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• September 24th, 2011: Moving Connecticut •

On **September 24th, 2011**, a network of individuals and communities from across Connecticut will participate in a **global day of climate action called Moving Planet**, organized by **350.org**. Our statewide action — **Moving Connecticut** — will be based in New Haven, and will draw in and highlight other communities from across the state in a broad, inclusive, positive, beautiful day dedicated to leaving behind fossil fuels and building a better future for our state.

Around the globe, glaciers are melting, unprecedented droughts, floods, hurricanes and tornados and other extreme weather events are occurring, and sea levels are rising. **350 parts per million (ppm) is what many scientists, climate experts, and progressive national governments are saying is the safe upper limit for CO2 in our atmosphere.** Accelerating arctic warming and other early climate impacts have led scientists to conclude that we are already above the safe zone at our current 392ppm, and that unless we are able to rapidly return to below 350 ppm this century, we risk reaching tipping points and irreversible impacts.

MOVING CONNECTICUT is an opportunity for Connecticut citizens who desire a swift and responsible transition away from carbon-generating pollution towards clean energy, green jobs,

sustainable living, and sustainable transportation to come together. Participants plan to show our policymakers and leaders that this movement is ready to *move* with bike rides, bike workshops, community garden workdays, tree plantings, and a Moving Planet *Pecha Kucha*, all culminating in a rally and outdoor screening of the movie, *Wall-E*, in New Haven, CT.

The **schedule of events on Saturday, September 24** is as follows:

- 9 a.m. - 12 noon: Communities across CT rally in their towns, do work, and take pictures.
- 12 noon - 4 p.m.: Community members travel together to New Haven by bike, foot, bus, train, scooter, skateboard, carpool.
- 2 p.m. onwards: Activities for kids, garden work opportunities, bike workshops, photo petitions, pledges, CT groups tabling and more at the New Haven Green
- 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Critical mass bike ride through all New Haven neighborhoods (departing from the New Haven Green)
- 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.: Music on the New Haven Green
- 5 p.m.: Group photograph spelling out “350” with EVERYONE at the New Haven Green
- 5:15 p.m. - 7 p.m.: Rally at the New Haven Green – “The Movement is Here.” Showcase presentations of Connecticut success stories celebrating the work of local communities/ organizations, and discussions with local/state leaders.
- 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Music on the New Haven Green
- 8 p.m. – 10 p.m.: Free outdoor screening on the New Haven Green of *Wall-E*, which explores climate solutions in a fun, kid-friendly way.

For schedule updates, please visit: http://www.350ct.org/faq_what-is-the-schedule-for-moving-connecticut/.

This grassroots-driven event has been growing rapidly with support and participation from local, state, and national organizations. Connecticut is an emerging example of the kind of trend-setting environmental progress that can happen when state agencies, NGO's, and grassroots groups work together. New Haven will be joining Seattle, San Francisco, Boston, and other major cities where 350.org is supporting major, consolidated community actions.

Based in New Haven, **350 Connecticut** is an inclusive, grassroots network of people and organizations working for a healthier planet and a brighter future. The 350 Connecticut Team is made up of volunteers from throughout Connecticut working together to move our communities beyond fossil fuels and toward a healthier, better future.

For more information and to get involved, visit <http://www.350ct.org/>. Everyone is welcome!



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