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Volunteers Lend a Hand to Clean & Beautify Oakland

Oakland, CA – Over 4,000 volunteers are expected to participate in Oakland's 18th annual **Earth Day** event, the City's largest volunteer event. The event takes place at over 90 locations through the City, providing volunteers an opportunity to beautify Oakland's parks, creeks, street medians and community gardens. Activities include removing litter, weeding non-native invasive plants, removing graffiti and planting. The first 3,000 volunteers will receive a complimentary *Chinook Book* that includes over 350 coupons for local, green businesses in the East Bay.

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WHAT: Oakland's Earth Day, volunteer cleanup and beautification event
WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
WHERE: Over 90 locations throughout Oakland
WHO: City of Oakland and community volunteers

In addition to beautifying public spaces and keeping litter off our streets and out of our waterways, Earth Day is a fun event for participants of all ages. In Oakland's Jingtowntown neighborhood, art and community beautification intersect. For several years, artists living and working in the neighborhood have worked to create an interactive art wall highlighting the culture and history of the community. Volunteers will have the opportunity to assist with native planting, path building and garden maintenance alongside these beautiful murals.

Earth Day is sponsored by the City of Oakland Public Works Agency, with support from the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

For more information about the event and a complete list of volunteer locations and interactive site map, call (510) 238-7611 or visit our website at www.oaklandearthday.org.

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