



For Immediate Release

**ArcelorMittal Volunteers will Restore Meadow
at
The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education**

**Saturday, October 23, 2010
9am to 1pm**

As the Nation's first urban environmental education center, The Schuylkill Center is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of its 350 acres of woodlands and meadows. Recent efforts include the **Schuylkill Center's Meadow Restoration Project**, the restoration of a six- acre meadow on its grounds.

When healthy, meadows are composed of a mix of native grasses and wildflowers, along with fruiting trees and shrubs that colonize the meadow in patches and along the edges. Healthy meadows serve as a breeding ground and provide a food source and cover for a number of bird, insect, and mammal species, *many of which are in decline*.

The Schuylkill Center's meadow restoration project began in the spring of this year, with generous support from a US Fish & Wildlife Service grant through Fairmount Park. The grant allowed The Center's land restoration staff to begin the removal of invasive trees, shrubs, and herbaceous species from six-acre site. In early summer, the meadow was seeded with native species that support our local and migratory bird populations.

The meadow is now ready for the installation of additional species to supplement the seeded mix. The world's leading steel company, **ArcelorMittal**, which has a facility in Conshohocken, is contributing a crucial in-kind gift to complement the US Fish & Wildlife Service grant and allow for the continued restoration of the meadow. On Saturday, October 23, volunteers from **ArcelorMittal Conshohocken** will plant warm season grasses, wildflowers, and fruiting trees and shrubs.

"Sustainability is one of ArcelorMittal's core values. As we strive to reduce our own environmental footprint, we also look to support other organizations that are restoring and protecting the environment and natural areas," said Gary Sarpen, General Manager,

ArcelorMittal Conshohocken. “ArcelorMittal is pleased to provide both funding and volunteer support to create healthier meadows and attract native species back to the Schuylkill River watershed.”

About ArcelorMittal

ArcelorMittal is the world's leading steel company, with operations in more than 60 countries.

ArcelorMittal is the leader in all major global steel markets, including automotive, construction, household appliances and packaging, with leading R&D and technology, as well as sizeable captive supplies of raw materials and outstanding distribution networks. With an industrial presence in over 20 countries spanning four continents, the Company covers all of the key steel markets, from emerging to mature.

Through its core values of Sustainability, Quality and Leadership, ArcelorMittal commits to operating in a responsible way with respect to the health, safety and wellbeing of its employees, contractors and the communities in which it operates. It is also committed to the sustainable management of the environment and of finite resources. ArcelorMittal recognizes that it has a significant responsibility to tackle the global climate change challenge; it takes a leading role in the industry's efforts to develop breakthrough steelmaking technologies and is actively researching and developing steel-based technologies and solutions that contribute to combat climate change.

In 2009, ArcelorMittal had revenues of \$65.1 billion and crude steel production of 73.2 million tons, representing approximately 8 percent of world steel output.

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About The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education is our nation's first urban environmental education center. With its 350 acres of woodlands and meadows, four miles of hiking trails, five ponds, three first-order streams and two acre organic farm, The Center is a local treasure. Our mission is to promote, through environmental education, the preservation and improvement of our natural environment, and to foster appreciation, understanding and responsible use of the ecosystem.

For more information about the ArcelorMittal Volunteer Day at The Schuylkill Center:

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