



Eddie A. Perez
Mayor

“GREENUP HARTFORD!”
TURNING GREEN ACTIONS INTO GREEN SAVINGS

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(June 5, 2009)--- In honor of World Environment Day on June 6th, Mayor Eddie A. Perez and is shining the “green light” on the City’s ongoing efforts to be more environmentally responsible and environmentally friendly. This means the Capital City is taking action to be a more energy efficient and a “greener” place to live, work, play, and raise a family.

Mayor Perez says, “Going Green is good for the environment, our personal health, and our economic well-being. Hartford has made great strides by using clean energy sources, constructing and renovating LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings, and expanding our single-stream recycling program.”

The Mayor also announced a new addition to the City’s website: www.hartford.gov/green.htm where a growing list of energy saving efforts, links, and photos are posted. Highlights of that list include:

1. The City of Hartford’s fulfillment of the “20% by 2010” commitment to purchase at least 20% of the City’s energy from clean energy sources
2. City’s commitment to LEED principles in new and renovated buildings
3. The new Mary M. Hooker Magnet School for Environmental Studies will include solar panels and wind turbines to allow students to study alternative energy technologies.
4. Solar Panels installed at the Goodwin Branch of the Hartford Public Library
5. Expansion of the City’s single-stream recycling program “Go Green, Use Blue” to reduce waste
6. Closure of the Hartford Landfill with an anticipated reuse plan for beneficial community activities like passive recreational options
7. Hartford once again being named a “Tree USA” City
8. Last fall’s leaf collection resulted in 900 cubic yards of compost back-haul for use by Hartford residents and community gardeners
9. The permitting of a transfer center to encourage residential drop-off of recyclables with a slated August, 2009 opening

Today’s news conference was held at the Riverfront Recapture Canopy to showcase the majestic Connecticut River and one of the many nearby bike paths in the city. This emphasizes Connecticut’s scenic beauty, as well as healthy transportation alternatives, especially during the spring, summer, and fall seasons. This energy saving effort complements the “Healthy Hartford” campaign, recently launched by the City’s Department of Health and Human Services.

Attending today’s news conference were representatives from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Public Works, the Hartford Public Library, the Department of Development Services, Riverfront Recapture, and the environmental justice group ACOTE.