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know. choose. promise.

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know.

the earth has a limited supply of natural resources

choose.

an environment that is healthy and aesthetically appealing

promise.

to be aware and make a difference

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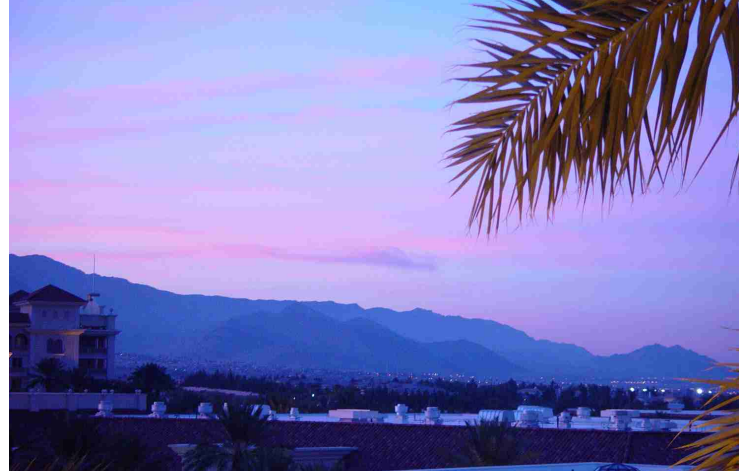
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know.

Nature has a way of taking care of it's own. It constantly adapts; good or bad to the changes that we have thrust upon it. Temperatures are changing and weather conditions are more severe all over the world. Everyone knows someone who has been effected. As we change the perimeters of our environment, by adding unnatural man-made materials and creating false surroundings and conditions (i.e., air conditioning, scented environments, synthetic woods) we strive for the most basic freedoms, clean air, calmness and good health.

The arbitrary choices of the present and past need to be reconsidered for earth's sake, for your sake and for the sake of our children.

We long all year for summer vacations to enjoy the great outdoors, to travel to parts of the world that are not like our own...to go to see the vast miracles of nature; canyons, fields, streams, mountains, majestic architecture and natural formations... let's make sure the next generation has the same opportunity!!!

...consider Nature's sake

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green tips

nature's way

- plants inside the home help to reduce odors and clean toxins from the air

- natural alternatives to commercial cleaning solutions save money and are more healthy to your environment i.e., white vinegar cuts grease, removes mildew, odors, some stains and wax build up

http://eartheasy.com/live_nontoxic_solutions.htm

- most modern homes have tight insulation and prevent new air from circulating; for clean air circulation run installed exhaust fans periodically, open windows and doors and let fresh air in

- consider natural materials for flooring replacements; bamboo, stone, cork, sustainable woods (ash, birch, cherry, cypress, elm, hickory, pecan, hard maple, red oak, white oak, sycamore, walnut)

<http://www.americanhardwoods.org>

Nature is inspirational and essential to green design. Advocates of green design know that your environment can help to restore the earth's balance and improve your health and social equity. Local groups within our community and world wide are spreading the word about green products and services. Visit these web sites for additional information.

LOCAL SUSTAINABLE ADVOCACY

<http://www.sustainabletriad.com>

NORTH CAROLINA SOLAR CENTER

<http://www.ncsc.ncsu.edu>

NON PROFIT SUSTAINABLE ADVOCATE

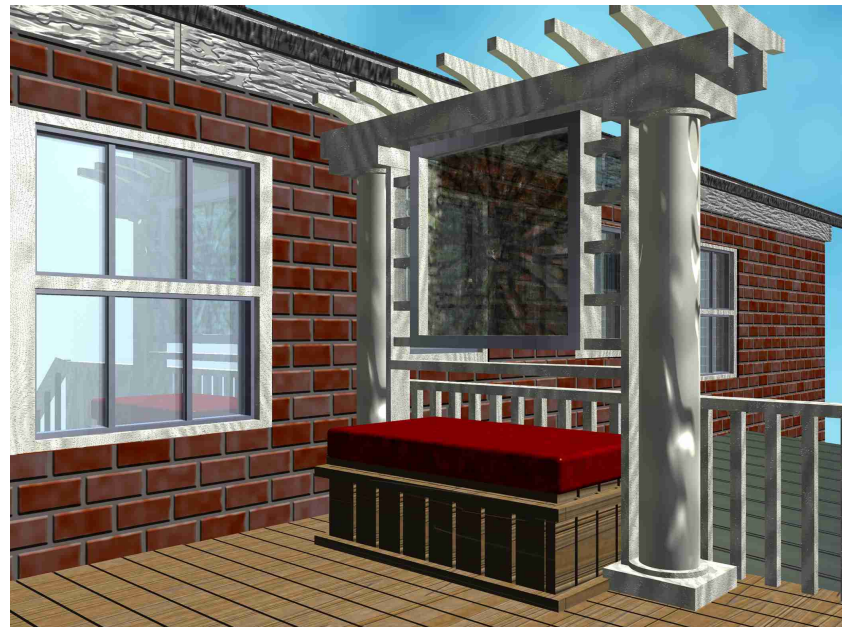
<http://www.greenblue.org>

AFFORDABLE GREEN HOUSING SOLUTIONS

<http://www.enterprisefoundation.org>

Consider having your own "private oasis" in your own home or work environment !!! A place that you want to spend time, a place that you can enjoy your family, friends and yes, even co-workers. Why not dream the dream and smell the roses on a daily basis. Design concepts can be created from photographs, basic measurements and / or site visits.

3D rendering of deck design with custom pergola, beveled glass inserts and built-in seating



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must see

in the news

Politics aside; experts now agree
global warming is real ...

If you need the facts to realize the
effects that have taken place on our
planet, you must see -

an inconvenient truth

<http://www.climatecrisis.net>

see the trailer and other information



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this thought provoking documentary.



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future issues

- Information on companies and consumers that walk the talk
- Green projects in the community
- Seminars and workshops
- IDEAS and content contributors are welcome

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We can make a difference in our environment in our community. This is the information age. There is no excuse for not knowing, not doing and not responding to the changes that are occurring as a result of our not knowing, not doing and not responding.

We made a promise to take care of the world for our children and their children... well that is not happening, not yet anyway.

Remember when... you were a child and would lie in the grass and gaze up at the clouds to see how many shapes you could identify. The freshly washed clothes would blow gently in the wind and have a refreshing smell as you jumped into the pile just brought in by your mother. The normal activity for the summer was to stay outside and play all day, until it was time to go in for dinner. To explore the woods or play in the creek and listen to the soothing sounds of nature, gentle and cleansing rains and mild winds.

It is not too late to have those days again, with your child, with someone you love or just to sit and enjoy the sounds of our planet, as it provides us with the only existence that we know. Make a choice to help it recover, to make the air cleaner, the streams replenished with fish and fresh water, the weather tolerable for children to once again play and enjoy the sunshine.

We can choose materials and demand environments that reduce harmful energy sources and pollution. We can reduce the harmful toxins that are increasing asthma and other respiratory illnesses in our children and adults. We can help to restore the delicate balance that gives us life's most simple but greatest pleasures.

Get involved in your community, start with your home, your office, your workplace, your environment and inform others that we have a choice; to know, to choose, to promise.

It is up to you to *make a difference* for future generations and for ourselves, so that they can play, enjoy and thrive in our environment... earth.

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