

## Environmental Themes Film List

### **Affluenza** (Public Performance Rights)

Explore the high social and environmental costs of materialism and over consumption.

*Video 339.47 Aff* <http://www.affluenza.org>

### **An Inconvenient Truth**

Former Vice President Al Gore explains the facts of global warming, presents arguments that the dangers of global warming have reached the level of crisis, and addresses the efforts of certain interests to discredit the anti-global warming cause. Between lecture segments, Gore discusses his personal commitment to the environment, sharing anecdotes from his experiences. This passionate and inspirational look at one man's commitment to expose the myths and misconceptions that surround global warming and inspire actions to prevent it.

*DVD 363.738 Inc*

### **The Anacostia: Restoring the People's River**

In a nation built for the people, by the people, the Anacostia River, which runs through both the suburbs and the heart of the nation's capital, is the people's river. Yet this precious asset was left to succumb to the ravages of urban development, out-dated infrastructure, and the thoughtless actions of polluters - corporate and citizen alike. Across the region, individuals and groups have been working to restore the abused and forgotten Anacostia River. *YA DVD 363.73 Ana*

<http://www.anacostiaws.org/About/Film/film.html>

### **Baraka**

*Baraka* means "blessing. The movie draws connections between peoples and the spaces they inhabit. *DVD 304.2 Bar*

### **Blue Vinyl**

Peabody Award-winning filmmaker Judith Helfand sets out in search of the truth about polyvinyl chloride (PVC), America's most popular plastic and home siding.

*DVD 668.4 Blu* <http://www.bluevinyl.org/animation.htm>

### **Buyer Be Fair: The Promise of product certification**

The film takes viewers to Mexico, the Netherlands, the UK, Sweden, the USA and Canada to explore how conscious consumers and businesses can use the market to promote social justice and environmental sustainability through product labeling, with a focus on Fair Trade coffee and Forest Stewardship Council certified wood. *YA DVD 337 Buy*

<http://www.buyerbefair.org/>

### **The Car of the Future**

With soaring prices at the pump and worries about the global greenhouse, it's no laughing matter. But the car guys turn an expert, comic eye on the promise and pitfalls of tomorrow's auto tech. *DVD 629.222 Car*

### **The Chances of the World Changing**

*The Chances of the World Changing* is an extraordinary documentary about one man's unbelievable mission to save hundreds of species of turtles and tortoises from extinction – an epic story of conservation, perseverance, and hope in the face of a

global crisis. Ten years ago, Richard Ogust, a writer living in New York City, abandoned his life's work and began to acquire endangered turtles, driven by the appalling but little known fact that we are on the brink of losing a group of animals that have survived the ecological instability of the last 200 million years, including the great extinction that eliminated the dinosaurs. Currently in China, hundreds of thousands of turtles are sold in food markets. Species are being taken from the wild at such an alarming rate that the situation has escalated into an environmental crisis. With a reasonable inheritance, Richard was able to build an ark, literally rescuing hundreds of endangered species of turtles. Eventually, Richard was sharing his giant penthouse in lower Manhattan with over 1,200 turtles and tortoises. When his collection was discovered (due to complaints from his neighbors), Richard's story made headlines around the country, from The New York Times to CNN. But the weight of Richard's ark soon began to crush him. His passionate pastime had evolved into a colossal enterprise. To save himself and his turtles, he made a fascinating and daring decision— to create the country's largest turtle conservation institute.  
YA DVD 597.92 Cha <http://www.thechancesoftheworldchanging.com/>

### **Charcoal People of Brazil**

Based on the photographic essay *Charcoal Workers* by Marcos Prado, this film puts us on the edge of the Brazilian wilderness where migrant workers earn their livings by tearing down trees, burning them in kilns, and then selling the charcoal to steel factories. Looks at both the decimation of the landscape and the dire conditions of the workers themselves. [DVD 338.4 Cha](#)

### **City Life**

This 22 part series examines the effect of globalization on peoples and cities worldwide. *Video 337 Cit*

**City Life** Sao Paolo

**The Long March** A community in Chengdu, China

**The Health Protesters** Dhaka.

**Together Against Violence** A Jamaican community

**Paradise Domain** Pacific Islanders

**Pavements of Gold** Peruvians.

**Doing the Right Thing** Porto Alegre, Brazil

**My Mother Built This House** South Africa

**Barcelona Blueprint** Barcelona

**Gaza under Siege** The Gaza Strip

**Waiting to Go** Palestinian

**A Fistful of Rice** Nepal.

**Patently Obvious** International patent regulations only protect multinationals.

**The Other Side** Mexicans

**The Miller's Tale: Bread is** Egypt and Yemen

**Brazil: Winning Against AIDS** Brazil.

**Missing** Niger and Tanzania.

**Stop the** Cambodia.

**My Hanoi**

**Lines in the Dust** Northern Ghana and India, **Paying the Price** Africans

**Holy Smoke: Cambodians Fight** Cambodia

### **The Corporation**

Explore the nature and rise of the dominant institution of our time with footage from pop culture, advertising, TV news, and corporate propaganda, this film illuminates the corporation's grip on our lives.

DVD306.3 Cor <http://www.thecorporation.com/>

### **A Dangerous Business**

This FRONTLINE film investigates the McWane corporation, identified as one of the most dangerous companies in America in terms of health and safety violations, employee accidents and deaths. Video 363.119 Dan

### **Deconstructing Supper: Is Your Food Safe?**

Chef John Bishop travels the world, from Canada to Europe and India, from farmers fields' to biotech laboratories and supermarket aisles, on a personal quest to find out what our food choices are. Video 664 Dec

**The Blue Planet**

**The Hidden World of Africa**

**The Living Planet**

**Life of Birds**

**Life in the Freezer**

### **The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream**

Through interviews with scientists and policy makers this film explores the premise that American suburbs, built on the easy availability of fossil fuels, may become untenable. DVD 333 End

<http://www.endofsuburbia.com/>

### **Everything's Cool**

Explains how United States government policy has contributed to a gap between what scientists know about global warming and what the general public understands. Documents the efforts of journalists, environmentalists, and activists to close this gap and to motivate citizens and the government to take action. DVD 363.738 Eve (Public performance rights)

### **Fed up!: Generic Engineering, Industrial Agriculture, and Sustainable Alternatives**

Fed Up presents an overview of the American food production system and explores the unintentional effects of pesticides, the resistance of biotechnology companies to food labeling and the links between government officials and major biotechnology and chemical companies. DVD 363.192 Fed

### **The Fire Next Time**

Since 1995, Not In Our Town series has chronicled positive stories of communities organizing against hate and intolerance. This documentary is a nuanced portrait of the Flathead Valley, Montana community trying to deal with deep-seated conflict, and conflict resolution, in the face of rapid change and growth. DVD 303.4 Fir

### **Fire Wars**

This Nova segment explores the human and financial costs of fires in America's forests and brushlands. Learn about recent firefighting methods and technology, and hear from experts on whether "control fires" help or damage the environment. Video 363.379 Fir

### **The Future of Food**

*The Future of Food* is an investigation into the unlabeled genetically-modified foods which have become increasingly prevalent in grocery stores. The film unravels the complex web of market and political forces that are changing the nature of what we eat. DVD 363.192 Fut [www.thefutureoffood.com](http://www.thefutureoffood.com)

### **Gimme Green**

Lawns are undeniably an American symbol. But what do they really symbolize? Pride and prosperity? Or waste and conformity? Gimme Green is a humorous look at the American obsession with the residential lawn and the effects it has on our environment, our wallets, and our outlook on life. From the limitless subdivisions of Florida to sod farms in the arid southwest. Gimme Green peers behind the curtain of the \$40-billion industry that fuels our nation's largest irrigated crop -- the lawn. DVD 635.9647 Gim

### **A Greener Greater Newark**

Looks at the efforts of not-for profit organizations as well as those of neighborhood leaders and residents to beautify the city, educate children and turn Newark into a greener community. DVD 577.56 Gre

### **Harvest of Fear**

Explore the debate over genetically-modified food crops through interviews with scientists, farmers, biotech and food industry representatives, government regulators, and critics of biotechnology. Video 631.5233 Har

### **Is Wal-Mart Good for America ?**

Two starkly contrasting images: one of empty storefronts in Circleville, Ohio; the other, a sea of high rises in the South China boomtown of Shenzhen. Is Wal-Mart the connection between American job losses and soaring Chinese exports? DVD 381.149 Fro

### **Kestrel's Eye**

A family of kestrels falcons, living in the tower of an old church, in a small village in Sweden observe the town. Video 598.96 Kes

### **King Corn**

In King Corn, Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis, best friends from college on the east coast, move to the heartland to learn where their food comes from. With the help of friendly neighbors, genetically modified seeds, nitrogen fertilizers, and powerful herbicides, they plant and grow a bumper crop of America's most productive, most subsidized grain on one acre of Iowa soil. But when they try to follow their pile of corn into the food system, what they find raises troubling questions about how we eat-- and how we farm. DVD 633.15 Kin

### **Last Journey for the Leatherback?**

The untold story of giant leatherback sea turtles, and the tragic threat industrial fishing poses to their survival. DVD 597.92 Las

### **The Living Land**

The Ecology Action founder John Jeavons, The Land Institute's Wes Jackson and resauranteur Alice Waters discuss efforts to promote an awareness of how we grow our food and how we treat the land. Video 631.45 Liv

### **Manufactured Landscapes**

Follows photographer Edward Burtynsky, internationally acclaimed for his large-scale photographs of nature transformed by industry, as he travels through China photographing the effects of that country's massive industrial revolution.  
*DVD 779 Man*

### **The Man Who Planted Trees**

An animated parable about how determination can turn a desert into an oasis. *DVD 791.433 Man*

### **Microcosmos: Le People de l'Herbe**

A wordless, close-up view of insects as they hatch from eggs, search for food and cope with a rain storm. Timelapse and microphotographic techniques are used.  
*Video 595.7 Mic*

### **Modern Meat**

FRONTLINE investigates the modern meat industry and the safety of our meat supply. *Video 636.0883 Mod*

### **Monumental: David Brower's Fight for Wild America**

*Monumental* documents the life of this outdoorsman, filmmaker and environmental crusader whose activism saved the Grand Canyon. *DVD 363.7 Mon*

### **Natural Connections**

Humans are the largest threat to biodiversity, this film illustrates this trend with a look at five habitats and the scientists who work within them. *Video 333.95 Nat*

**The Next Industrial Revolution.** Explores how businesses are transforming themselves to work with nature and profitability.  
*DVD 333.7 Nex (Public performance rights)*

### **The Organic Opportunity**

The film tells the story of the first county in the US to promote local organic agriculture as economic development.  
*DVD 631.584 Org (Public performance rights)*

### **Oil on Ice**

The fate of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is connected to decisions America makes about energy policy, transportation choices, and other matters; this film discusses the conflict between the oil industry and environmentalists over ANWR.  
*DVD 333 Oil*

### **Pale Male**

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### **Texas Gold**

*Texas Gold* tells the story of Diane Wilson - mother of five, fourth generation fisherwoman - called Public Enemy No. 1 in Calhoun, County Texas. She began her fight with the giants of the petro-chemical industry in 1989, when she discovered that her small Texas County had been named the most toxic place in America. Witness to the mass death of dolphins along the Gulf Coast and the slow death of her once thriving fishing community, Diane boldly took action. Part eco-detective, part muck-raking humorist, this "unreasonable woman" recounts the hunger strikes and civil disobedience that have made her Public Enemy No. 1 to the industries. Survng imprisonment, surveillance and harassment - even becoming an outcast in her own community - Diane's often lonely struggle exemplifies her belief that good intentions are not enough - putting her life at risk is where change happens.

[YA DVD 363.73 Tex](http://www.texasgoldmovie.com/) <http://www.texasgoldmovie.com/>

### **Thirst**

A documentary, without narration, that explores how water and the ownership and control of water figure into community resistance to corporations rapidly buying up local water supplies. The film examines the environmental and human rights issues associated with governments and companies making the world's fresh water supply into a commodity at the expense of local communities. It visits locations in Stockton, California, Bolivia, and India. *DVD 333.91 Thi* (Public performance rights)

### **Too Hot Not To Handle**

Over the past 100 years, the mass consumption of fossil fuel, especially in America, has contributed to a dangerous global warming that is now beginning to adversely impact our lives and promises to do far greater damage if we continue to ignore its warning signs. This cautionary documentary offers a guide to the impacts of global warming on the U.S. and gives measures that can be taken to reverse this trend. *DVD 363.738 Too*

### **Turning the Tide**

Rivers and streams wind through open space, under bridges and roadways, past towns and historic sites, and near habitat that is home to numerous bird species. Since the time of the pilgrims, more than half of the wetlands in the lower 48 states

have been destroyed. Often misunderstood, America's wetlands are commonly seen as wastelands – too wet to be easily built upon or farmed, yet a perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. Now recognized as a critical natural resource, the tide is turning for wetlands. This change in attitude has inspired individual action as well as major policy changes to help protect, preserve and revitalize these special places. Shot in High Definition video, this half-hour documentary showcases the hidden beauty of the tidal areas in and around the Hackensack Meadowlands of northern New Jersey and the Hamilton -Trenton Marsh just south of the state capital of Trenton. YA DVD 577.6 Tur

[www.njn.net/community/specialinterest/turningthetide/turningthetide.html](http://www.njn.net/community/specialinterest/turningthetide/turningthetide.html)

### **What Will We Eat?**

This DVD tells of the sustainable agriculture and organic farming movement in West Michigan (Newago, Oceana, and Muskegon counties). To meet the demand by consumers for natural foods, farmers' markets devoted to organic foods have evolved. Sweetwater Local Foods Market, Inc. in Muskegon County, Michigan is specifically highlighted.

DVD 631.584 *Wha* (Public performance rights)

### **Who Killed the Electric Car?**

It was among the fastest, most efficient production cars ever built. It ran on electricity, produced no emissions and catapulted American technology to the forefront of the automotive industry. The lucky few who drove it never wanted to give it up. So why did General Motors begin crushing its fleet of EV1 electric vehicles? There were 5,000 people who wanted an EV1, but GM wouldn't let them have it. Come watch "Who Killed the Electric Car" to learn about why one of the most promising environmental technologies in the history of transportation was wiped out by more than just General Motors.

DVD 629.22 *Who* <http://www.sonyclassics.com/whokilledtheelectriccar/>

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