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Call for Applications:

[USGBC Students Regional Chair](#)

USGBC Students seeks to train a small group of Regional Chairs to assist USGBC in advancing campus sustainability and green building goals through student engagement. Primary responsibilities of this volunteer position will include the recruitment, training and facilitation of the activities of USGBC student groups. This is an exciting opportunity for someone committed to sustainability and green building, and who sees influencing the student demographic as a critical pathway toward change. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The Grab Bag

This week I found this great organization in New York City that uses unused space to grow produce. While using unused

Tufts Office of Sustainability
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Dear Tufts Environmental,

If you passed over your rain coat for sunglasses this morning and realized it was the wrong choice, you're not the only one. The fickle New England weather appeared to have skipped over spring and gone straight into summer, but now seems to be having second thoughts...

Good thing we have a variety of off-campus events to pick from this week so when the sun is out, you can join a bike advocacy tour around Boston's Emerald Necklace or see what a Deep Energy Retrofit is all about. When the skies open up once more, you can stay dry by attending a free webinar by Energy Forefront. Read on for more events and educational opportunities...

Stay green!
Jason

Sustainability News

\$15 million allocated for energy-efficient lighting

Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced last June 7 that nearly \$15 million have been earmarked for eight new research and development projects related to high-efficiency, solid-state lighting (SSL) technologies like LEDs and OLEDs.

Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) and organic light-emitting diodes (OLEDs) have the potential to be ten times more energy-efficient than conventional incandescent lighting and can last up to 25 times as long. The projects are located across four states and focuses on core technology research, product development, and expanding domestic manufacturing capacity

space for farming isn't all that original, with rooftops and vacant lots being used all over the country, BK Farms' source of land is very clever: the organization farms on otherwise unused backyards, striking a deal with the homeowner. You can find out more on BK Farms by visiting [their blog](#) and/or watching the short video on them below.



NYC's Cool New Backyard Farms: Growing More Than Just Produce

Job Opportunities

[Outreach Coordinator](#), Office of Sustainability, U North Texas

[Sustainability Coordinator](#), Colorado State U

[Sustainability Coordinator](#), Portland State U

[Program Advisor of Sustainability](#), U of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

[Teaching Assistant](#), Environmental Studies, Colby College

[More job listings from TIE](#)

[Career resources at the Office of Sustainability](#)

Interesting Links

Educational

to help the U.S. remain competitive in this growing technology market. Read more [here](#).

Eco-Ambassadors tour Genzyme building

On June 15, this year's Eco-Ambassadors went on a little field trip to 500 Kendall Square to tour Genzyme Center, a LEED Platinum Certified building that has won awards for its environmentally responsible design.

The tour began in the light-filled atrium and passed through an indoor garden area, a catwalk with automatically controlled windows and blinds, and a sunny cafeteria on the top floor. The 350,000 SF building was built on brownfield land and has several features that were custom-built to save energy and use natural light, including a vegetative roof, reflective ceiling panels and smart plumbing.



2011 Eco-Ambassadors at Genzyme

The impressive atrium, from which a prismatic chandelier made up of 768 tiles hangs from the skylight/ceiling, is actually open to the public, so if you're in the neighborhood, drop by and have a look. More information about the Genzyme Center can be found [here](#).

Events

Off-Campus

Connect the Necklace: Bike Advocacy Tour

June 18, 10:30 AM ~ 3:30 PM (Roslindale, MA)

This will be a leafy, mostly flat ride through Frederick Olmsted's beautiful Emerald Necklace park system. At several key points along the park system, neighborhood, park, and bicycle advocates are devising ways to repair the gaps that were created during the heyday of the automobile and the highway. Riders will meet many of these advocates and planners along the way and get a chance to visualize both the future and the past.

This ride begins in Roslindale and ends in Beacon Hill. Meet at the Boston Cyclists Union tent at the Farmers Market (Adams Park in Roslindale Square) at 10:30 am. Light refreshments will

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be served, provided by Keller Williams Realty. The ride will leave at 11am. Most of this ride will follow paths but some riding on the street is necessary. All riders must wear helmets and sign a waiver. It is advisable to bring a spare inner tube in case of a flat. Please plan about 1/2 day for this event.

Check out [this webpage](#) for more info and to register.

Smart Building: High Performance Homes

June 22, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM (Tyngsborough, MA)

This workshop is an opportunity for builders and designers to move towards utilizing smarter building practices that will result in higher performing residential buildings that are compliant with existing energy codes. Participants will learn how to apply a systems approach, using the interaction between different components and materials to avoid moisture problems, improve indoor air quality, ensure combustion safety, prevent ice dams and other expensive callbacks, and reduce energy consumption. Building professionals such as builders, contractors, architects, building code officials (building inspectors), remodelers, appraisers, and home inspectors find this workshop beneficial.

CEUs & LUs from BBRS (for Building Officials only), BPI and AIA are available. \$25 includes light breakfast and lunch. Read the [flyer](#) and register [here](#).

MCAN Steering Committee Meeting

June 23, 6 PM - 9:15 PM (Boston, MA)

Topic of Workshop:

80% Reduction by 2050 isn't enough - Here's your chance to find out why!

Interactive workshop to help attendees understand both the science and policy implications connected with making the necessary carbon reductions to sustain life as we know it. This workshop model was used to brief Sen. John Kerry at the Copenhagen Climate talks.

Location: Boston's historic Old West United Methodist Church at 131 Cambridge Street between Mass. General Hospital and Cardinal Cushing Park.

Speaker:

Juliette Rooney-Varga, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Biological Sciences and Director of the UMass-Lowell Climate Change Initiative.

Previously Mentioned:

[Workshop: Local Communities Adapting to Climate Change.](#)

Managing Risk in Decision Making

June 20, 9 PM - 4:30 PM

The Doyle Center, Doyle Community Park, Leominster, MA

The Future of Transportation

June 21, 6 PM

Massachusetts Transportation Bldg, 10 Park Plaza, Boston

AESS 2011 Conference: "Confronting Complexity"

June 23-26 (Burlington, VT)

Deep Energy Retrofit Open Houses

June 26, 1 PM-4 PM

37 Main Street, Williamstown, MA (in progress, Habitat for Humanity)

Volunteer at Lowell Folk Festival

July 29-31 (Lowell, MA)

RECHARGE! A Retreat for Rising Clean Energy Leaders

August 21-26, 2011 - Mt. Hood, Oregon

Moving Planet: A Day to Move Beyond Fossil Fuels

September 24 (Boston, MA)

Educational Opportunities

New:

Energy Forefront Webinar

June 29, 12 PM

Join Energy Forefront for the third in a series of 5 free webinars in which you will learn how to spur economic development and have a healthier community by implementing energy savings and sustainable energy at a low or No Cost to your city, town, or county. This conference is hosted by Energy Forefront and sponsored by Arbogast Energy Auditing, Bob Parkins Renewable Energy Consultants, SkyBuilt Power, Steffes Corporation, Bella Energy and Solar Tracking Tree.

TO REGISTER or for more information follow this link:

<http://www.EnergyForefront.com/eventcity3.htm>

Deep Savings in Existing Buildings

June 30, 2:30 PM - 4PM

Learn from some of the nation's leading experts why existing buildings represent one of the market's biggest opportunities for energy savings.

Typical commercial buildings use, on average, twice the energy of efficient buildings and three to four times that of the nation's highest performing buildings. Join NESEA for a 90-minute webinar that will help you narrow the search for project information, measured performance, and tools and resources to support deep energy savings in existing buildings. To register, click here:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/634343990>

Previously Mentioned:

[Suburban Permaculture Design & Leadership Certificate](#)

July 9-24 (Eugene, OR)

[Permaculture Design Internship](#)

July 1-28, 2011 (Punta Mona Center, Costa Rica)

[2011 Student Training for Environmental Protection](#)

July 8th-15th (Prince William Forest, Washington, DC)

[Metta Earth Leadership Training: Generation Now](#)

July 11- August 7, 2011 (Metta Earth Institute, Lincoln, VT)

[7th Annual Summer Institute for Social Marketing and Health Communications](#)

Week of July 10, 2011 (Emerson College, Boston)

See you next week!

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