

## News Release

# Earth Day Events to Take Place Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at U of M Crookston; Public invited to showing of film, "Taking Root"

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Earth Day is April 22, 2010, but the University of Minnesota, Crookston will get an early start with an afternoon of activities scheduled on Tuesday, April 20 designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for our environment.

**From 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., there will be a student forum and a booth** in the Sargeant Student Center sponsored by Crookston Students for Sustainable Development (CSSD) for the campus community to sign energy pledges and volunteer for the evening events. The student forum will be held in the Northern Lights Lounge and focuses on "What Sustainability Means to Me." Students from various majors will be on stage to give a brief presentation on what motivates them to be sustainable.

**At 3 p.m., everyone is invited to a guided nature walk** in the Natural History Area located near the campus. Anyone interested in the nature walk should meet on the Campus Mall.

**From 5 - 8 p.m., students will be involved in cleaning up** Central Park, raking an area under the Robert Street Bridge, picking up trash, and removing the Black Knot on the cherry trees downtown. Relaxation will follow the afternoon's work and will be highlighted by a movie on the Campus Mall.

**At 9 p.m., the public is invited to attend a special showing of the film, "Taking Root: the Vision of Wangari Maathai."** The movie features the work of 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Winner Wangari Maathai, founder of the Green Belt Movement (GBM) and the first Kenyan woman to earn a doctorate. The mission of the movement is to mobilize community consciousness for self-determination, equity, improved livelihoods and security, and environmental conservation. To learn more about the GBM, visit [www.greenbeltmovement.org](http://www.greenbeltmovement.org).

The Earth Day activities are sponsored by Crookston Students for Sustainable Development and the Center for Sustainability at the University of Minnesota, Crookston.

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