

OVERBROOK ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTER



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MEDIA ADVISORY

***The Overbrook Environmental Education Center:
An Innovative Urban Model for Stormwater Management
and Green Technology***

- WHO:** Congressman Chaka Fattah, Councilwoman Blondell Reynolds-Brown, State Representative Louise Williams-Bishop, JASTECH (Juveniles Active in Science & Technology) Development Services Inc., students from Overbrook Elementary School and the Philadelphia Water Department
- WHAT:** Overbrook Environmental Education Center Groundbreaking Ceremony
- WHEN:** Monday, April 30, 2007, 11:00 a.m.
- WHERE:** Overbrook Environmental Education Center located at 6130-50 Lancaster Avenue

Join students from Overbrook Elementary School along with state and local officials in a groundbreaking ceremony for the Overbrook Environmental Education Center, an urban renewal initiative, demonstration project and education program that will harvest 90% of its stormwater runoff, produce passive renewable energy and reintroduce viable commercial space while maintaining 60% of its site as “open green-space.”

With grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, US Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Brownsfields, City of Philadelphia and others, this 45,000 square foot center is designed to mitigate flows that may contribute to sewer flooding in this neighborhood’s combined sewer system. The Center’s educational curriculum is designed to teach environmental awareness and conservation in urban communities. The Center will include green roofing, outdoor bio-labs and restored natural areas.

The Overbrook Environmental Education Center is a division of JASTECH (Juveniles Active in Science & Technology) Development Services, Inc, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization, operating since 1998.

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