

# The Green Bough

GREEN and SUSTAINABLE LIVING SERIES

## What's It Mean to Be Green?



### Topic #1: CLIMATE CHANGE - An Update on An Inconvenient Truth

**Global climate change caused by greenhouse gas emissions from human activity represents an extremely pressing problem for the world today. Bill Perkins, a former U.S. Army officer, Carnegie Mellon graduate student, and certified presenter for The Climate Project, will give a fast-paced highly visual presentation on:**

- **The science of the issue, the current and future impacts around the globe, and the root causes of the collision between our civilization and the environment.**
- **National security concerns, current policy actions, the economics of climate change, and Pennsylvania impacts will be highlighted.**
- **Perhaps most importantly, he will show what each of us can do to help contribute to a solution.**



#### About Bill Perkins

Bill Perkins graduated from West Point in 2001, after which he served for five years as a U.S. Army officer. This included Airborne and Ranger training, tours in Afghanistan and Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division, and a year at the Combating Terrorism Center at West Point. He left the military as a captain in 2006 and is now a public policy graduate student at Carnegie Mellon focusing on environmental policy. Bill was one of 1,000

people in the United States to attend presentation training by Al Gore and the non-profit group The Climate Project, whose mission is to increase public awareness on the issue of global warming. In this capacity he has given presentations on climate change to numerous organizations throughout the Pittsburgh community. This past summer Bill worked at the H. John Heinz III Center for Science, Economics and the Environment in Washington, DC researching adaptation to the impacts of climate change.

#### The Climate Project

In June 2006, The Climate Project (TCP) began in Nashville, Tennessee, a non-profit organization with the mission of increasing public awareness of the climate crisis at a grassroots level throughout the United States and abroad. By April 2007, a diverse group of 1000 volunteers from every corner of the USA had been trained to present a version of the slide show on which the Academy Award-winning film, "An Inconvenient Truth" is based. More Nashville trainings are planned for later in 2007, focusing on specific sector groups.

In addition, their training initiatives have already trained almost 400 people in the UK and Australia with international trainings being planned in Spain, India, China, Canada and others.

The heart of The Climate Project lies in the commitment, dedication and passion of TCP presenters to educate, encourage and increase dialogue about the climate crisis and its solutions.