



Joslyn Institute's Shades of Green Library to Be Dynamic Resource

A dynamic reference library, **The Nebraska Shades of Green Library**, for sustainable community development has been established by the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities, with the support of the **Nebraska Environmental Trust**.

The library is intended to facilitate distribution of useful information for community leaders and citizens everywhere who may be searching for experience-based information to aid in community development.

The web-based resource assembles communications, applications and effectiveness of various projects, publications and initiatives of the Joslyn Institute over its 24-year history, as well as many other resources with the goals and objectives of conservation and sustainability programming in the future development of communities and regions.

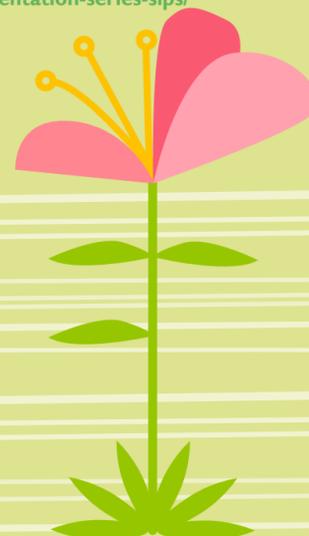
Videos, white papers, newspaper and magazine articles, presentations, case-studies, and more are included in the library. One section of the library, Global Shades of Red, provides a counterpoint, with entries of a cautionary nature on global impacts of climate change, population growth and migration, and overuse of resources.

Also included in the Shades of Green Library are three Nebraska Environmental Trust-funded projects and how they fit into the Joslyn Institute's paradigm of **Five Domains of Sustainability**. This section has a [link](#) to a special page featuring 16 other Trust-funded projects evaluated by the Joslyn Institute to determine how they fit within the Five Domains framework.

The Joslyn Institute intends to continuously add projects and strategic information to the Shades of Green library, creating a dynamic and useful reference for all.

We Are All Downriver: Managing Stormwater is SLPS Focus

The final program in this year's Sustainability Leadership Presentation Series is timely and important: Managing Stormwater at Your Home and Business. Andy Szatko, manager of the City of Omaha Stormwater Program, will present the webcast live from 3:30–4:30 pm, Thursday, April 4, at Metropolitan Community College's Fort Omaha Campus. Those interested can join the live presentation or join in via the webcast. All SLPS programs are free and open to the public. More information here: <http://joslyninstitute.org/initiatives/sustainability-leadership-presentation-series-slps/>



Although Earth Day is officially April 22, events across Nebraska will continue throughout the month of April. Most are family-friendly, intended to get all ages involved in learning about our planet and understanding ways of ensuring it's still around for future generations. Following are just some of the celebrations being planned, along with links for further information about each of them.

Earth Month Omaha

**Creighton University
Office of Sustainability
Programs**

**Events scheduled for April 1,
2, 8, 9, 15, 24 and 25**

Sustainable Creighton is planning a month of lectures, events, advocacy, service, films and more.

http://www.creighton.edu/fileadmin/user/sustainability/docs/Brochure_for_Earth_Month_2019_final.pdf

Sarpy County Earth Day Celebration & Expo Bellevue

**Lied Activity Center
Sunday, April 28**

This annual family-friendly learning experience encourages all to learn more about care of the environment, because each of us makes a difference. Local eco-groups will be creating exhibits, there will be vendor displays, youth activities, good food, an eco-friendly Auto Showcase, a Trashion Show, education sessions and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2061559463902545/>

Earth Week Wayne

**Wayne State College Green
Team - events throughout
the community
April 12-14**

Among other events, the Wayne Green Team is sponsoring a Zero Waste coffee with the Wayne Chamber of Commerce. The group also will be screening the award-winning documentary Tapped, a behind-the-scenes look at the bottled water industry at 6:30 pm on Sunday, April 14 at the Majestic Theater. All events are free.

<https://www.facebook.com/waynegreenteam/>

Panhandle Earth Day Celebration Scottsbluff Saturday, April 20

Events will include oil and tire recycling, a tree giveaway, well water testing, document shredding and much more at the Riverside Discovery Center, 401 S. Beltline Highway in Scottsbluff. Sponsors include Keep Scottsbluff-Gering Beautiful, Panhandle Coop System, Main Street Market, North Platte Natural Resources District, among others.

<http://business.scottsbluffgering.net/events/details/earth-day-celebration-8649>

Earth Month Celebrations at Central Community College April 5 Hastings Campus April 11 Grand Island Campus

**April 17 Columbus Campus
April 24 Kearney Center**
Central Community College has a host of activities planned for their campuses in Grand Island, Hastings, Kearney & Columbus during the month. From learning more about wind turbines and bees, a solar farm tour, emergency preparedness and avian wildlife, including predators, there will be something for everyone.

<https://www.cccneb.edu/earth-month>

Cleaning the Fork Earth Day Celebration Norfolk

**8:30 am, Saturday, April 27
Johnson Park**

For the fourth year, several community groups are sponsoring a clean up on the banks of the North Fork of the Elkhorn River and locations around Norfolk from 8:30 am to noon. From noon to around 3, there will be a community picnic, skatefest (bring your skates or skateboards), and live music. Sponsored by North Fork Outfitting and the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce.

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthForkOutfitting/>

Earthstock UNL Lincoln

**Events planned for April 1,
12, 18 and 26**

The sixth annual Earthstock will be a month-long celebration including musical performances, clothing

swaps, an arts and music festival and a screening of The Story of Food Waste. Sponsored by ASUN, Water for Food Daugherty Global Institute, UNL College of Agriculture Science and Natural Resources, UNL Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, UNL Global Studies, and UNL Chancellor's Commission.
<https://asun.unl.edu/earthstock-events>

Earth Day Omaha Omaha

**Saturday, April 13
Elmwood Park
11 am–6 pm**

For 30 years, Earth Day Omaha has been dedicated to organizing, directing, and producing Omaha, Nebraska's annual Earth Day Omaha event, providing a showcase for the many charitable, scientific, and educational efforts advocating for sustainable environmental practices and lifestyles. Music, yoga, activities for children, electronics recycling, a beer garden, and much more will be featured.

<http://earthdayomaha.org/schedule/>

Lincoln Earth Day Lincoln

**9 am–3 pm,
Saturday, April 27
Union Plaza**

An 8–10 mile bike ride, yoga, music and dancing, demonstration booths, speakers on topics from family farming and pollinator conservation to human, animal and ecosystem health to putting a price on carbon emissions will highlight the day-long celebration.

<https://lincolnearthday.org/>

Earth Day Community Cleanup Omaha

**1–3 pm,
Saturday, April 20
Adams Park, 3230 John
Creighton Boulevard**

Keep Omaha Beautiful and Metropolitan Utilities District are sponsoring a litter cleanup at Adams Park Community Center. This public event is open to all ages and abilities. Keep Omaha Beautiful will provide all cleanup supplies. Registration is encouraged.

<https://www.keepomahabeautiful.org/what-we-do/events/earth-day-community-cleanup.html>

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