

FORT DETRICK CELEBRATES EARTH DAY



On March 20th, hundreds came out for the Earth Day celebration in the H.O.T. Dome to learn how to be better stewards of the environment. The Fort Detrick Environmental Management Office (EMO) hosted the event that drew a crowd of about 500 people with live-animal displays and information booths. The EMO group collected used batteries for disposal and gave away reusable shopping bags in exchange for 10 plastic grocery bags. In less than three hours, EMO gave away more than 300 reusable shopping bags. The plastic grocery bags will be bailed at Fort Detrick and sent to a plastic lumber manufacturing company that recycles the plastic grocery bags into decking and fencing. Some of the vendor booths included: Washington Gas Energy Systems, Army Environmental Command, The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Maryland Department of the Environment, Catocin Mountain Zoo and Wildlife Preserve, and the U.S. Green Building Council. Hybrid cars were also on-site to provide information to patrons regarding high-efficiency vehicles. The EMO also hosted 3 other events leading up to International Earth Day, which is celebrated annually on April 22nd. A book swap, a food and pet supply drive and a lunch time walk through the historic Nallin Farm complex all took place in celebration of International Earth Day.

