

Connective Corridor Celebrates Earth Week with Beautification Day

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The Connective Corridor is encouraging faculty, students and community members to join in this Saturday as part of the Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency's (OCRRA) Earth Day Cleanup to help beautify the Connective Corridor.



Children help with last year's Earth Week Beautification project.

Last year, 5,500 people volunteered for OCCRA's community-wide Earth Day and cleared winter debris from roadsides and public spaces, cleaning up more than 99,000 pounds of trash. The project is a great way to help keep the community's streets and green spaces looking beautiful. This year, the Connective Corridor and the Syracuse and Central New York Police Retirees Association are joining forces for an Earth Week cleanup Saturday, April 25, with a special focus on University Avenue and East Genesee Street. The groups are inviting the campus community to pitch in.

The Connective Corridor invites volunteers to help out in Forman Park from 9 a.m. to noon to open the park for the spring season. Campus members and local property owners are also encouraged to clean up litter that day in front of their buildings along the University Avenue and East Genesee Street district of the Connective Corridor. It's a wonderful way to help keep the area beautiful, especially with graduation season almost here and so many families from around the world visiting for commencement and as part of the Syracuse University admissions process.

Volunteers are encouraged to post photos on [*OCCRA's Facebook page*](#) and share them on the [*Connective Corridor Facebook page*](#) to recognize their good work.

The project supports the Connective Corridor's commitment to sustainability. With one of the largest networks of green infrastructure of any community of its size in the country, the Connective Corridor is considered a model by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and has won the [*U.S. Green Building Council's Global Community Leadership Award*](#). The Corridor's green infrastructure—a partnership with Onondaga County's Save the Rain program—is harvesting and managing 26 million gallons of water and stormwater runoff annually. The Corridor's green bike lanes, complete streetscapes and free buses are helping make Syracuse a more pedestrian, bike- and public transit-friendly city, advancing sustainability.

