

## Earth Day 2011 Draws a Crowd

The Warrington Environmental Advisory Council (WEAC) would like to thank over 150 Warrington residents who made the Township's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day event on April 30, 2011, another great success! This year, Earth Day activities took place at several sites throughout the Township. The locations included Twin Oaks Day Camp, the Igoe Porter Wells (IPW) Park, two naturalized detention basins, and the Mary Barness Tennis and Swim Club. Volunteers labeled storm drains, assembled rain barrels, planted flowers, weeded and mulched beds, and cleaned up litter at all locations. Girl Scout, Daisy, and Brownie troops installed flowers and assisted in cleanups at IPW Park and the Twin Oaks Day Camp. Approximately 40 volunteers, including members of the Warrington Dragons Swim Team and their families, worked hard to prepare the Mary Barness Tennis and Swim Club for its Memorial Day opening. The two naturalized detention basins, planted as part of the Earth Day 2010 event, were prepared for the summer growing season. Both of these basins have been planted with native plants. The Central Bucks South Environmental Club took charge of the basin located in front of the Township Building on Route 611. An interpretive educational sign explaining the advantages of naturalized basins was also installed. Another group of volunteers cleaned up and weeded the detention basin located at the intersection of Guinea Lane and Warwick Road. Both of these basins are part of the WEAC's Growing Greener grant. Finally, many young volunteers from the Central Bucks German Honor Societies and Central Bucks South Football team performed substantial maintenance projects at all locations. The food, plants and other supplies for Earth Day were donated by many local businesses.

Please come to the IPW Park this summer and enjoy gardens which have been planted and maintained by our local community. The Butterfly and Rain Gardens are located adjacent to the Parks and Recreation building in the IPW Park. All of the perennials in the Butterfly Garden, which attract butterflies and hummingbirds, were donated by local businesses. The rain garden contains water loving plants and helps to control storm water runoff.

The EAC is proud to have volunteers who are dedicated to making the Township a greener place. Please visit the township website at [www.warringtontownship.org](http://www.warringtontownship.org) to learn more about how you can help. To find out more about activities, participation or donations, email: [eac.warrington@gmail.com](mailto:eac.warrington@gmail.com).