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Join Ypsilanti in Celebrating Earth Day: A Community Event and Growing Hope's Seedling Distribution

Growing Hope invites all to join the modern environmental movement with an Earth Day Fest: One Community | One Planet on Saturday, April 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Ypsilanti Farmers MarketPlace 16 S Washington in Ypsilanti. With the help of local environmental organizations and nonprofits, this free, family-friendly event features fun activities, educational workshops, and the best ways to protect our shared home proactively. We plan to use this event to highlight folks and organizations working in the community in various realms of environmental justice and give community members tangible next steps and tools to use in their own context.

Activities include Growing Hope's first seedling distribution of the season, a book party for children from Black Men Read, a seed swap, making pots from newspapers, soil giveaway for planting seeds, creating plant labels and butterflies from a soda can of aluminum, garden tool library launch, raffle, compost samples, CSA sign-ups, and much more.

The event will take place rain or shine. All activities will occur indoors except for the seedling distribution, which will be under a tent.

On-site food will be available for purchase by Earthen Jar, a primarily vegan Indian restaurant, and through the FedUp food truck.

Additional details and information about the event will be available online at www.growinghope.net. For information about volunteer opportunities or to have your organization join a table, please email Alannah at Alannah@growinghope.net

Event Details:

Earth Day Fest: One Community | One Planet

When: April 20, 2024, 1-5 pm

Location: Ypsilanti Farmers MarketPlace

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List of Current Participants:

Ann Arbor Farm & Garden

Apple Playschools

Earthen Jar

FedUp Food Truck

Legacy Land Conservancy

The Farm at Trinity Health

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC)

Huron Waterloo Pathway Initiative

Black Men Read

Washtenaw County Conservation District

Old City Acres

Solar Ypsi

Spurt Industries/My Green Michigan

Washtenaw County Conservation District

Ypsilanti Farmers Market

Ypsilanti Food Co-op

Ypsilanti Library

ZeroWaste.Org (University of Michigan)

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