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DOEE TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH CITYWIDE POLLINATOR PLANT SEED GIVEAWAYS

Agency staff will provide free seed packets at 13 Metro stations across the District

WASHINGTON, DC – April 20, 2016 — On Earth Day morning, staff from the District’s Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) will be giving out pollinator plant seeds at 13 Metro stations across the District. In line with the District’s State Wildlife Action Plan, DOEE is putting particular focus on expanding meadows in the District to provide critical habitat for bees, butterflies, and other native pollinators. As part of this effort, the agency is engaging the public to plant backyard habitats. Even a small backyard garden or balcony with the appropriate native plants can support pollinators that are necessary for healthy and diverse plant life in our city.

Press who are interested in attending should contact Julia Robey Christian by email at Julia.christian@dc.gov or (202) 741-0842 to make arrangements.

WHO: Tommy Wells, DOEE Director and agency staff

WHAT: Earth Day Pollinator Plant Seed Giveaway

WHEN: Friday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

WHERE: DOEE staff will be onsite at the following 13 Metro stations:

- Anacostia
- Benning Road
- Brookland
- Cleveland Park
- Columbia Heights
- Congress Heights
- Deanwood
- Eastern Market
- Foggy Bottom
- Fort Totten
- Minnesota Avenue
- Potomac Avenue
- Takoma

For more information about pollinators, visit <http://doee.dc.gov/pollinators>.