

Ossining goes green for Earth Day

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An Earth Day festival in Ossining Saturday drew crowds to various artisans' tents, love music and also featured the EnviraPod: a structure that featured a wood pellet stove, a composting toilet, solar panels and a system for catching rain water.

Gathered at Louis B. Engle Waterfront Park along the Hudson River, it was Green Ossining's 6th annual Earth Day Festival, a day-long event. People streamed in as musicians at one played a Pearl Jam tune. The Earth cooperated nicely on the weather front for its celebration.

Among other things, attendees got to tour the EnviraPod, with what its creators called environmentally-friendly green technology. Described in a news release as a mobile classroom

David Delardi, co-creator of the EnviraPod, said in the release that "a 'living building' generates its own energy, captures and treats all of its water, and operates efficiently and sustainably."

"A zero-carbon footprint life is an attainable goal - something that we can all strive for," Barbara Sarbin, educational director for Something Good in the World, which helped showcase the EnviraPod, said in the release. "We've been sharing the unique learning experience of the EnviraPod with children who attend our programs, and we're thrilled for more people to see this 'living building' for themselves."

Something Good in the World has an environmental education focus, with programs for children.

The festival, which Green Ossining held in partnership with the town and village of Ossining, had food, including vegetarian and vegan varieties, craft beer and included such things as textile recycling drop-off and offered rain barrels and composted bins for sale, according to the Green Ossining website.

