



April 2025 Newsletter

Earth Month Edition

Happy Earth Month!

April is Central Sustainability's (CS) favorite month of the year: Earth Month!

To honor Earth Day on April 22nd, CS is hosting and participating in multiple events across CMU's campus and Mt. Pleasant.

Read on to learn more!



Other Events During Earth Month

Annual Peace Flag Raising

April 18th | 1-2 PM

Warriner Hall Flag Pole

Join CS in raising the Peace Flag. The Peace Flag is raised each year to connect the story of President E. C. Warriner's work on International Peace to important stories of international ethics. There will be a reception and food afterward.

Mt. Pleasant Earth Day Celebration 2025

April 22nd | 11 AM - 4 PM

South Pavilion in Island Park, Mt. Pleasant
Venture to Island Park to celebrate Earth Day with local groups and businesses hosted the Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Climate Lobby! There will be tables with activities and music.

Earth Action Expo

April 30th | 11 AM - 3 PM

Dow High School, Midland, MI

Check out the annual Earth Action Expo to learn about sustainability efforts in Mid-Michigan!

Sustainable Volunteering Week

CS is honoring Earth Month with a week of sustainable volunteering events, including opportunities to learn about and take part in sustainable activism.

See our list of events below:

Monday, April 7th

Intersectionality and Sustainability: a panel on sustainable impact through climate activism

Talk with a MAC-approved panel of student activists and sustainability experts about how to make an impact!

Powers 136 | 6:30-8 PM

Tuesday, April 8th

Community Clean-Up

Build community through service while improving the surroundings at CMU.

Fabiano Garden Gazebo | 5-7 PM

Wednesday, April 9th

Grilled Cheese and Gratitude

Come write thank-you cards to healthcare professionals and letters to politicians alongside grilled cheese sandwiches.

Powers 136 | 7-9 PM

Thursday, April 10th

Anishinaabe Language Bingo

Participate in cultural sustainability through a game of Shiishibe, the name for Anishinaabe language bingo!

Volunteer Center | 6-7 PM

Friday, April 11th

Sustainable Alternative Break with Clothing Inc.

Join a sustainable alternative break to give back to the local community!

Sign-Up on Engage Central | 8:30 AM-12 PM

Topic of the Month: The Making of Earth Day

Earth Day, April 22nd, marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement. Today, it is a day of environmental activism and awareness.

Prior to the first Earth Day, mainstream America was largely unaware of environmental problems. There was no Environmental Protection Agency and no laws regulating pollution, air, or water quality. Public awareness only began to shift in 1962 with the release *Silent Spring*, a book that linked ecology to human health.

In 1969, Wisconsin senator Gaylord Nelson, inspired to take action, partnered with young activist Denis Hayes to plan a large-scale demonstration. They chose April 22nd, 1970, between colleges' spring break and finals, to appeal to students. This massive protest, which actually mobilized 10% of the U.S. population, was the first Earth Day.

Since then, every year, Earth Day has been a global day of celebration and environmental activism. For its 50th anniversary in 2020, Earth Day inspired over 1 billion people to participate in environmental actions, exemplifying the powerful legacy of Earth Day worldwide.

Source: <https://www.earthday.org/history/>

A Special Message to Our Graduating Seniors

This semester, Tiffany Jurge and Mason Squillets-Peterson, two dedicated CS members, are graduating! Tiffany is going to the University of Toledo to study environmental law, and Mason is planning to do environmental and cultural sustainability work for tribal communities. CS wishes them the best in these future endeavors! They will be missed.

Want to make sustainability a part of your daily life?

Check out our Sustainable Living Guide and make the CMU Sustainability Pledge today!

Sustainability Pledge



CMU Sustainable Living Guide



Looking for Something Sustainable to do this Summer?

Central Sustainability and the Campus Grows RSO are looking for gardeners this upcoming growing season that would like to reserve a garden plot! Anyone is welcome to reserve a plot with a \$15.00 refundable deposit provided the garden space is cleaned up at the season's end. Plots are first come, first serve. The CMU Campus Garden has been a long-term project for CS since 2018. Since 2023, the campus garden has been open to the CMU community. This space is used by a multitude of gardeners who are enthusiastic about growing local food for themselves and their communities.

Please contact sustainability@cmich.edu if you have any questions or would like to reserve a plot.



Any Questions? Contact Us!

Stop by our office in Dow Science Room 275 or email us at sustainability@cmich.edu.

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