

CH2M Hill Green Hour

In January, CH2M Hill hosted Green Hour that not only educated the more than 130 people in attendance but also collected ideas from attendees about how we all can be more sustainable. Here are some of those ideas grouped by category:

Built Environment

- Storm water drainage to cisterns on homes, homes/cisterns linked
- More incentives for insulation
- As much incentivization of insulation as possible
- Zero energy buildings
- Net-zero building by 2011
- Modular housing made of non-toxic, recycled/recyclable material that low-income people can afford

Consumption/Waste

- "Taterware" - spoons, forks, and knives from potatoes
- Ballpoint pens from recycled headlights
- FSC Paper - highest environmental rating, virgin timber grown and replanted as a crop. No chemical used as in recycled paper.
- Compost for pet waste (most of my garbage!) at home and dog parks
- Do away with disposable nametags for business events
- E-Crate Moving System (reduce cardboard waste)
- Take all non-curb recycled plastic into a station
- Second chance paper
- Styrofoam!
- Drink tap water
- Personal water bottle

Community/Education/Arts

- Buy Encaustic Art!
- Organic sub/urban gardening
- Green Jobs Fair - ulpdx.org April 21st WTC
- Gain permaculture education
- Plants!
- Plant trees!
- Plant trees: TreeInABox.com

- Clean air with plants
- Sustainability: Go local - use local businesses
- Hard-core organized urban gardening

Energy/Transportation

- Localized alternative energy - into "Smart Grid"
- Wave energy generation and ocean thermal energy conversion
- More tools to support telecommuting
- Bike everywhere!
- Buy an electric vehicle
- Local alternative energy
- Walking

Technology

- Utilize the Web
- Get your news over the air on PBS!
- Get your news over the airwaves on OPB radio!
- Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) - Food safety, asset management, lean manufacturing, etc.