Earth Day Observances Range of Activities

Food Hub Conference Provides Much Information and Incentive
Denise Wendorff, Asprilla’s Projects & Operations Manager, attended the 3rd Biennial Food Conference at Atlantic Community College – April 1st. There were two long sessions on topics regarding the use of food hubs to develop food, and two shorter sessions on topics related to the commercialization of food hubs. The presentations were informative, and the conference attendees had a great opportunity to network and discuss their ideas, concerns, and questions. The speakers were experts in the field, and the sessions were well-organized. The talks were about the importance of food hubs, the benefits they can bring, and the challenges they face. The audience had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions with the speakers.

Sustainability in Rural Nebraska is Focus of AIA Western Nebraska Meeting
Close to 200 people attended the meeting, which was held in the Lincoln Convention Center. The speakers during the meeting were from various fields, such as architecture, engineering, and agriculture. The topics discussed included the use of sustainable materials, energy conservation, and water management. The attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions with the speakers.

Water for Food Global Conference is April 24–26 in Lincoln
Catalysis Collaborative: Building Public–Private Partnerships for water and Food security is the theme of the 2016 Water for Food Global Conference. The event will focus on the powerful impact achieved through public-private partnerships in water for food research, technology and product development, and the conference will feature keynote speakers and panel discussions.

Environmental Trust Grants Support Nonprofit Organizations
The Nebraska Environmental Trust announced that 119 projects will receive a total of $3.5 million in grants for renewable energy, clean air and water, and conservation efforts. The grants will help support a wide range of projects, including the construction of renewable energy facilities, the installation of clean air equipment, and the conservation of natural resources.

Local & C&D Waste Study: Recycling Works
ElcoTras Nebraska, an affiliate of the University of Nebraska, recently completed a year-long study of construction and demolition (C&D) waste in the Lincoln area. The study was conducted through interviews with local businesses, as well as focus groups and surveys. The results of the study show that the recycling of C&D waste is an important step towards reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills. The study also highlights the importance of educating the public about the benefits of recycling C&D waste.