

Murphy Announces Upcoming Environmental Events in Honor of Earth Day

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This weekend, Murphy will speak at the Plainville Conservation Commission Earthstock 2007. And on Sunday, April 29, Murphy will participate in an Earth Day hike in Cheshire with members of the Connecticut chapter of the Sierra Club.

"I became active in politics through the environmental movement, and I am making it my priority to fight for federal policies that will protect our air, our water, and the character of our corner of Connecticut. Earth Day is an annual opportunity for us to renew our commitment to protecting the environment. But we can't afford to focus on protecting our environment just once a year – we must commit ourselves to making changes in our daily lives to reduce our impact," said Murphy.

Murphy has taken a lead role in environmental policy in Washington. He was recently named chairman of the Congressional Land Preservation Caucus. He will assist the House leadership in crafting legislation to protect open space and farmland across the country.

In his first months in office, Murphy is:

- Working to ensure that the Partnership for Wild and Scenic Rivers program is adequately funded so that the Farmington River is protected;
- Working to acquire funding for the new Heritage Area in the Upper Housatonic Valley region;
- Leading the charge to restore funding for the Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program, which New Britain and Meriden have benefited from in the past;
- Pushing legislation, the New England National Scenic Trail Designation Act, to extend and protect the MMM trail, which stretches 220 miles through Massachusetts and Connecticut, cutting through the Farmington Valley;
- And supporting HR 1590, The Safe Climate Act of 2007, which could reduce U.S. emissions of the pollutants that cause global warming to 1990 levels by 2020.

"I am excited to fight for the protection of what makes the Fifth District special, but I need your input," said Murphy.

WHO: Congressman Chris Murphy (CT-5)

WHAT: Town Hall Meeting on the environment and global warming

WHEN: Saturday, April 28, 2007
2 pm

WHERE: Irving A. Robbins Middle School
20 Wolf Pit Road
Farmington, CT

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