

StuCo Environmental Citizenship News

Week of October 26

Need some good news?

The National Mall's Tidal Basin is crumbling. The hugely popular 107-acre site is home to 3,000 cherry trees as well as monuments honoring Thomas Jefferson, Franklin Roosevelt, and Martin Luther King Jr. But during high tide, the cherry trees are often submerged in 3 feet of water, a problem that is projected to worsen and inundate the Jefferson Memorial by 2040.

So where is the good news? Today, the nonprofit Trust for the National Mall and its partners proposed an ambitious redesign project that would mitigate the flooding and transform one of the nation's most iconic and popular public spaces. Check out the [Tidal Basin Ideas Lab](#) and the photo of the week below for an overview of the Basin's spectacular potential new looks.

Upcoming Dates & Events ...

- 11/1: World Vegan Day
- 11/7: Rethink Waste [workshop](#)
- 11/10: World Science Day for Peace & Development
- 11/14: Rethink Waste [workshop](#)
- 11/15: U.S. Recycles Day

Good to know ...

Long touted by urban planners and environmental advocates, many people have begun to question the benefits of dense urban spaces as the pandemic has increased the need for physical distancing and raised fears about virus transmission on crowded public transit. There is a real potential for losing hard-won progress on reducing car dependency, making cities more walkable, and reclaiming public spaces for the larger community. But there is also momentum building to take that work a step forward and using the crisis to center liveability, safety, equity and access. In New York City, Seattle, Paris and other cities, coalitions of forward-looking residents, city councils, mayors, and foundations are combining urban design, smart technologies, and social and environmental justice frames to envision the post-COVID city as not just a city that has survived but one that is thriving. If you're curious to learn more, here are a couple of links to interesting reads and recordings ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)).

Things you can do ...

Citizen Climate Lobby (CCL) is an international and well-respected grassroots environmental group promoting climate policy through engaging volunteers in building relationships with their elected representatives. There are several great opportunities coming up to flex your muscle as an informed citizen.

Building Political Will for Climate Solutions [Workshop](#)

7 November 3-5pm ET (note Eastern Time)

Learn how to build political will for climate solutions using CCL's five levers: lobbying congress, grasstops engagement, media relations, grassroots outreach, and group development. Please RSVP to obtain the Zoom meeting information in your confirmation email.

Climate Advocacy Methods Training

January - April, 2021

This 15-week Climate Advocacy Methods Program is for anyone interested in learning and applying CCL's methods for climate action. Participants learn how to lobby members of Congress, write op-eds and letters-to-the-editor, obtain endorsements, do grassroots outreach, and more. Anyone is welcome to join regardless of age or student status and there is no cost. Deadline to sign up for Spring 2021 is December 31: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4855627>.

Internships

Spring and Summer 2021

CCL is accepting interns for 2020-2021! Positions are available in policy and advocacy, outreach and engagement, communication and education. Please see our [Internships Page](#) for descriptions and how to apply. Applications are due December 31 for Spring 2021 or March 30 for Summer 2021.

Photo of the Week



Photo credit: National Trust for Historic Preservation/YouTube via E&E News.

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