

AMERICAN EFFORTS: New York, NY: GreenOrder was founded in 2000 to help some of the world's largest enterprises adopt climate and sustainability initiatives (e.g. greenhouse gas and waste reduction programs) that align with their business objectives. By maximizing the value of sustainability, the drivers of profitable, healthy growth can include environmental excellence, energy innovation, and corporate responsibility. Recent clients include Office Depot, Pfizer, the NYC 2012 Olympics bid, GE's "ecomagination" program, and Silverstein Properties, which GreenOrder is advising on the World Trade Center redevelopment. <http://www.greenorder.com>

Vashon, WA: Energy independence in 10 years is the goal; community actions so that the Island can produce at least as much energy as it consumes is taking place largely through the non-profit group, Sustainable Vashon. See <http://www.sustainablevashon.org> and <http://www.iere.org/documents/EnergyIndependentCommunities.pdf>

Washington is the 12th state in the U.S., and 1st in the West, to fully comply with the federal Clean Air Act. EPA standards for ground level ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter must be met for 3 yrs. To ensure healthy air quality throughout WA, the governor signed a clean car rule so that cars and light trucks sold in the state are the cleanest available.

SUSTAINABLE SAN JUAN ISLANDS eco-bytes: The San Juan Island Green Builders meet once a month on San Juan Island, and periodically meet with a larger, county-wide consortium of people from the green building trades known as the San Juan Islands Green Building Guild. Anyone interested in local green building practices is welcome to attend. For information, contact Lori Larkin at the San Juan Conservation District at 378-6621.

Check <http://www.rusticcopper.com/Boneyard.htm> to see Consignment Treasures' updated lists and photos of used appliances, building materials, furniture and more, available on San Juan Island.

On January 27, 2004, the San Juan Board of County Commissioners declared the entire county a Marine Stewardship Area (MSA)...with the overall goal of protecting the unique and valuable marine resources of the San Juan Islands to allow for sustainable use. The Marine Resources Committee invites you to celebrate the 2nd anniversary of the MSA Initiative and the 10th year of the MRC on January 28, 2006. Envision Stewardship events will be showcased on all the Islands throughout January, designated as Marine Stewardship Month; images, sights, and sounds will help celebrate our marine environment. More news later ... see <http://www.sjcmrc.org>

The fluctuating populations of the Southern Resident Orcas are now federally-designated as an endangered species. Additional conservation of the icon of the Pacific NW and of the San Juan Islands will include a recovery plan and critical habitat designations. Issues of concern for conservation are impacts from chemical pollution, boat traffic, Navy sonar experimentation, and depletion of salmon.

Do you have electronic waste? You can participate in a recycling/reuse collection event of e-waste being planned for spring '06 by Public Works and InterConnection of Seattle. The non-profit accepts most electronic equipment (CPUs, monitors, printers, scanners, TVs, cellphones) at minimal charge and sends refabricated computers to developing countries. Learn more about InterConnection's mission at <http://www.InterConnection.org>. Islanders can contact helenv@sjcpublicworks.org to list their unwanted electronics for a future collection effort.

Some 5th grade students at Friday Harbor Elementary School are working with teacher, Janelle Teasdale, to establish a composting program. Using a ComposTumbler for some of the cafeteria waste and weeds from their vegetable garden, the school is creating compost that has a nice sweet earthy smell which is pleasantly surprising to some of the students. The finished compost will be used on the school's garden next spring.?????

"One of the best things we can do for birds (and other wildlife) is to build brush piles (away from your house)." Janet Hall, WSU Waste Watch Coordinator, at a November compost workshop on San Juan Island, sponsored by WSU Extension's Master Gardeners Program and SJC Public Works. 25 EarthMachine composters were distributed to participants at low cost. (Let us know if you could help SJC set up a workshop on your island!)

"We need a new system of values that recognizes the organic unity of humankind and nature and that promotes the ethic of global responsibility." Mikhail Gorbachev, President of Green Cross International

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"Good Newz" hopes to spark enthusiasm in the concept of sustainability, providing a format for the collection and dissemination of new ideas, practices, and products that promote sustainability, particularly in the San Juan Islands. We also hope to acknowledge existing efforts by local individuals, organizations, agencies, and businesses that support sustainability, including waste reduction.

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