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Green Events CALENDAR

EHS March Giveaway: FREE Curbside Compost Collection Buckets with compost. Collect yours at our office on the 2nd floor of Aspen City Hall.

Aspen Energy Challenge March Promotion: LED Lighting

Could your home's lighting use an upgrade? Join the Aspen Energy Challenge through this month's LED Lighting Promotion! Save big this month by upgrading to energy-efficient LED lightbulbs and receive cash-back rebates from your utility and the Community Office for Resource Efficiency. All Aspen residents who participate in this promotion will be entered to win a free Nest smart thermostat- a \$250 value! Sign up [here](#), or call 970.925.9775.

**Tue, Mar. 1, 8 – 11 am
Birding with ACES**

TIPS AND TRICKS: Kids & Sustainability

We all know how observant children can be and how quickly they learn! Many of a child's habits are picked up by watching and imitating adults. Regardless if we are parents or not, most of us have the opportunity to pass along a skill or value to a child at some point in our lives, sometimes without even knowing we are doing it.

By modelling and encouraging sustainable practices like saving water and electricity, reusing toys and clothes, and recycling, adults help children understand how their choices impact the world around them.

Here are some easy tips for including the next generation in making environmentally responsible choices, while keeping it fun and simple.

Aqua Cops: Talk to kids about the importance of saving water and how dripping faucets, or faucets left running, waste this precious resource. Appoint them the position of Aqua Cop and task them with monitoring the faucets for a day, for a week, or at a certain time of day.

Squash Party: Help make arrangements with other families to carpool to events, school, and activities. Celebrate the moment with songs or treats. Create competitions to see who can be part of the most squash parties in a week.



ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen
Birding in winter and early spring is great for exercising your birding skills and learning some non-breeding plumages. Bring your binoculars and dress warmly. \$20 for Members, \$30 for Non Members. RSVP to 970.925.5756 or for more info [click here.](#)

Wed, Mar. 2, 7 pm Potbelly Perspectives: Snowsurfing the Hills of Hokkaido
ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen
Photo journalist Jordan Curet will present on her explorations of Hokkaido, Japan. Tea and cookies available at lecture. Free for members, \$5 non-members. For more info, call 970.925.5756 or [click here.](#)

Wed, Mar. 2, 5:30 pm (Carbondale)
Thu, Mar. 3, 7 pm (Aspen) Naturalist Nights: From Cottonwoods to Cut Banks Third St. Center, Carbondale
ACES at Hallam Lake, Aspen
Shannon Hatch will discuss the Tamarisk Coalitions' work focused on improving lowland riparian areas in the West. Tea and cookies will be offered during lecture. For more info, [click here.](#) or call ACES at 970.925.5756.

Fri, Mar. 4, 6 - 8 pm Art Show
The Launchpad, 76 S 4th St, Carbondale
Wilderness Workshop's showcase of their summer artists. Join the Special Preview and Artist Talk on Mar. 3, from 6 - 8 pm. [Click here](#) for more info.

Mon, Mar. 7, 7:30 pm Landfill Harmonic
Wheeler Opera House, Aspen
Landfill Harmonic follows the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura, a Paraguayan musical group of kids that live in a village that is

Dark and Strong: Turning out the lights, turning off the phone, iPad, and computer are signs of someone who knows the importance of energy conservation and is strong enough to handle the dark. Recognize the effort and strength it takes to turn devices and rooms to darkness through rewards or prizes or certificates (on recycled paper, of course).

No Garbage Lunches: Reusable containers not only reduce waste, but instills responsibility in children to return the containers for lunch the next day. Letting kids personalize and decorate the containers adds some fun and creates ownership for them.

Shop Around and Around and Around: Purchasing used toys and clothing reduces waste, conserves resources and saves money. Kids can be part of this by shopping at second-hand stores and putting up the toys and clothes they are done with for sale.

There are many ways to include kids in sustainability. We found even more ideas [here](#) and [here](#).

COMMUNITY CHAMPION: Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers



Above: RFOV Volunteers build an extension to connect the Lollipop and Iowa Shaft Trails in the summer of 2015.

Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers (RFOV) is a non-profit organization that promotes stewardship of public lands by engaging the community from Aspen to Rifle in volunteer trail and restoration projects.

BY THE NUMBERS: Since 1995, RFOV has spearheaded 500 projects and engaged 13,750 volunteers. As a result they created 29 miles of new trails, maintained 254 miles of existing trails, and planted more than 11,200 trees and shrubs, plus 11 acres of restored wetlands.

PROGRAMS

Projects: Trail and restoration projects range from several hours

next to one of South America's largest landfills. \$15. For more info, [click here](#).

Tue, Mar. 8, 6:30 pm

Jessica Catto Dialogue:

Thomas Lovejoy

Paepcke Auditorium, Aspen

Join tropical ecologist, Thomas Lovejoy, as he discusses his research in the Amazon in "The Land of Cinnamon and Gold: 500 Years of Amazon Exploration and Science." Free. For more info, [click here](#).

Wed, Mar. 9, 7 pm

Potbelly Perspectives: 20

Peaks in 30 Days - Skiing & Sleeping on the Cascade Volcanoes

ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen

Join Dr. Jon Kedrowski for a virtual tour of his experiences skiing the 20 highest Cascade Volcanoes in just 30 days! Tea and cookies will be available at lecture. Free for members, \$5 non-members. For more info, call ACES at 970.925.5756 or [click here](#).

**Wed, Mar. 9, 5:30 pm
(Carbondale)**

**Thu, Mar. 10, at 7 pm
(Aspen)**

Naturalist Nights: Good Fire, Bad Fire

Third St. Center, Carbondale

ACES at Hallam Lake, Aspen

Jim Genung, a fire management expert, will present on the importance of fire for a healthy environment. Tea and cookies will be offered during lecture. For more info [click here](#) or call ACES at 970.925.5756.

Mar 9, 23, and 30, 5:30 pm

Nick and Maggie DeWolf

Public Lectures

**Wheeler Opera House,
Aspen**

March 9 Topic: The Re-ionization Epoch: New Insights and Future Prospects
March 23 Topic: Advances in Quantum Algorithms and Computation
March 30 Topic: Physics of

of maintenance in a week, to 1-4 day trips into the backcountry.

Adopt a Trail: Clubs, schools, and businesses can work with RFOV to perform annual projects on specific trails, parks, or river-front parcels.

Young Stewards Initiative: K-12 students learn about public lands, civic engagement, and the natural world through conservation work.

Lending Resources: RFOV shares its tools, knowledge, and expertise with other organizations.

OUR BACKYARD: Just last year, RFOV were responsible for restoring Cathedral Lake and Electric Pass trails, as well as creating the Lollipop Trail extension to connect with the Iowa Shaft Trail at the Hunter Creek Valley floor.

In the Aspen/Snowmass area alone, the organization and its volunteers worked on the John Denver Wetland, Smuggler Mountain, North Star Nature Preserve, the Maroon Bells, Capitol Peak, and the Arbaney-Kittle, Skyline, Airline, and Cozyline Trails.

For a detailed list of past projects from Aspen to Rifle, [visit this link](#).

PREVIEW OF 2016 PROJECTS: Can't wait to sign up in 2016? Here is a list of upcoming projects near Aspen: Van Horn Park Trail (Aspen), Hunter Creek Valley Weed Pull (Aspen), Tom Blake Trail (Snowmass), Lost Man Trail (Independence Pass), Roaring Fork Fishing Access Trail (Carbondale), Crooked Creek Wetland Restoration (Basalt), The Crown Trail (Carbondale).

JOIN IN: There are lots of ways to get involved. You can volunteer for a project or propose a new one for the future. You can also train as a crew leader, organize a group work day, become a member, donate, and more.

Learn about all the options by [clicking here](#).

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The EPA Clean Power Plan

Development and Disease Lectures are free. For more info, [click here](#).

Thu, Mar. 10, 4 - 7 pm

Capital Creek Ranch

Snowshoe

Capitol Creek Ranch

Conservation Easement

Join Roaring Fork Conservancy on snowshoes through the Capitol Creek Ranch riparian area. Snowshoes are required (please note if you need to borrow a pair). Free, but registration is required. Call 970.927.1290 to register or [click here](#) for more info.

Fri, Mar. 11 and Sat, Mar. 12

8th Annual Green is the New Black Fashion

Extravaganza:

Transformation Carbondale Council on Arts and Humanities

The CCAH show features sustainable fashion designs by local and national designers. General seating \$40 Non-Members. For more information [click here](#).

Mon, Mar. 14, 7:30 pm

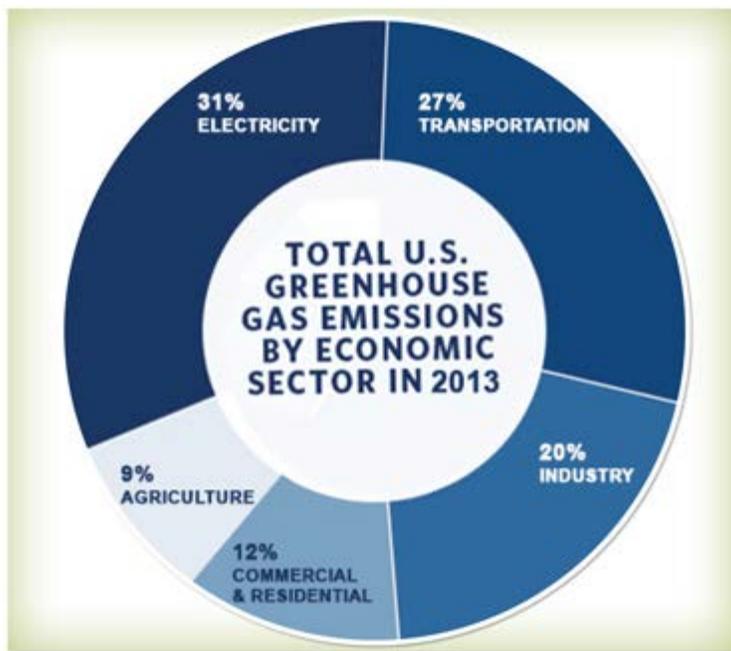
Racing Extinction

Wheeler Opera House, Aspen

An environmental documentary that highlights the ongoing sixth extinction crisis on earth. Tickets, \$15. For more info, [click here](#).

Fri, Mar. 18, 5:30 pm

Wildways: Corridors of Life Film Screening and Reception



ZGreen has been following and supporting the Clean Power Plan for the last few years, but we realize this important policy is just now appearing in national news and is on the minds of many Americans. This month, ZGreen explains what is in the name and the details of the EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP).

To start, the CPP was announced in August of last year as a key component of President Obama's strategy for addressing climate change. The Plan is the first national standard to address carbon dioxide (CO₂) pollution from power plants.

Why focus on power plants? Because power plants are the nation's largest single source of carbon pollution, contributing 31 percent of the national total (see graphic above). In addition to causing climate change, emissions from fossil fuel fired power plants create air pollution that can cause serious health impacts. Without a rule to limit the emissions from these types of plants, they are allowed to dump unlimited amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

The EPA announced the Clean Power Plan as a way of setting achievable standards for power plants. The key to the CPP is that it allows each state in the U.S. to create a plan for the power plants in their state, so it's flexible and customizable to address the unique needs of each region. The Plan also creates consistency across the US so that there is accountability and a level playing field for all power plant and clean energy operators.

Will it work? The EPA has estimated that implementing the Clean Power Plan would generate 26- 45 billion dollars in 'net benefits' (a combination of climate and health benefits) and will help avoid 3,600 premature deaths, 1,700 heart attacks, 90,000 asthma attacks and 300,000 missed work days and school days each year.

By 2030, the Plan would reduce CO₂ emissions from power plants by 32 percent below 2005 levels, which is equivalent to the emissions from 70 percent of US passenger vehicles or 95 percent of American homes.

**Wheeler Opera House,
Aspen**

Join director James Brundige for a reception and screening. Drinks and apps will be available during reception. For tickets and info, call 970.920.5770 or [click here](#).

Mon, Mar. 21, 8 pm

Astronomy Night

ACES Hallam Lake, Aspen

Join Anna Kate Belinski this season to learn about the winter night sky. Dress warmly, as the tour will be taking part outside. Please RSVP, space is limited. \$5 suggested donation, free for members. [Click here](#) or call 970.925.5756 for more info.

Thu, Mar. 24, 7 pm

Fly Fishing Film Tour

**Wheeler Opera House,
Aspen**

Experience the Fly Fishing Film Tour's best presentation yet. Admission is \$17. For more info, [click here](#).

Mon, Mar. 28, 7:30 pm

How to Change the World

**Wheeler Opera House,
Aspen**

Join the Wheeler for this environmental documentary. Admission, \$15. For more info, [click here](#).

Wed, Mar. 30, 4 pm

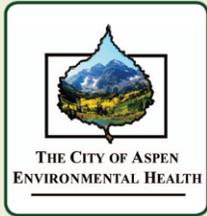
**Glenwood Springs Water
Treatment Plant Tour**

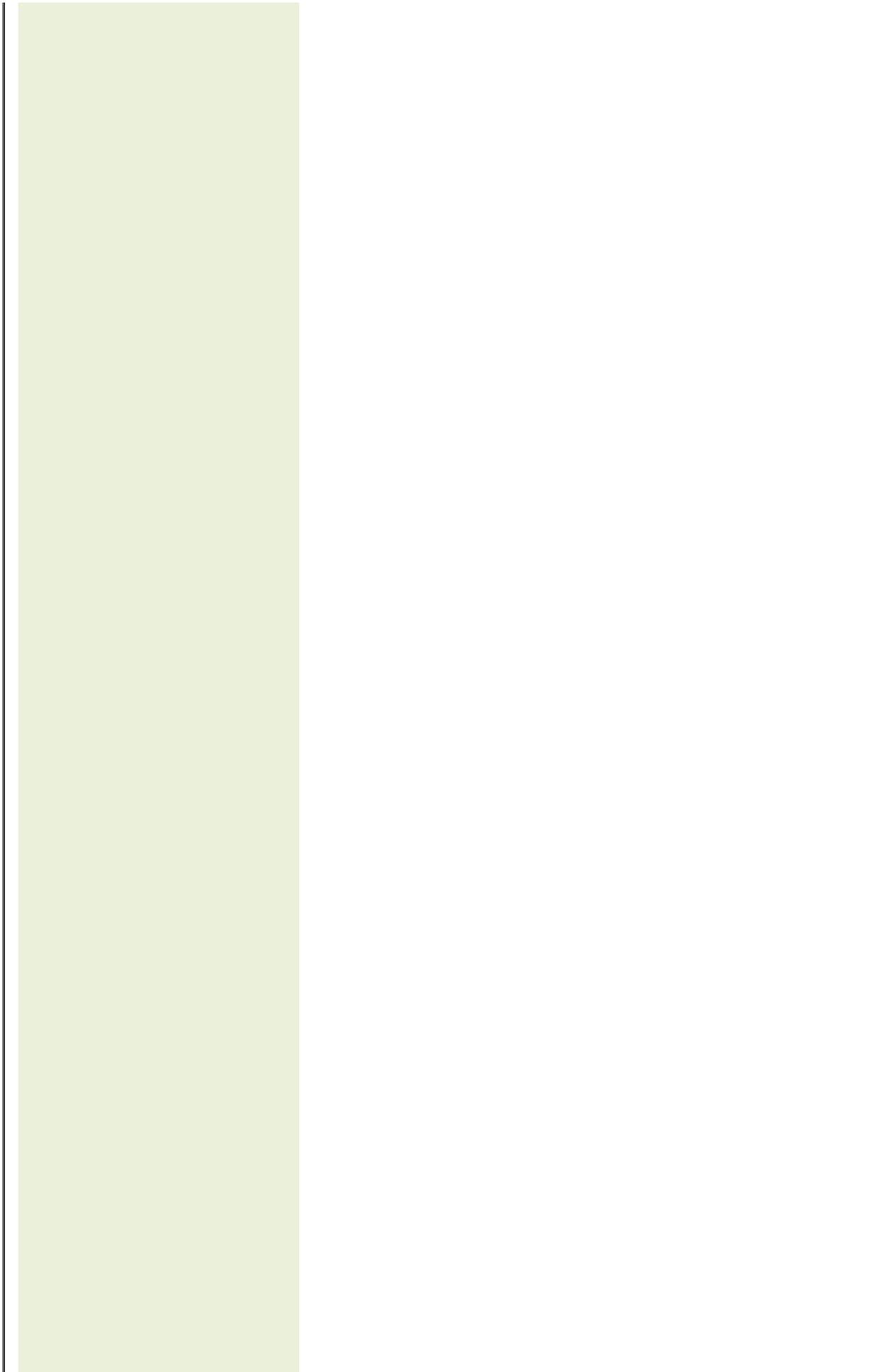
Glenwood Springs City Hall

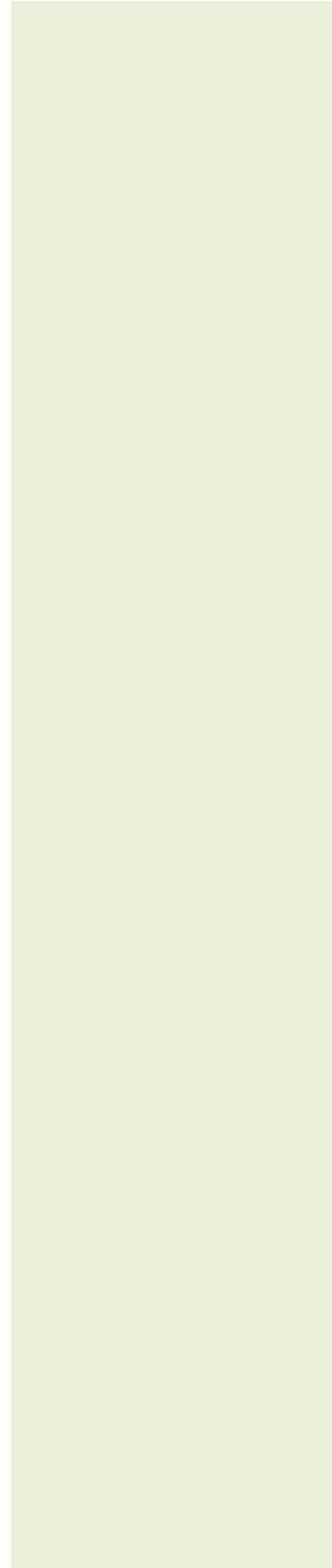
Jerry Wade with City of Glenwood will lead the tour of the water treatment plant. Dress appropriately with closed-toed shoes. \$10 for Non-members, RFC members are free. Registration required. Call 970.927.1290 or [click here](#) for more info.

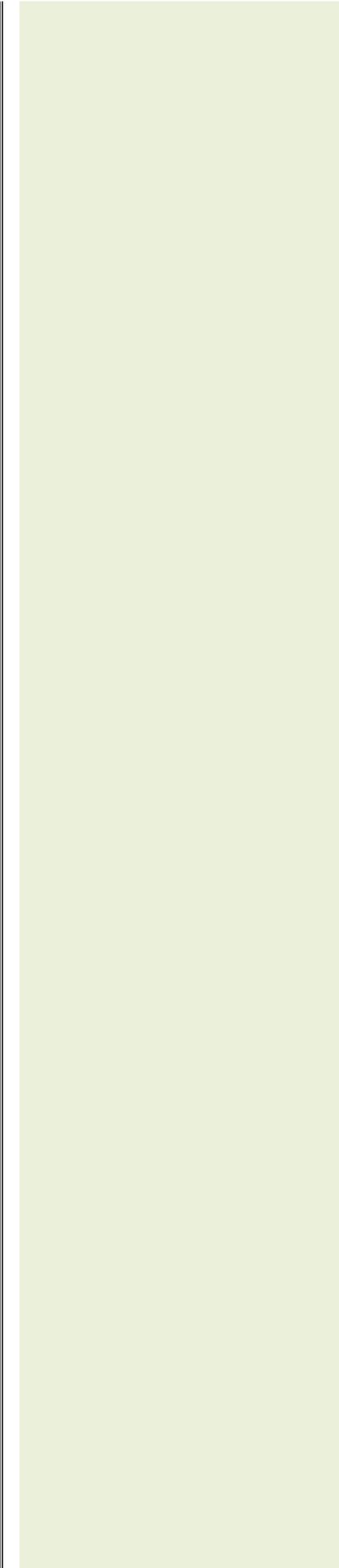
ZGreen encourages our readers to learn more about this important national policy by [clicking here](#).

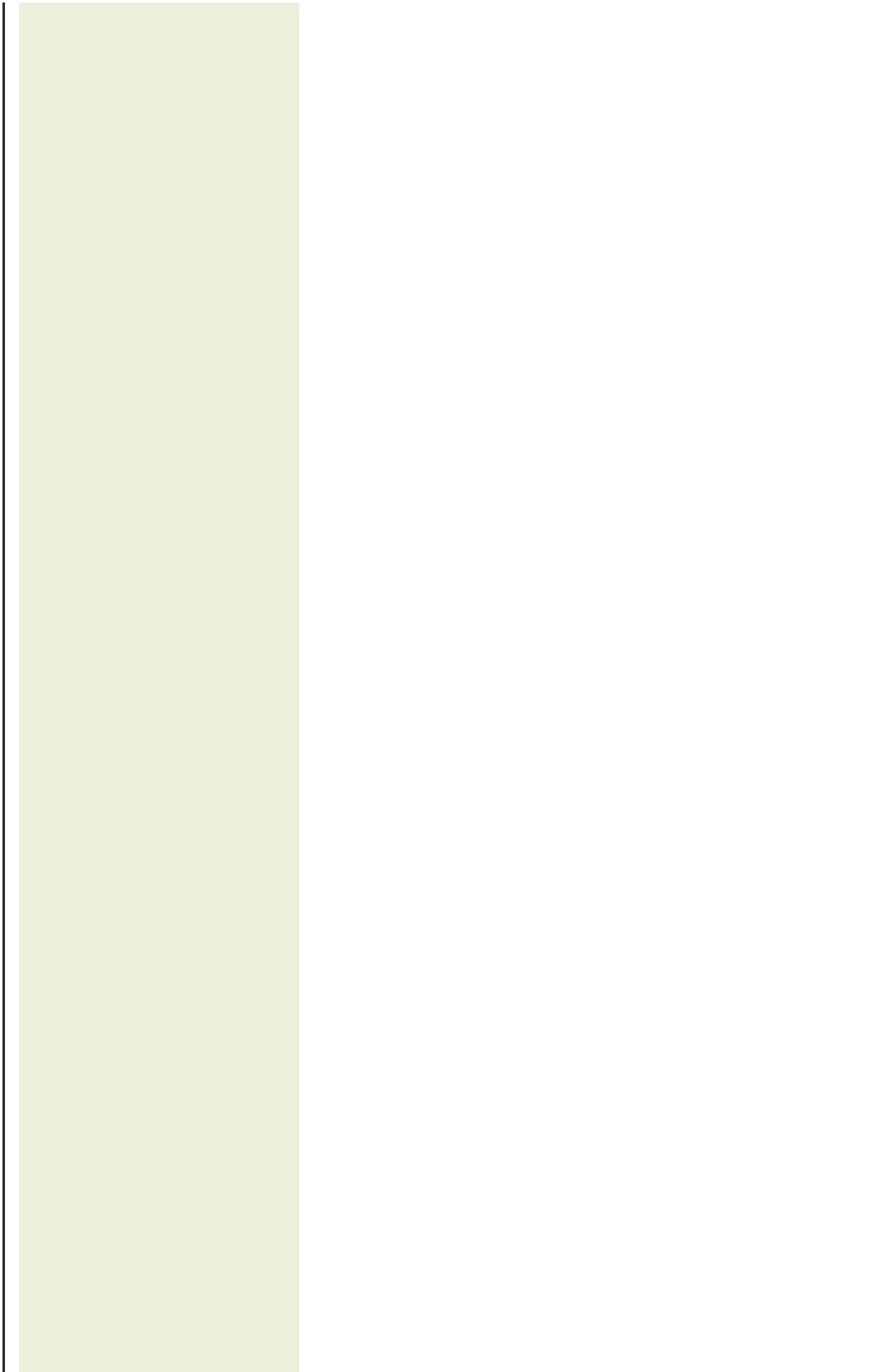
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