

**Earth Day Ypsilanti 4 (EDY4)!
Saturday, April 16th 12 - 5pm | Ypsilanti Freight House**

Back after a COVID hiatus, this year's Earth Day event theme is back with a new theme: *Building A Sustainable Community*. EDY4 is an opportunity for those from Ypsilanti and beyond to come out and meet and mingle with others who are "green"-minded and share a love for doing good things in our town. EDY4 promises to bring back the energy and activism of the first three EDY festivals that took place from 2017 - 2019. This year the event will take place at The Ypsilanti Freight House and we need your help to fill the space with sustainable activities, local art and music, and rejuvenating foods from local vendors.

EDY is an important way for everyone to learn about how they can live a more sustainable life and connect with sustainable businesses, teachers, and activities in our area. Organized by Ypsilanti Sustainability Commissioners this annual event is an important step in achieving our city's sustainability commission goals including:

- To create a model of sustainability through efforts to advocate, educate and promote the social, economic and environmental health of the community now and into the future.
- To recognize natural resources as chief assets of the City of Ypsilanti and encouraging responsible stewardship of these assets.
- To collaborate with citizens, employees, employers, service providers and other governmental agencies and educational agencies to share ideas.

Leading up to this year's festival Sustainability Commissioners will reach out to Ypsilanti Community Schools and WIHI and encourage students to participate in a competition to share how sustainability shows up in their lives. Students will have an opportunity to submit a rap, poem, or story and a winner from each category (song, rap, poem, story) will be given a cash prize at the event. (Depending on available funding hopefully each winner will receive \$100).

Until now the past 3 Earth Day Ypsilanti events and this event have been completely supported by volunteer time and the generosity of a few community members. To ensure EDY4 is the most successful event yet funds are needed to support the event:

Expenses	
Welcome gifts of seedlings for first 200 attendees	\$ 250
Prize money (Visa gift cards) for students (4 awards)	\$ 400
Graphic designer	\$ 100
Production of flyers	\$ 50
Local Organic Smoothie Vendor Stipend	\$200
Materials to produce and distribute flyers	\$ 100
Request for Funding	\$1,100
In-Kind	
Volunteer Hours	450+ hours
Freight House (provided by the City of Ypsilanti)	\$1,200
Music Equipment	\$276
In-Kind Support	\$1,476

For more information on EDY4 contact event organizer
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