

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO INVITES PUBLIC
TO 12TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**
*Free Day-Long Event Features Canoeing, Hiking, Gardening Tips,
Honey Bee Demonstrations and More*

Roseland, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. invites the public to the **12th Annual Earth Day Celebration** at the Essex County Environmental Center. This free, family friendly event offers residents the opportunity to participate in hands-on educational games and activities, canoe trips, bird walks, environmental information booths, enjoy live nature-themed music and shop in an eco-market. It will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2017
Times: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Place: Essex County Environmental Center
621B Eagle Rock Avenue
Roseland, NJ

“Earth Day at the Essex County Environmental Center offers the public a memorable experience and unique opportunity to sample the depth of programming offered at the Center year-round,” DiVincenzo said. “We invite the public to come out, and learn how they can interact with nature and become better environmental stewards,” he added.

The Environmental Center Staff has worked with partner agencies to present an Earth Day event that will appeal to all ages. The Essex County Beekeepers Society station will show the inner workings of a bee hive and offer local, award-winning honey and other bee products for purchase. The New Jersey Woodturners will demonstrate how art is created from found pieces of wood and fallen tree branches. Learn about ways to protect the environment or go on a canoe ride. The 4-H Club will present its Annual Fair and there will be a local eco-vendor’s sale.

Admission is free but merchandise from vendors will be for sale. The event is sponsored by PSEG, Whole Foods, Rezza Trattoria e Pizza Romana in Roseland, Covanta and Aramark. For more information, visit www.essexcountynj.org or call 973-228-8776.

The Essex County Park System was created in 1895 and is the first county park system established in the United States. The Park System consists of more than 6,000 acres and has 23 parks, five reservations, an environmental center, a zoo, Treetop Adventure Course, ice skating rink, roller skating rink, three public golf courses, golf driving range, two miniature golf courses, three off-leash dog facilities, a castle and the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens.