

## **University hosts Earth Day activities**

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Alfred University and Alfred State College students, faculty and staff and clubs are sponsoring Earth Day Activities Tuesday April, 22- Monday, April 28. On April 22, Green Alfred and AU Division of Environmental Studies and the Geology Department will be sponsoring Lights Off For Earth Day. The goal of this day is to ask everyone on campus to be more aware of energy usage and keep the lights off in offices and classrooms whenever possible. Also, people are encouraged to walk to work or school if possible, ride a bike, or carpool. The day will end with an acoustical concert at Moka Joka, Harder Hall, Alfred University Campus at 7:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 23, there will be the first public meeting of the Sustainable Alfred Steering Committee. This newly formed committee is a collaboration of Alfred University, Alfred State College, and community members to promote sustainability in our community. At the meeting there will be brief presentations on sustainability related projects currently underway or recently completed at both institutions and initiation of institutions, the community, and the region. This meeting will take place at 5 p.m. in room 315, Brown Hall, Alfred State College. The Earth Day celebrations will conclude on Monday, April 28 with a talk by Jeff George of Covanta Energy, a company that generates energy from waste materials. His speech, titled "Getting Trashed: Means to Energy Independence" will take place at 12:20 p.m. in Roon Lecture Hall, Science Center, Alfred University campus. Refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by AU Division of Environmental Studies and the Geology Department, and Focus Alfred. All Earth Day events are free and open to the public.