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A SUSTAINABILITY-BASED NEWSLETTER

SUSTAINABILITY IS EVERYWHERE

Read more for a better understanding of sustainability and how it's all around us.

CURRENT EVENTS INSIDE

Celebrating black environmentalists.

GREEN GRANT FUND

Awardees will be announced at the end of April.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

Sustainability is the ability to be maintained at a certain rate or level .. Ensuring that there are natural resources for everyone now and in the future. Sustainability strives to meet human needs and maintain an ecological balance.

The next page also offers more insight about the sustainable development goals.



THREE PILLARS OF SUSTAINABILITY

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SOCIAL

02

ENVIRONMENTAL

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ECONOMIC

CONSIDER THIS

a cheat sheet to sustainability. Some people think sustainability consists of environmental impacts. If you are one of these people or simply don't know, do not feel bad.. The next page also offers more insight as well as the sustainable development goals.

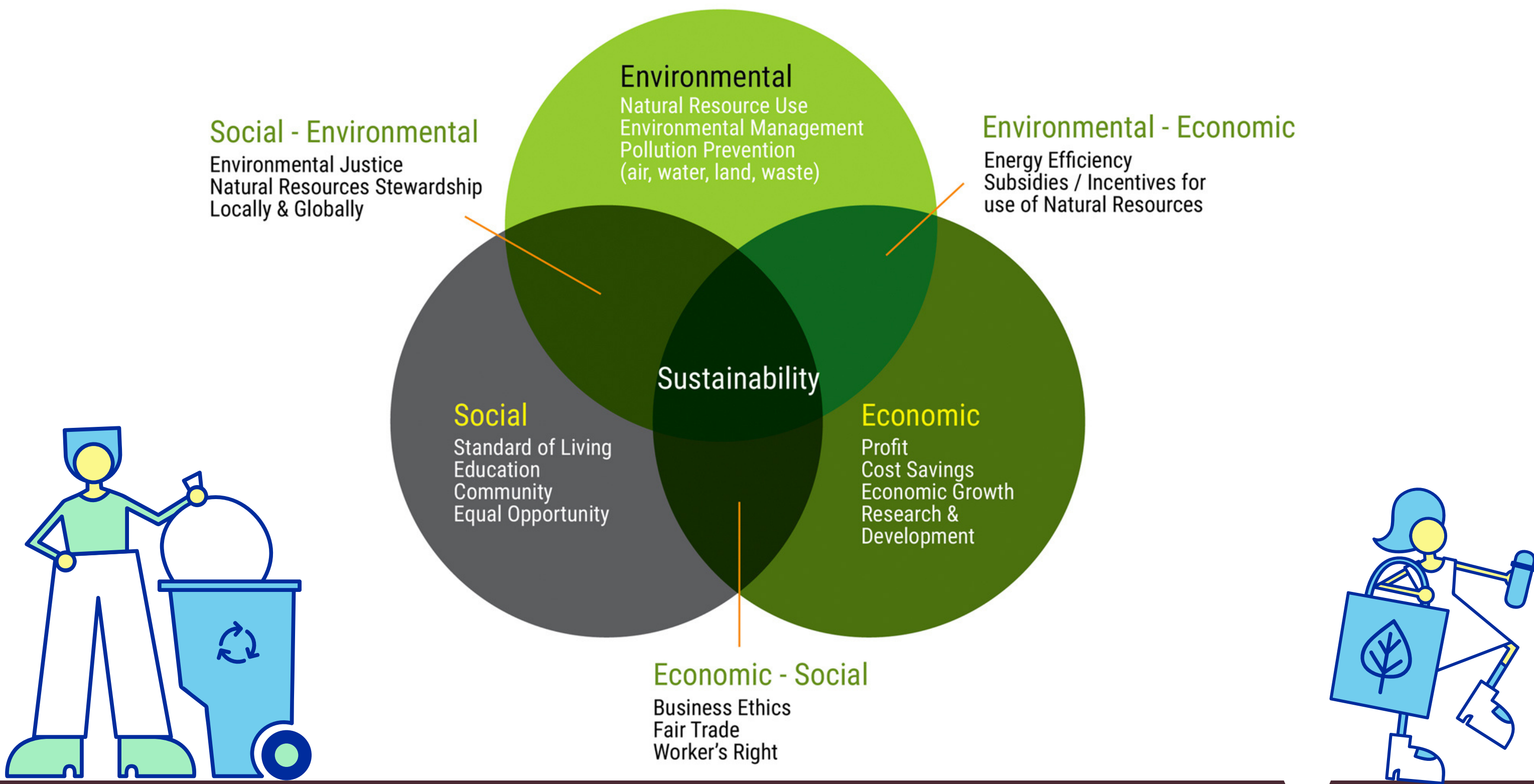
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:



Let's help make the world a better place by thinking about our lives, choices and systems in the following areas.



THE THREE SPHERES OF SUSTAINABILITY



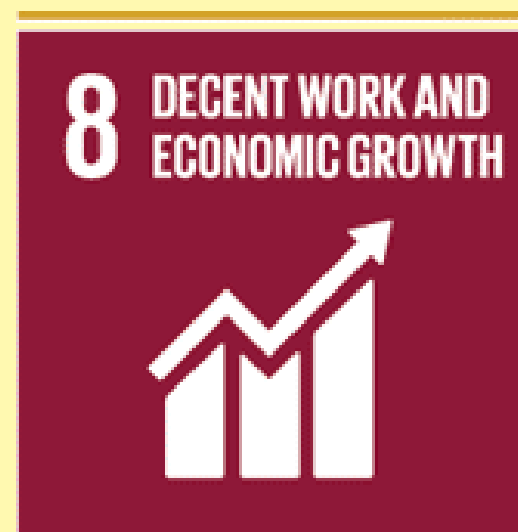
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As mentioned, sustainability is all around. Consider sustainability an umbrella term for avoidance or maintaining.

You can make anything around you more sustainable. The SDG goals are attached to help get a better understanding of how EXACTLY sustainability can be incorporated in our daily lives.



SOME GOALS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC:



DOES THAT GIVE YOU A MORE CLEAR IDEA OF SUSTAINABILITY?



BILL IN PLACE TO BAN TEACHING OF AWARD- WINNING BLACK HISTORY PROJECT IN SCHOOLS

Sustainable
Development Goals

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The New York Times Magazine's 1619 Project was conceived by Nikole Hannah-Jones. The project was launched in August 2019, the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery. The 1619 Project aims to reframe the country's history by putting the actual focus of our public account on the commitments and the consequences of black Americans. Hannah-Jones won a Pulitzer Prize for commentary for her work on the project.

Republican lawmakers in Arkansas, Iowa, Mississippi, Missouri and South Dakota introduced legislation that prohibits teaching of the curriculum in schools or threatens to cut funding to schools that share curriculum about the award-winning project (1619 Project). While several of those bills have died, some legislative efforts continue. One proposed bill states:

"No school district, charter school, or personnel or agent of such school district or charter school shall teach, use, or provide for use by any pupil the 1619 Project as part of any curriculum, course materials, or instruction in any course given in such school district or charter school; or teach, affirm, or promote as an accurate account or representation of the founding and history of the United States of America any of the claims, views, or opinions presented in the 1619 Project as part of any curriculum, course materials, or instruction in any course given in such school district or charter school."

The 1619 Project offers an important historical and cultural perspective people and is a relevant educational tool. Enacting legislation such as this could impact sustainable institutions, education and life. People commonly associate sustainability with the environment and the outdoors, which is not a bad association, but what a lot of people do not realize is that sustainability is all around us and trying to limit sustainability to one category is problematic. There are 17 United Nations sustainable development goals. If this bill is passed it will negatively impact goals No. 4 - quality education, No. 10 - reduced inequalities and No. 16 - peace, justice and strong institutions.



4 BLACK ENVIRONMENTALISTS THAT CHANGED HISTORY

1

MAVYNEE OSHUN BETSCH

(1935-2005) She was an environmental activist raised in luxury she gave away her entire fortune to environmental causes.

2

SOLOMON G. BROWN

(1829-1906) Brown was the first African-American employee at the Smithsonian Institution, well known for his lectures on natural history and lectured at scientific societies.

3

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER

(1864-1943) His innovations in the field of crop rotation are considered breakthroughs in resource conservation and one of the first scientists to look at systems through the lens of biomimicry.

4

JOHN FRANCIS

(1946-present) Francis was named a United Nations Environmental Program Goodwill ambassador. For 22 years, he walked everywhere he went, hoping to inspire others to rethink the petroleum economy.



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