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Earth Day Special Issue #2



Happy Earth Day! Click on the image for an Earth Day video message from Dr. Lissa Leege, Director of the Center for Sustainability.

Action items



Corona Virus Shrinks Carbon Footprint?

Gyms and restaurants are closed, public transportation is running shorter hours and less often, and most businesses are working from home.

A silver lining to these restrictions is that carbon emissions from fossil fuels could fall by 2.5 billion metric tons this year!

Find out what your Ecological Footprint is [here](#).



Things to Do



- [Earth Day Meme Contest](#)
- Take a Virtual Field Trip through [Nature's Witness](#)
- [Earth Week Panel Series](#)
- [All Things Earth Day](#)
- Earthday.org is hosting a Live [Digital Earth Day Event](#)

Sustainability Practicum Projects



As part of the Environmental Sustainability Concentration, students in Georgia Southern's Sustainability Practicum course have been working this semester to develop and implement sustainability improvements in the community. Click on the links to learn more about their projects.

[More Than Flowers](#)

Kera Olsen - Interdisciplinary Studies

I have been teaching people about indoor plants and the sustainability benefits they provide. During several workshops on campus I provided over 130 free plants to participants earlier this spring. I put together a guide for you so that you can try yourself!

[Sustainability of Echo Health](#)

McKenna Bruckman - Interior Design

In our Studio 5 Interior Design class, we designed a 12,540 square foot gastroenterology digestive health clinic in Scottsdale, Arizona. This clinic will specialize in preventing, diagnosing, and treating digestive and liver disorders. The space plan should include all program requirements such as waiting areas, exam rooms, offices, and an infusion therapy suite. The design should facilitate increased efficiency for physicians and create a seamless patient experience through thoughtful use of architecture, interior design and space planning strategies. A spa-like feel and

amenities seen in hospitality are instrumental in creating a sense of calmness and well-being. The new facility should be flexible and allow for growth due to the changing landscape of healthcare from volume-based care to value-based care. For my sustainability practicum, I transformed this space to include a suite of sustainability features as well.

Things to Watch



- Our Planet (Netflix)
- [Reuse: Because you can't recycle the plant](#) (Youtube)
- The Lorax (Youtube, Amazon Prime)
- [Living the Change](#)
- An Inconvenient Truth (Youtube, Amazon Prime)
- An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power (Youtube, Amazon Prime)
- The True Cost (Youtube, Amazon Prime)
- The Island President (Netflix)

Links of Interest



[Earth Day at 50](#)

[The rebirth of the food sovereignty movement](#)

[Tree Top, Pop-Tarts and the beauty of ugly fruit in tackling food waste](#)

[Utopia? Imagining the food system of 2050](#)





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