

Earth Day Accomplishments!

2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day

Image 1



Image 2

The First Earth Day was on April, 22 1970

Gaylord Nelson, the founder of earth day, came up with the idea after seeing the effects of an oil spill. In addition, newfound knowledge on the effects of pollution and Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* opened the eyes of the public to the effects of climate change

20 Million people across the US protested industrialism that day



Image 3

This is a photo from Denver's first Earth Day!

By the end of 1970, we were on our way to a cleaner, brighter future!



Richard Nixon created the EPA just 8 months after the first Earth Day

The Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and Endangered Species Act were all created in 1970 because of Earth Day. The event managed to rally the country to stand for climate justice



Since then, Earth day has continued to grow

Earth Day became internationally recognized in 1990



Earth Day Network has pledged to plant 78 billion trees for the 50th anniversary - that's one tree per person on Earth

In 2016, Earth Day was chosen as the signing day for the Paris Agreement, which was created to fight climate change



Schools all over the world participate in Earth Day

DU celebrates it too!

In 2019, the University of Denver hosted its first Earth day of DU-ing to encourage DU students, faculty, staff and alumni to work together to help the environment

The Center for Sustainability has created 25 sustainability goals they hope to reach by 2025



Check out their website to find out more about the good work they do! <https://www.du.edu/sustainability/>



Consider finding ways to get involved this Earth Day!

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