

The brief list of activities that follows by local Greens and elected Green public officials and candidates is an indication that the Green Party Generation is here to stay.

Ross Mirkarimi, a member of the Green Party from San Francisco, has been appointed to the California Coastal Commission. Mr. Mirkarimi is a San Francisco County Supervisor who was first elected in 2004.

Gordon Clark, the 2008 candidate in Maryland's 8th Congressional district has started a group called Montgomery Victory Gardens that will promote back yard gardens and community gardens in Montgomery County Maryland. He is lining up support for the effort from groups like the Organic Consumers Association and the Grow It, Eat It program.

Jack Lindblad, 2008 and 2010 Green Party Candidate for California Assembly, 39th District will be a climate change panelist at University of Southern California on April 18th for a local Earth Day event.

Illinois Green Party leaders issued a Press Statement condemning legislative attempts to repeal the Illinois moratorium against new nuclear production. State House Bill 875 and State Senate Bill 2162 would delete the provision in state law prohibiting the construction of new nuclear facilities until the nuclear waste storage issue is resolved.

Green Party leader Nancy Allen, farmer and member of the Maine Green Independent Party, voiced concerns in a Press Release of the Green Party of the United States about the "Food Safety Modernization Act" (HR 875 and S 425) and, while supporting the goal of food safety and farm inspections, urged amendments in the bill to protect small and family farms, farmers' markets, and organic farming.

Los Angeles Greens scheduled a talk and a potluck April 15 on: "Water Justice and Preparing for Peak Water" Invited speakers include Rev. Hannah Petrie, who serves on a state-wide Unitarian Universalist water issues team and Conner Everts, elected to the Casitas Municipal Water District and president of the Ojai Basin Management Ground Water Agency.

The Green Party of Pennsylvania denounced the statements of acting PA Department of Environmental Protection Secretary John Hanger and called for him to resign. Last week, Mr. Hanger said the economic benefits of drilling for gas in the Marcellus Shale were worth the "inevitable" environmental damage, including poisoning of some residents' water sources.



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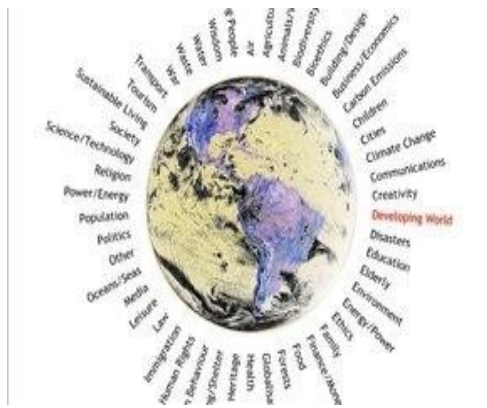
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Greens around the country are engaging in Earth Day activities with a twist. The theme of "A Green Party Generation" emphasizes the contributions of the Green Party in the policy debates and activities around issues of ecological restoration, water, renewable energy and climate change.



The Green Party has actively worked to implement its Platform through the election of Green public officials. It continues to work in our communities and engages the public in public water and urban planning processes. Green Party candidates work to prevent the usurpation of public rights through privatization of the water resource by multi-national corporations and to prioritize affordable drinking water over industrial uses, recognizing that access to water is a basic human right.

Eco-Action Committee

The Eco-Action Committee is working with state parties and county Green organizations to work together with our neighbors in making decisions on water issues that recognize the stake that future generations have in those decisions.



The Committee is working to support the development of local, renewable energy sources that minimize consumptive water use, destruction of watersheds and water pollution. Its activities, candidates and public officials around the country are working to support legislation that promotes urban conservation, efficient agricultural water use and the integration of land use with water supply.

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The National Committee of the Green Party of the United States passed a Resolution 380 prioritizing its work on water at the Federal, state and local levels. The resolution declared: **"Water is the source of life. El agua es vida. The Green Party seeks to safeguard the well-being of future generations and restore ecological systems. Clean and available water is a critical priority which government can and must secure for all people. The threats to our waters are many, from depleted aquifers, to the pollution of surface waters, to the degradation of oceanic waters that have been treated as international waste dumps. There is no time, and no water, to waste."** <http://gp.org/cgi-bin/vote/prodetail?pid=380>

