

# ECO

ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONCERNS  
ORGANIZATION



**MEETING: TUES 2/21, 3PM, UNION STATION LOBBY**

## ECO UPDATES

**Monarch Butterfly Habitat Restoration** ECO is working with "Monarch Joint Venture" to create and preserve Monarch butterfly habitats in the Cape Fear Region. We have over 150 milkweed seeds stratifying that will be ready to plant in March.

**Community Workshops** We are working on our first community workshop of the semester, "How to Build a Mini-Greenhouse." To help us build the example model and prep materials, come out to Legacy Architectural Salvage on Saturday, Feb 25th.

**Sustainability Awareness Week** This year, CFCC's SST Awareness Week is the last week of March. ECO is teaching a "Build Your Own Compost Bin" workshop, setting up a solar and wind energy demonstration, and working with Cape Fear Solar on a "Residential Solar Seminar" for home owners.

**Film Screenings** ECO is screening environmental documentaries once a month in Union Station. This month's documentary is "If a Tree Falls: A Story of the ELF." We will vote on the movie selections for March and April at this week's meeting.

**People's Climate March** The People's Climate March on Washington is on Saturday, April 29th. ECO is arranging transportation to DC and potentially working with other organizations to plan a local march in North Carolina.

## ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

### SENATE CONFIRMS SCOTT PRUITT AS EPA HEAD



Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, a close ally of the fossil fuel industry who has filed more than a dozen lawsuits challenging Environmental Protection Agency rules and authority, was confirmed on Friday to lead that agency. Senators voted nearly along party lines, 52-46, brushing off attempts by Democrats to delay confirm-

ation until thousands of his emails are released. Pruitt's confirmation followed a bitter fight in which Democrats raised concerns over Pruitt's ties to an industry he would be regulating and his dismissal of mainstream climate change science.

**To read more, go to: [insideclimatenews.org](http://insideclimatenews.org)**

### REPEAL OF STREAM RULE HELPS COAL AT THE EXPENSE OF CLIMATE AND SPECIES

When he signed an unusual act of Congress rolling back a regulation to protect streams from mining pollution on Thursday, President Donald Trump made good on his promise to ease up on coal mining. The repeal will mean more greenhouse gas pollution from burning coal. It's also bad news for scores of little-known imperiled species, such as nearly 50 types of freshwater mussels that live



in waters affected by mining. Last year, the Obama administration's regulatory impact analysis concluded the stream protection rule would have cut carbon dioxide emissions from coal-burning by up to 2.6 million tons a year because of reduced mining, avoiding hundreds of millions of dollars of future damages.

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## ECO EVENTS

### 2.21 ECO MEETING

UNION STATION LOBBY FROM 3-4PM

Monthly meeting to plan upcoming workshops, campus events, beach cleanups, film screenings, farm days, pot-lucks, and Sustainability Awareness Week. Snacks provided!

### 2.23 TAKE ACTION THRS

"TAKE ACTION THURSDAYS" - U LOBBY 3-5PM

Join us every Thursday in the Union Station Lobby to call and write to senators and representatives. Contact info, letter-head, and scripts addressing various issues will be provided. We'll also have info on community events and protests, the EPA, climate change, and more. If you want to get involved but don't know how or where, this is the place to begin.

### 2.23 "IFA TREE FALLS"

FILM SCREENING - UNION STATION 402 - 6PM

Free screening of the documentary "If a Tree Falls: A Story of the Earth Liberation Front." This provocative film lifts the veil on a radical environmental group that the FBI called America's "number one domestic terrorism threat." Open discussion after the film.

### 2.25 WORKSHOP PREP

LEGACY ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE - 10 TO 4

ECO is hosting its first workshop of the semester, "How to Build a Mini-Greenhouse." We need to build a prototype and prep materials in advance. Come out to Legacy Salvage any time between 10am and 4pm to help. 1831-B Dawson Street (on the far right side of Stevens Ace Hardware)

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