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'We Have Failed' on Climate Change: April 2019

"We only get one home. We only get one planet." — Pres. Barack Obama



We're jumping right in with this month's topic because it's a big one. Climate change. Become part of the solution as a member of ALMA's [Greener Cities](#) fund. We partner with data-driven organizations to fight climate change by increasing tree cover, advocating for sustainable transportation like bikes and buses, and educating the next generation on good environmental stewardship.

It's a decidedly un-American idea to acknowledge failure. But maybe that's exactly the cathartic realization we need in order to make substantial change. The completely amazing Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old activist, iterated this in a powerful speech:

"And on climate change, we have to acknowledge we have failed. Yes, we are failing, but there is still time to turn everything around. But unless we recognize the overall failures of our current systems, we most probably don't stand a chance."

It's clear the old ways won't work, and nearly every aspect of our lives can be [overhauled](#) to become more climate-friendly. [Even our shoes](#). Take [Allbirds](#), who we've partnered with to expand our [Greener San Francisco](#)

fund to [Chicago](#), [Boston](#) and [New York](#). Their comfy wool shoes use 60 percent less energy to create than materials in typical synthetic shoes.

What earth-friendly brands do you love? Tag us on [Twitter](#) or [Insta](#), we'd love to know about them.

Take care,

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P.S. If you're an ALMA donor, look out for a new quarterly impact report on your fund's progress, based on your feedback.



Philanthropy, sustainability & social issues for the #random Slack channel.

W A T C H: 🎧 Climate change activist Greta Thunberg: "I want you to act as if our house is on fire. Because it is." [[YouTube](#)] [[Or read the transcript here.](#)] #flameemoji


P L A N T: Trees 🌳 which really do help fight climate change by absorbing damaging CO2. That really puts the 60,000 trees [Friends of the Urban Forest](#) has planted since 1981 into perspective [[Arbor Day](#)] #shadetrees

S H O W: This to the climate denier in your life. The very smart people at NASA use 🌍 earth-orbiting satellites to research nine key points of evidence that our climate is warming. [[NASA](#)] #sendhelp

E A T: Anything but burgers. 🍔 We need to cut beef consumption by 90% to avoid further destroying the earth, according to a research team at the


University of Oxford. [The Guardian] #wheresthebeef #nothere

THINK: Of climate change as linked to every human and every human issue, including race, gender and class. People with less money and power are disproportionately impacted by its effects, like 🚫



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Our most pressing issues are linked & so are the solutions {#regram @littlemissflint via @girlswhocode} #girlpower #cleanwaterforall

What's the deal with clean water? 💧

🚫 The Clean Water Act of 1972 made some forms of water pollution unlawful.

🚫 The Flint water crisis of 2014 renewed the convo about drinking water free from pollutants and contaminants.

👉 1,000+ water systems across the US had drinking water that failed safety standards for lead in 2017 {Source @bbcnews }

We all deserve clean water & air 🌱

