



Riverfest

MORPC invites you to join us on the banks of the Scioto River to celebrate the importance of our natural environment each summer. Boating, rock climbing, educational exhibits, live music and more are available for free throughout the event. Visit www.riverfestcolumbus.org for more information on this year's event.

Greater Columbus Green Map

The Center for Energy and Environment at MORPC embarked on an exciting effort to create a Green Map of the greater Columbus area to promote a sustainable lifestyle. The extremely popular paper map was published in April 2005, updated and reprinted in 2007.

What is a Green Map?

A Green Map charts the places where nature and the designed world interconnect. Using unified icons to identify significant sites people from Uganda to Denmark and over 100 U.S. cities have designed maps to showcase the environment in the areas where they live. The map is helpful in many situations, for example, you can find the location of every park in Franklin County and the online map even features what amenities the park offers including trail head access, play grounds, drinking fountains and more!

The Greater Columbus Green Map is also online and fully interactive holding more information than a traditional paper map and a photo for each individual site. Please visit www.greatercolumbusgreenmap.org to explore the map online.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact 614-233-4124.

Sponsors of the Green Map:

Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO), Cities of Hilliard, Grove City, Upper Arlington, Reynoldsburg, Dublin, Columbus, Westerville and the Village of New Albany

Everything Goes Somewhere.....

Pollutants such as automobile fluids (motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid), lawn fertilizers and pesticides, pet waste and litter that is found on driveways, sidewalks, parking lots and roads can run off into storm drains which lead directly to your local stream or river. Many people are not aware that storm drains are a direct connection to our waterways. The waterways in Central Ohio provide us with drinking water, recreational opportunities for fishing and boating, habitat for wildlife, connections

to communities and provide discharge and drainage services.

Visit www.keepourwatersclean.org for more information, and view our PSA airing on NBC 4 summer 2008!

Education Forums

Every other month the Center for Energy and Environment at MORPC holds an education forum on a variety of topics revolving around sustainability issues. The forums are free and open to the public. Please contact 6147-233-4124 for meeting topics, date/time information.

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