

STEAM

The monthly newsletter of the Green Lake Area Sustainability Team*

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**STEAM meets the first Tuesday of every month from 2-3pm in the training room of the County Government Center in Green Lake. The meeting is an open discussion of current projects, ideas for the future, and a sharing of advice and lessons learned.*

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 3 and is open to all. Please come and contribute!

"We are not here merely to make a living. We are here to enrich the world, and we impoverish ourselves if we forget this..." - Woodrow Wilson

TOP STORIES / RECOMMENDED SITES

Climate impacts to Wisconsin's dairy industry, forestry, tourism and jobs found at <http://americansecurityproject.org/resources/pnpl/Wisconsin%20FINAL.pdf>

<http://earththeoperatorsmanual.com/>

www.smartgrowth.org

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Bring Innovative Ideas to Market

The i6 Green Challenge is a \$12 million competition. [Federal Funding Opportunity Notice](#) (PDF)

EDUCATION/ HOW TO / TRAINING

Green Infrastructure in Your Backyard: Southern Area, Thursday, May 12, 2 – 3:15 p.m. EDT. Join this webinar to find out how Large Landscape-Scale Plans (regional plans impacting several states) impact county-level planning. To register, click [here](#). Contact: [Cindy Wasser](#) • 202.942.4274

[On Campus: Following legacy of Muir, Leopold, UW-Madison gets environmental studies major](#)

The UW Board of Regents approved two new majors for UW-Madison on Friday: environmental studies and environmental sciences...

BUILDINGS

[University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee completes first phase of efficiency upgrades,"](#)

Campus Technology, April 20.

BUSINESS and EMPLOYMENT

[Manufacturing Advantage Conference](#)

The Northwest Wisconsin Manufacturing Outreach Center (NWMOC) and our partners (CVTC, NATC, NTC, UW-Stout, WTC, and WITC) proudly announce the 4th Annual Manufacturing Advantage Conference...

[9 Steps To Greening Your Small Business](#)

ENERGY

[China to encourage high-tech reactors, uranium exploration](#) Reuters

[Nuclear world](#), BBC News

Twenty-five years on, the disaster at Chernobyl casts a long shadow over the nuclear industry, which has been compounded by recent events at Fukushima in Japan.

["Bruce Barrett and Monica Vohmann: Nuclear power too dangerous, too costly,"](#)

The Fukushima Dai-ichi disaster is stimulating debate about nuclear power in Wisconsin, the U.S. and the world. To elevate the quality of that discussion, we offer a short primer on radiation and its impact on health, and our informed opinion on the implications for energy policy...

[New way to produce hydrogen worth \\$50000 to four UW students](#)

[Learning curve steep for Cassville plant now burning wood biomass](#)

ENVIRONMENT

The Costs of Inaction

Climate change is real. It is happening. But, it is not just about changes in weather patterns. This phenomenon could cost the U.S. billions of dollars and thousands of jobs if we do nothing to slow it.

<http://www.renewableenergyworld.com/rea/news/article/2011/04/the-costs-of-inaction>

FOOD

[UW-Madison awarded \\$5 million from USDA](#)

A University of Wisconsin-Madison study aimed at a better understanding of the ways to successfully develop sustainable local and regional food systems received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture...

[UW-Eau Claire strives to use local food](#)

In the past three years, Blugold Dining General Manager Christian Wise said Eau Claire has made tremendous strides to include more local products in its cafeterias and food courts...

RECYCLING

[UW-Whitewater introduces electronics-recycling program](#)

As part of a green initiative, the UW-Whitewater Instructional, Communications, and Information Technology (iCIT) department has launched a new recycling program to reduce technology e-waste.

[Editorial: Earth Day time to re-commit to recycling](#)

Thanks to help from the state's mandate, recycling is en vogue, too. Local success stories abound. UW-Oshkosh announced Tuesday it finished first in the state and 14th in the nation in the Recycle Mania Challenge, a contest that measures campuses' trash versus recyclables rates...

SUSTAINABILITY

[College hopefuls look for greener pastures](#)

The nation's college-bound students are increasingly looking for green — and no, that doesn't mean just money...

[2011 Heart of Green Awards](#)

Winner: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisc. Over the past four years, the University of Wisconsin-Madison has invested \$48 million in energy-saving projects...

[UWSP again among nation's 'Green Colleges'](#)

For the second year in a row, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been named to the Princeton Review's Guide to 311 Green Colleges...

TRANSPORTATION

[Study shows rail is vital to Sauk County shippers, Wisconsin & Southern says](#)