



## World Environment Day (WED) in Pittsburgh

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### **Summary:**

Pittsburgh has been selected by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the host city for World Environment Day 2010 in North America. Highlighting the theme “Biodiversity: Connecting with Nature,” Pittsburgh-area government officials, businesses, organizations and individuals will schedule a series of World Environment Day events, as well as events taking place during the six weeks that connect Earth Day on April 22 with World Environment Day on June 5.

The selection of Pittsburgh by UNEP is a testament to the area's commitment to environmental and sustainability issues ranging from energy and resource conservation to the protection of waterways, ecosystems and green spaces. In Pittsburgh, World Environment Day 2010 will be a region-wide celebration, with activities taking place throughout the region.

(Source: [www.PittsburghWED.com](http://www.PittsburghWED.com))

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**Recent Development: On top of “Biodiversity: Connecting with Nature,” regional stakeholders agreed on an additional, more specific organizing theme to connect Pittsburgh regional WED celebrations – “Water Matters.”**

As you know, our region, with its three rivers, has an abundance of water, whereas many other areas, in the United States and globally, are in need of it. Our ample water supplies present ample opportunities for our region, but also have, and continue to present substantial challenges regarding water quality and sustainable usage. These celebrations present an opportunity for us to seek and implement regional solutions as well as to consider them in a global context.

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***How can Pittsburgh’s young professional community make a collective contribution via the NPC?***

*If you/your organization is interested in discussing this further/getting involved, make sure we stay in touch.*

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