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Neil deGrasse Tyson Explains the History of Earth Day

Where did Earth Day come from? On this explainer, Neil deGrasse Tyson and comic climate activist co-host Chuck Nice discuss the origins of Earth Day and when we started paying attention to environmental issues on our own planet. [View Video](#)

In the News

Carpenters Worked in Secret Vatican Workshop to Build Pope's Coffin

A select group of Italian carpenters known as the Falegnameria Industriale gathered last week in a secret workshop beneath the Vatican in Rome to complete a final task—carefully carving grooves in Pope Francis' wooden coffin before inserting the Cross of St. Peter, a long-standing emblem of humility within the Christian faith. [Read More](#)

Wisconsin Planted Over 10 Million Trees, Conserved Over 57,000 Acres of Land Last Year

Wisconsin planted nearly 10.7 million trees and conserved over 57,000 acres of forestland in the state in the year 2024, according to Wisconsin's Trillion Trees Pledge 2024 Annual Report released on Tuesday, which coincides with Earth Day. [Read More](#)

Earth Day: How a Senator's Idea More than 50 Years Ago Got People Fighting for Their Planet

Millions of people around the world will pause on Monday, at least for a moment, to mark Earth Day. It's an annual event founded by people who hoped to stir activism to clean up and preserve a planet that is now home to some 8 billion humans and assorted trillions of other organisms. [Read More](#)

Celebrating Earth Day—Celebrating the Benefits of Healthy, Working Forests

On Earth Day, we can be proud of our conservation work that benefits so many people and communities. For over a century, the USDA Forest Service has united people and communities in conservation efforts and fostered sustainable economic, ecological and social vitality. We connect people to nature and each other through work that is grounded in cutting-edge science and technology. [Read More](#)

How Madison's Tree Planting Efforts Are Growing a Healthier Community

Madison's annual tree planting initiative is enhancing environmental resilience, public health, and community livability by adding 1,400 carefully selected trees citywide, with strong community and institutional support for urban forestry. The City of Madison's Urban Forestry team has launched its annual spring tree planting initiative, aiming to plant around 1,400 trees across the city in April. [Read More](#)

DNR Announces Urban Forestry Monitoring Results For Milwaukee And Madison

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that results from a multiyear urban forestry monitoring project are now available for Milwaukee and Madison. The Urban Forest Inventory and Analysis project established hundreds of permanent plots in both cities to collect tree, vegetation and land use data. Plots were randomly placed on private and public land, giving a unique and holistic perspective into each city's local trees. [Read More](#)

Milwaukee is Home to the World's Tallest Timber Hybrid Building. Here's Why Developers See it as a Model for the Future.

Sitting atop the Yankee Hill neighborhood in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is Ascent, a 284-foot luxury apartment building made mostly of wood. The first of its kind, Ascent is also the tallest timber-concrete hybrid building in the world. Tim Gokhman, one of the developers of Ascent, says building costs are comparable to more traditional structures, but he found that building with wood has advantages over steel and concrete. [Read More](#)

Millions of Americans Believe They're Safe from Wildfires in Their Cities. New Research Shows They're Not

Communities across the US that were once considered beyond the reach of wildfires are now vulnerable to disaster. As fires increasingly spread deep into neighborhoods, researchers estimate roughly 115 million people – more than a third of the US population – live in areas that could host the next fire catastrophe. [Read More](#)