.

If possible, we would also like you to post our link on your municipal website <http://www.alleghenycounty.us/greenfestival/>. We know that we have a wonderful event planned, but we need your help to ensure that residents learn about it and attend. For your convenience, please feel free to copy the bolded paragraph below to share with your residents via your municipal website.

As always, we appreciate your assistance and look forward to seeing you in August.

We hope you will plan to spend the day at one of our most magnificent regional parks.

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**Join us for the Allegheny Green & Innovation Festival at Hartwood Amphitheater on August 14. The zero-waste event will include earth-friendly food and product vendors, crafters, green living demonstrations, a book swap, musical entertainment, and children's activities. Reuse-a-palooza, the Pittsburgh Children's Museum, Carnegie Science Center, and RiverCubes are just a few of the groups that will provide hands-on activities. Carnegie Mellon University will bring Tartan Racing's Boss, the robotic SUV that won the 2007 DARPA Urban Grand Challenge, and its "BowGo" pogo stick developed with CMU's robotic leg technology. The National Center for Robotics Engineering Technology Education at California University of Pennsylvania will also be on hand with demonstrations. The fun and learning start at 11:00 a.m. For more information, visit [www.alleghenycounty.us/greenfestival](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/greenfestival).**