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GOVERNOR PARTICIPATES IN NATURE HIKE WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN TO MARK EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Gov. Christie Whitman today celebrated Earth Day by participating in a nature hike at the James A. McFaul Environmental Center in Wyckoff with third grade students from the Gantner School in Elmwood Park. The Governor also participated in an educational session on animal sights and sounds at the center with children from the First Step Preschool in Franklin Lakes.

Children of the First Step PreSchool also presented the Governor with a replica of a red oak tree. The replica symbolized the tree the children will be planting at the center in the future to mark the Governor's visit.

"All of us in New Jersey can be especially proud of the fact that we have one of the most aggressive land preservation programs in the nation," the Governor said. "The one million acres we are committed to preserving over the next ten years, together with the one million acres of land already preserved as farmland and open space, represent some 40 percent of the land mass in our state. This commitment to our environment will ensure that future generations are going to enjoy the same quality of life that we enjoy today."