

Our vision is to build a city and region in which the growth of today fosters the economic, social, and environmental prosperity of tomorrow.

News

The Conversations in Sustainability Series will continue next month on Nov. 17 at 5:30 pm at Greener Groundz Café. Alison Wiediger, co-owner and operator of [Au Naturel Farm](#) will share stories and pictures from her trip to the Terre Madre/Slow Foods Conference last summer. We'll discuss the importance and scope of this robust movement, and explore whether there's sufficient interest to start a local chapter. Please join us!

Many thanks to Cynthia Sprouse for working with the hospitality management program at WKU to offer the 50-mile dinner planned and prepared by students and featuring locally-grown foods. The event had a sell-out crowd. Read more about it at [50-mile meal highlights food grown locally](#)

"The twin challenges of climate change and economic stagnation can be solved by the same action – broad, aggressive, sustained deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency." -Brad Collins, Executive Director, American Solar Energy Society

A huge thanks to Joy Downing and the Liberty group for contributing the printing for 500 BGGreen brochures. [Liberty Printing](#) is a green partner in the truest sense, with the motto "Live Green so you can Print Green." They have been certified by the Forest Stewardship Council for offering green alternatives to their clients.

Many thanks also to Crystal Harrison, for her hard work to update the online Green Directory. About half of the updates have been entered online, with the rest to be done soon. If you have additional changes to note, please send to them gogreen@wku.edu.

The Interfaith Dialogue on Earth Care Conference being planned for Feb. 19-20, 2010 will be a first in the area. The conference is being sponsored by area churches, businesses, and WKU departments, and will be hosted by the WKU Philosophy and Religion department and Episcopal Church Earth Ministry. The keynote speaker will be [Matthew Sleeth](#), author of *Serve God, Save the Planet*, on Friday evening at WKU Mass Media and Technology Hall. On Saturday, perspectives from multiple religions will be addressed, and a concluding session will pull together lessons learned and plan for continued dialog and action on Earth Care among area churches. The Saturday sessions will be held at Christ Episcopal Church. Watch for details on registration (\$20; \$15-students); a limited number of scholarships will be available.

It's true, sustainability is a radical concept, one that rightfully takes its place in the long line of radical ideas that have shaped the course of human history but are now accepted as common sense. Democracy is a great example, as is the concept that all people are created equal - whether they walk the Earth today or a hundred years from now." -From [Sustainability is Radical](#), by John Gardner, Boise State University's Assoc. VP for Energy Research, Policy and Campus Sustainability.

Recent sustainability actions at WKU: The WKU Sustainability Office has revised its website for greater utility and has installed an [Building Dashboard](#) to monitor energy and water usage in individual residence halls to encourage personal behavior change. A peace garden was planted during Campus Sustainability Day, Oct. 21. The Institute for Citizenship and Social Responsibility has held a faculty retreat and student retreat, and is holding Third Tuesday Tea's (3T's) each month to discuss issues related to social change effectiveness. A Green Fund has been established to attract funding dollars for green campus and curriculum initiatives. An Education for Sustainability Steering Committee will focus on enhancing sustainability education at WKU.

A new report, *Estimating the Jobs Impact of Tackling Climate Change*, produced by the American Solar Energy Society and top economists at Management Information Services, Inc. based in Washington, D.C. shows that tackling climate change can be a major net job creator for the U.S. economy. According to the report, aggressive deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency can net up to 4.5 million new U.S. jobs by 2030 and displace approximately 1.2 billion tons of carbon emissions annually by 2030 - the amount scientists believe is necessary to prevent the most dangerous consequences of climate change.

This jobs report offers the most detailed analysis yet on the potential role of the new energy economy in tackling climate change and can be found at: www.ases.org/climatejobs. The best part is that, according to the analysis, renewable energy and energy efficiency deployment costs would be revenue neutral or better!

That's because the costs to implement the technologies are offset by savings from lower energy bills, making total net costs near zero.

"And here is the conflict: How can we continue on our path of economic growth and embrace sustainability at the same time? The answer is we cannot. Sustainability requires a fundamental rethinking of the basis of our economy; it requires a new way of creating wealth because our current practice of extraction and expansion is, well, unsustainable." -From [Sustainability is Radical](#), by John Gardner, Boise State University's Assoc. VP for Energy Research, Policy and Campus Sustainability.

The Natural Resource Conservation and Management Senior Capstone class of 2009 at the Univ. of KY is conducting research on mitigating the environmental impacts from recreational activities (such as hiking and camping) within the Red River Gorge. As part of this research, they have developed a survey in which we hope to gain information on the uses within this area. If you use the Gorge, consider taking the brief [survey](#).

Events

F-Sa Nov 6-7 Healthy Foods, Local Farms Conference www.healthyfoodslocalfarmsconference.org/
Th Nov 12 Grand Opening Service One Credit Union LEED Building, details to come

Articles

[Shifting The World To 100 Percent Clean, Renewable Energy As Early As 2030: Here Are The Numbers](#)
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Resources & Links

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