

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what
you've got 'til it's gone.

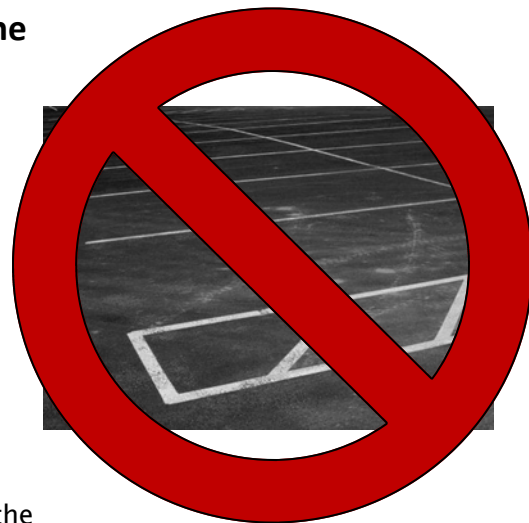
They paved paradise

Put up a parking lot.

Joni Mitchell
Big Yellow Taxi
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**“Healthy Environments Across Generations” Conference
to be held June 7-8, 2012, at the
New York Academy of Medicine**

Unpaving Our Way to the Future



Submit your Creative Expressions for viewing at the
“Healthy Environments Across Generations” Conference

Imagine a world unpaved, where bicycling, walking and non-polluting public transportation options are primary features of our everyday lives—where plants and natural materials are an integral part of our homes, neighborhoods, schools, offices and businesses. What would it take to create communities that are no longer paved with concrete and asphalt, but instead are designed to nurture our health and well-being and that of our communities for generations to come?

We welcome creative artists of all ages and levels of experience to imagine how parking lots and other paved areas that cover so much of our landscapes, urban and rural, could be transformed into healthy, sustainable environments. Artistic submissions can include photography, poetry, essay, dance, music, painting, drama, puppet show, etc.

Use your imagination to bridge two or more of the following environments into a new healthy environment across generations:

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| a. Built environment | d. Natural environment |
| b. Chemical environment | e. Psycho-social environment |
| c. Food environment | f. Socio-economic environment |

Each of the above is needed to sustain human health and the health of our world. You are encouraged to think and integrate as many of the environments as possible.

Then send in a brief summary (no more than 400 words) describing your creative expression along with your submission to info@healthandenvironment.org.

Note: Submissions must be emailed with attachments in PDF form or sent via a YouTube link—please include your full contact information. Also note that artists do not have to attend the conference in order to make a submission.

Deadline for submission: May 15, 2012

Compositions will also be posted on the website of the Collaborative of Health and the Environment (CHE) after the conference: www.healthandenvironment.org.

Submit creative expressions as an email attachment or YouTube link, or send questions, to info@healthandenvironment.org. Feel free to forward this notice to colleagues and friends.