

# Environmental Justice and Advocacy



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## Fort Collins functions to serve community

For those interested in educating themselves and pursuing environmental justice, the Fort Collins community has amazing resources that can be utilized.

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## Key Principles of Environmental Justice

As the planet becomes more degraded, there is inequity in who's affected by the problem. Oftentimes, the ones most affected by environmental problems like pollution from landfills or factories are those in poverty and very frequently people of color. Data shows that pollutants which can affect human health such as these aforementioned factories and landfills are often situated in areas with high percentages of people of color and people in poverty. In order to ensure that these groups of people are not unfairly impacted by unsustainable practices, Environmental Justice becomes extremely important.

Environmental Justice (EJ) serves as both a sustainability goal and a process for ensuring an equitable future for everyone. The environmental aspect reminds us to be good stewards of earth. "Justice", ensures that we include cultural identifiers, like race, gender, economic status, health, etc. in our understanding of the ways people participate in sustainability. Systemic inequalities remain influential in sustainability oriented fields. Addressing environmental injustice is key to sustainable development and should be a priority for institutions and individuals alike. Diversity topics in environmental coursework will create a socially aware generation of researchers. Through this learning our research and projects will have a more positive impact on the communities we work in/with. Community engagement and an increase in diversity are necessary to addressing issues of inequity. This holds true for inequality in sustainability topics.

## Virtual Resources for Environmental Justice and National Advocacy Groups

<p>Climate Justice Alliance</p> 	<p>350</p> 	<p>Green Action</p> 
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## Local Fort Collins Area Resources for Environmental Justice and Eco Advocacy

<p>CSU Zero Waste Team</p> 	<p>Compost Queen</p> 	<p>Larimer County Conservation Corps</p> 
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<p>Diversity and Inclusion at Warner College of Natural Resources</p> 	<p>CSU Center for Environmental Justice</p> 	<p>FoCo Cafe</p> 
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<p>Student Sustainability Center</p> 	<p>Fort Collins Climate Action Plan</p> 	<p>Fort Collins - Choice City for Whom? <i>2016 film by Betty Aragon</i></p> 
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