

## Bloomington Groups Working on Climate Change

- ***Bloomington Transportation Options for People (B-TOP)***: working to bring about a more sustainable culture, better urban form and enhanced quality-of-life to people in the Bloomington area by increasing use, funding and development of alternatives to auto transport. Contact [info@b-top.org](mailto:info@b-top.org) or go to <http://www.b-top.org/index.html>
- ***Center for Sustainable Living***: the mission of the Center is to make available information, services, projects and networking opportunities for those interested in exploring ecologically sustainable ways of thinking, living and interacting in our community. Contact [csloffice@gmail.com](mailto:csloffice@gmail.com) or come by The Caldwell ECO Center, 323 S. Walnut St., Bloomington, or call 332-8796.
- ***US Green Building Council (USGBC)***, Indiana Chapter, Bloomington chapter branch: Our buildings are the single largest contributor to global warming. The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a non-profit organization composed of leaders from across the building industry and concerned citizens working to make green buildings--environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work—available to everyone within a generation. Driving its mission to transform the built environment is the Council's LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System™, which is accessible on-line and supported by a robust LEED Workshop program and the LEED Professional Accreditation program. Local branch sponsors speakers, tours, films and workshops. Contact [arayshaw@comcast.net](mailto:arayshaw@comcast.net) or [info@usgbc-in.org](mailto:info@usgbc-in.org), or go to <http://www.usgbc-in.org/index.php>
- ***Southern Indiana Renewable Energy Network (SIREN)***: SIREN is a community group of volunteers working together to expedite the transition to renewable energy production in Southern Indiana 1.to provide a forum for the study, education and promotion of renewable energy technologies and resource conservation for its members and the public 2.to facilitate the installation of renewable energy throughout Southern Indiana 3.to be a point of connection with state, regional, national and international renewable energy networks. Our goals include: Energy conservation and alternative energy oriented public outreach and education through events such as energy fairs, film screenings, speaker presentations, and demonstration projects. Contact [SIRENsolar@gmail.com](mailto:SIRENsolar@gmail.com) or go to <http://www.sirensolar.org/index.htm>
- ***1Sky***: 1Sky's goal is to build a diverse, society-wide mobilization that will convince our federal government to take bold action by 2010. We've engaged a network of leading scientists and economists to create the 1Sky Solutions: 1.CREATE 5 MILLION GREEN JOBS in order to conserve 20% of our energy by 2015. 2. FREEZE CLIMATE POLLUTION levels now, then cut by at least 25% below 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% by 2050. 3. NO NEW COAL PLANTS that emit global warming pollution; invest in renewable energy. 1Sky strategy combines dozens of allies nationwide in a campaign driven by powerful field and organizing, voter education, and Internet and communications strategies to communicate a highly visible public demand for Congress and the President to implement the 1Sky platform as quickly as possible. Contact: [Caitlinccornerdolloff@greencorps.org](mailto:Caitlinccornerdolloff@greencorps.org)

- **EarthCare:** Interfaith group comprised of sixteen congregations and other interested individuals whose mission is to bring people of faith together to help curb global climate change by educating, acting, and speaking up. Because personal energy usage accounts for one third of our emissions, Earth Care focuses on: 1. Educating our communities and the public about personal actions that will cut CO2 emissions, 2. Reducing the emissions of our congregations 3. Engaging other congregations in this work, and 4. Speaking up about key policies that affect CO2 emissions. You can protect creation - and cut your utility bills - by participating in the **Cut Your Carbon Workshops** that we are offering again NOW with congregations across the city. You will learn how to calculate, monitor and reduce your carbon footprint and energy bills using a nationally tested program and workbook. There's a workshop to fit your schedule. A \$10 donation will help us cover costs. Contact "Madeline Hirschland" mhirschland@gmail.com
- **City of Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS) and Environmental Commission (EC):** Members are appointed by City Council or Mayor. Volunteer Opportunities exist in different subcommittees. Check out the City of Bloomington website for contact information. BCOS and EC have a joint Greenhouse Gas Reduction Taskforce and a Joint Education Committee.
- **Peak Oil Taskforce:** Members are appointed by City Council and Mayor, and there are no openings. But someone could volunteer to do research. Contact Stacy Rhoads at the City Council Office 349-3409. Focus is on preparedness of the community for diminishing petroleum supplies.
- **GreenPeace:** working on Climate Change issues. They have an office at the Caldwell Center (Eco Center), 323 S. Walnut St. • Bloomington, Indiana 47401. Contact Edyta Sitko edyta.sitko@wdc.greenpeace.org 219-4644.

Several films on climate change and sustainability are available for viewing on Community Access TV (CATS) Channel 7, 349-3111. Simply call and request that they show: 1. "High Performance Buildings, Perspective and Practice", by Amory Lovins' Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and the US Green Building Council or, 2. "The Next Industrial Revolution", Architect and visionary William McDonough and chemist Michael Braungart bring together commerce and ecology, reinventing technological processes to be as safe and renewable as natural processes, or, 3. any of the four National Building Museum panel discussions from the "For the Greener Good" series: Going Green: Carrot or Stick, Whose Carbon Is It Anyway?, What One Billion Slum Dwellers Mean For the Environment, and Living In A Disposal World: Recycling the Future. Weekly schedule available online for Channel 7--go to <http://catstv.net/index.html>.

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