

15:51:29 From Tech - Lisa DB : Hi everyone! We will be letting people in shortly before 4pm. See you soon!

16:00:37 From Rita Soni : Palatine, IL -- would like to start some local environmental efforts in the community

16:00:53 From Karen Ann Miller : Karen Ann Miller, Kane County Development Dept. & Fox Valley Sustainability Network. To be inspired!

16:00:57 From Larry Baum : From Cary, IL. After spending brief time in the ocean, it is clear that the ocean is not as clear as it is meant to be.

16:01:15 From Kelly and kids : Viewing in California, friend sent me the link to show the film to my 4 children to help them learn more about being environmentally conscious

16:01:28 From Tess (she/her/hers) : Go Green Skokie. Sustainability

16:01:32 From Karen Smith : I'm Karen and I have been very interested in reducing plastic waste for a long time. I'm from Western Springs IL but I live in central Mexico. I don't represent any group.

16:01:39 From S C I A R R A : Evanston - Citizens for a Greener Evanston lots of folks here concerned about lake plastic

16:01:46 From tinahostert : Glencoe. Sustainability

16:01:47 From Kuldip Kumar : Dr. Kuldip Kumar, MWRD Chicago

16:01:49 From Kim Hankins : Hi Everyone from Crystal Lake! Here to support the Defenders ED and see a film I have heard a lot about. I am the Sustainability Director for McHenry County College, Crystal Lake

16:01:50 From Ann Legg : Woodstock, IL

16:01:59 From Courtney Fohrman, River Forest Green4Good : From River Forest. Interested in reducing plastic waste and educating myself so I can educate others!

16:02:08 From Lee & Paula Ekstrom : Lee & Paula from McHenry IL

16:02:11 From Libby Pappalardo : libby Pappalardo

16:02:16 From Nancy Schietzelt : Randy and Nancy Schietzelt from Crystal Lake and Environmental Defenders of McHenry County

16:02:31 From Susan Klein : Sue, also from Western Springs, IL. Green Team Co- Chair at our church and active in our community

16:02:43 From Door : Trustee Dave Chapman Algonquin Township

16:02:45 From Environmental Defenders : Welcome everyone! So glad you're here to see this inspiring documentary.

16:02:48 From Jackie : from Jackie

16:03:01 From Nancy Glissman : Nancy Glissman from Huntley 😊

16:03:11 From jerad : Village of Montgomery

16:03:29 From Environmental Defenders to Tech - Lisa DB(Direct Message) : Did you plan to record at all?

16:04:16 From Tech - Lisa DB to Environmental Defenders(Direct Message) : No. We discussed, but movie can't be recorded, so...

16:04:33 From Environmental Defenders to Tech - Lisa DB(Direct Message) : Oh right!

16:05:13 From Karen Smith : My sister in law, Wendy Weisner Smith is the sister of Tom Weisner!

16:05:39 From Chris Kious : Chris Kious Kane Co Board

16:05:46 From Becky Brodsky SGA :
<http://www.cafeteriaculture.org/host-a-screening.html>

17:15:56 From Nancy Glissman : I love these kids!!!!

17:19:13 From Karen Smith : Please tell us again whom we get in contact with to have a showing of this Movie.

17:19:15 From Door : wow I'm tearing up. I never thought of the scope of this and we recycle Styrofoam at our Township, if these kids can do this we MUST up our game.

17:19:44 From Becky Brodsky SGA :
<http://www.cafeteriaculture.org/remote-learning-resources.html>

17:20:09 From Karen Smith : Did I hear this movie is also in Spanish?

17:20:52 From Nicolina's Turtle Co. : my generation has to step up for our future!

17:21:09 From Karen Ann Miller : What a wonderful story! These kids are so inspirational!!

17:21:38 From Karen Smith : Wonderful and uplifting film!!

17:21:50 From Environmental Defenders : My third viewing and still gets me choked up with pride in these kids!

17:21:53 From Chris Kious : Very inspiring, We need to educate the public.

17:22:19 From Jim McGrath : Awesome. Teaching the kids they can make a change and be successful doing it.

17:22:19 From Nicolina's Turtle Co. : I want to get my school to go plastic free now

17:22:30 From Becky Brodsky SGA :
<http://www.cafeteriaculture.org/remote-learning-resources.html>

17:22:42 From Becky Brodsky SGA :
<http://www.cafeteriaculture.org/host-a-screening.html>

17:22:53 From Karen Smith : Can churches show this film?

17:23:09 From Environmental Defenders : Environmental Defenders will host a screening again just for schools in McHenry and Kane counties! This winter...share with your teachers in your community please.

17:23:20 From Becky Brodsky SGA :
<http://www.foxvalleysustainabilitynetwork.com/plastics-ordinances>

17:23:43 From Chris Kious : Yay, Cynthia!

17:23:50 From Becky Brodsky SGA : <http://mcdef.org/single-use-plastic-reduction>

17:24:41 From Becky Brodsky SGA : shedd-aquarium.org/plastic

17:27:45 From Door : if agitation in the washer and dryer shakes fibres loose then goes into the environment...what difference does it make whether cold or hot water make in the washer?

17:28:38 From Jessica Mino : From my understanding, temperature impacts the number of fibers released

17:29:01 From Jessica Mino : I use a cora ball in my washing machine to try to capture some of those fibers!

17:29:41 From Jim McGrath : what is a cora ball?

17:29:42 From Door : ok will check the cora ball info

17:30:13 From Jessica Mino : <https://coraball.com/>

17:31:02 From Jessica Mino : It supposedly catches and builds up some of those fibers and catches the "lint" in the water. Apparently designed off how coral filters out particulates in the water

17:32:15 From Jaclyn, Shedd Aquarium : Guppyfriend bag is another option for catching microfibers in washing machines <https://us.guppyfriend.com/>. It would be great for more improvements to be done with washing machine design so they can capture microfibers!

17:32:43 From Jim McGrath : To use the tool kit, does the municipality need to be home rule?

17:33:03 From S C I A R R A : Here in Evanston we are re-visiting the plastic bag ban, we have found some of the large stores begin to use just thicker plastic bags to get around the "single" use terminology we used in the ordinance. more to come I think.

17:33:04 From juliepouilly : We use a filter attached to our washing machine: <https://www.septicsafe.com/filtrol-lint-filter-with-1-filter-bag/>

17:35:12 From Abby Beck - City of Batavia : Jim McGrath - Not necessarily! We are working with Geneva, a non-home rule community, and will have that experience to share. They won't be able to pass a fee, but they can pass a resolution to support the initiative in other ways.

17:35:13 From Karen Smith : After you filter the water from your washing machine what do you do with the stuff in the filter?

17:35:32 From Rita Soni : there was mention of plastic bag recycling in the film. Does anyone know if the bags collected at grocery stores are incinerated? I feel people (including myself) feel they are doing their part by taking them to those bins but have little awareness as to what happens to them.

17:36:30 From Becky Brodsky SGA : They are collected by Trex that recycles them into playground equipment, benches, etc.

17:36:33 From Becky Brodsky SGA : <https://www.trex.com/>

17:36:41 From Susan Klein : Most grocery stores in our area have contracts with TREX that pick up the bags and use them for plastic lumber.

17:37:28 From Jessica Mino : Karen - I recommend the collected lint from the filter go into your trash.

17:38:04 From Rita Soni : Is the plastic lumber a better option than incineration?

17:38:05 From juliepouilly : I empty the filter in the garbage about once per month.

17:38:14 From Karen Smith : Thanks Jessica.

17:38:56 From Jaclyn, Shedd Aquarium : From my understanding, plastic lumber is at least one good final use for poor-quality plastic like plastic bags

17:39:17 From Becky Brodsky SGA : www.sheddaquarium.org/plastic

17:40:13 From Door : Covid-19 stops us from using re-usable bags in stores. at least that's what we were told. How does Woodstock deal with that now that they charge for plastic bags?

17:40:57 From Cynthia Kanner : Like other plastic bag fees, the one in Woodstock is on hold. However, it is fine to bring reusable bags mostly now.

17:41:00 From Jessica Mino : I live in Woodstock! The plastic bag fee was put on hold for the pandemic. I just load mine groceries back in the cart and put in my reusable bags at my car. :)

17:41:13 From Cynthia Kanner : Most stores are okay with you packing your own reusable bags.

17:41:29 From Jessica Mino : And yes, now some places are accepting reusable bags again.

17:41:47 From Rita Soni : ABT electronics collects white Styrofoam. Does anyone know what they do with it?

17:41:58 From Becky Brodsky SGA : They recycle it onsite.

17:42:13 From juliepouilly : Dart Container Corp in North Aurora recycles styrofoam

17:42:31 From Rita Soni : So recycled into more Styrofoam?

17:42:34 From Jim McGrath : I understand you can use reusable bags in stores but can't ask teh clerks to put stuff into your bag. YOur have to do it. Another solution is to put the stuff into the cart then bag it when you get to your car.

17:42:46 From Cynthia Kanner : Environmental Defenders' Styrofoam Collection Program is sent to Dart where it is upcycled. Still, we would prefer to see the reduction of this product altogether. Packaging is the biggest culprit.

17:42:55 From Karen Ann Miller : I don't feel comfortable bringing my reusable bags in to the stores, so, we put our groceries back in the cart, without putting them in a bag and then wipe them before putting them in the car in our our reusable bags.

17:42:59 From Karen Smith : I know Western Springs Congregational church has a recycling program for Styrofoam and DART picks it up. Dart makes pellets out of the styrofoam.

17:43:04 From Larry Baum : Environmental Defenders of McHenry County has 3 styrofoam collections sites: Woodstock, Algonquin and Crystal Lake.

17:43:36 From Becky Brodsky SGA : @Rita-I believe Abt recycles it into more Styrofoam packaging.

17:43:44 From Rita Soni : Thank you.. yes, would love to see reduction of the styrofoam

17:46:01 From Larry Baum :
<https://mcdef.org/shed-that-foam-styrofoam-recycling-fundraiser>. Information on - - Environmental Defenders of McHenry County has 3 styrofoam collections sites: Woodstock, Algonquin and Crystal Lake.

17:46:33 From Becky Brodsky SGA : Re: reusables during COVID:
<https://upstreamolutions.org/reuse-vs-singleuse-safety>

17:48:34 From Susan Klein : There are outdoor safe 24/7 bins at Dart in North Aurora and one down by Midway—good options.

17:49:18 From Becky Brodsky SGA :
<https://sevendgenerationsahead.org/zero-waste/zero-waste-schools/>

17:50:46 From Becky Brodsky SGA :
<http://www.cafeteriaculture.org/remote-learning-resources.html>

17:52:07 From Nancy Schietzelt : The film and the speakers have all been so inspirational. I love all the ideas and suggestions for actions that have been shared. Thank you to everyone involved! You fill me with hope for the future!

17:53:50 From Stan Perrin : (Cynthia is right about laundry temperatures, better to use cold water for this and other reasons.)

17:55:29 From Door :
<https://www.barcoproducts.com/traditional-recycled-plastic-benches>

17:55:50 From Susan Klein : There is a link on the Dart website that explains how they recycle Styrofoam—large block is chopped and compressed, food products made into nurdles, sold to companies that make picture frames, pens, etc.

17:56:16 From Larry Baum : Barry Commoner's 4 Rules of Ecology: 1. Everything is connected to everything 2. Everything has to go somewhere 3. There is no such thing as a free lunch 4. Mother nature knows best

17:56:26 From Susan Klein : Is there a way to see a printout of this chat to have all these links?

17:56:37 From Tech - Lisa DB : Yes!

17:56:49 From Door : this was recorded?

17:56:49 From Susan Klein : Thank you!

17:56:54 From Rita Soni : @Larry Great message!

17:59:00 From Alice : I volunteer with the Green Team at HC Storm Elementary in Batavia and we've been working on educating our school on reducing plastic in our school. We will continue to raise awareness with this film. The kids are so passionate about creating a cleaner and healthier environment. Jaclyn- we touched base last Spring right before the pandemic lockdown and I hope to reconnect to see if we can collaborate on educational resources for our school. :)

18:01:20 From Jaclyn, Shedd Aquarium : So awesome, Alice! Yes, let's chat soon again about how to work together!

18:01:30 From S C I A R R A : thanks, fabulous discussion!

18:01:32 From Becky Brodsky SGA : Learn more about SGA's Zero Waste Schools Program and sign up for their newsletter for resources and more events like this one.
<https://sevendgenerationsahead.org/zero-waste/zero-waste-schools/>

18:01:42 From Becky Brodsky SGA :
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsEelWd7PEgl_kSafmgI0tC6doSO4Xs5Ce1yaeARGSk6uJA/viewform

18:01:47 From Abby Beck - City of Batavia : Yay for HC Storm! My alma mater :)

18:01:48 From Rita Soni : Thank you! great discussion and film!

18:01:51 From emily zack : Great movie, great discussion! Thank you!

18:01:55 From Karen Ann Miller : Great job everyone!

18:01:56 From Cynthia Kanner : Thanks everyone!! Thanks to FVSN and SGA!

18:01:58 From Jaclyn, Shedd Aquarium : Thank you for hosting, SGA!

18:02:32 From Door : bye