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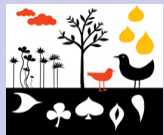
YOUR HELP IS VITAL!

CHEC exists:
to help individuals and communities identify the most important environmental problems facing them; empowering and energizing them with tools to prioritize and develop their own action plans towards more sustainable solutions to a healthy environment.

Please consider volunteering for the Center for Healthy Environments and Communities. This is a community based center and your stories, help, and participation are what makes this Center work!

CHEC research projects come from the needs of the communities around us. This Center offers the technical assistance that many individuals and community groups, organizations and agencies may need to advocate or initiate solutions to environmental

CHEC gathers data and knowledge of environmental issues related to this area as well as national issues from many different sources. This Center also collaborates and networks with a diverse group of partners. We can be a first step for you to acquire the data and knowledge which can assist you in school and community education, policy advocacy as well as networking.



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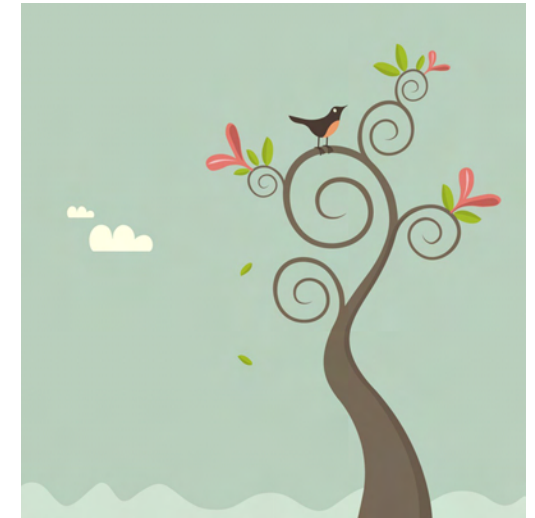
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Center for Healthy Environments and Communities



Towards a more sustainable healthy environment



MISSION

The Center for Healthy Environments and Communities will advance an aggressive community-based participatory environmental agenda including

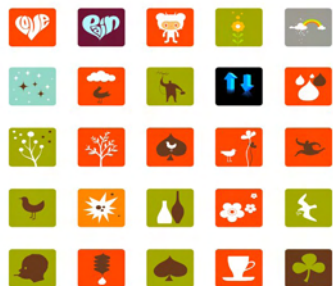
⇒ Research that is:

- * Exploratory,
- * Applied
- * Translational

⇒ Outreach

⇒ Policy Development

⇒ Program Development to improve environmental public health in Southwestern PA



KEY OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To Explore the Relationship Between Ecosystem and Human Health
- ◆ Build Alliances
- ◆ Be A Community Resource
- ◆ Education



S E R V I C E S

- ◆ Environmental Exposure Assessment and Evaluation
- ◆ Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR)
- ◆ Design of Interventions
- ◆ Program Evaluation,
- ◆ Translation
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Environmental Health Policy Formulation and Analysis

PROJECTS

- ◆ The Pittsburgh Fish Consumption Study
 - A study of fish and fish consumption on the rivers of Pittsburgh
- ◆ Eco Art Installation and Survey
 - Communication of the risks of fish consumption through art
- ◆ The Original Gardeners Project
 - A summer neighborhood greening project
- ◆ C.A.S.T. (College After School Team)
 - Students focus after school on school and community environmental issues
- ◆ Allegheny River Stewardship Project
 - Expansion of the Pittsburgh Fish Consumption study to the Allegheny River
- ◆ Coal Fired Energy Plants and Autism Study