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## Press Release

### **Updated “An Inconvenient Truth” Presentation at Ecology Center November 4, 2011**

What have Al Gore and his army of “An Inconvenient Truth” presenters been doing lately? A lot, according to folks at the Evanston Ecology Center. To find out, they’re inviting the public to a presentation of the updated, first sequel to the award-winning “An Inconvenient Truth” slide show at the Evanston Ecology Center on Sunday, November 20, at 7pm. Titled The Climate Project, the presentation will be given by Kent Taylor, noted environmentalist, scuba diver, Shedd Aquarium lecturer, and one of Al Gore’s highly trained presenters.

The Climate Project is presented by two of Evanston’s most active environmental groups, the Evanston Environmental Association (EEA) and the Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Church of Evanston. According to Green Sanctuary Committee Chairman, Dick Whitaker, “Giving members of the community the opportunity to hear about the most recent scientific evidence on climate change, as well as the latest climatic impacts around the world, helps all of us re-focus our efforts on reducing our personal carbon footprints.”

Fred Schneider, President of the Evanston Environmental Association, adds: “The impact of ‘An Inconvenient Truth’ cannot be minimized. From 2006 on, the documentary film and thousands of slide-show presentations around the country helped the green movement gain significant momentum. By presenting the updated sequel to this award-winning presentation, we’re continuing the global education efforts of Mr. Gore and his team, as well as supporting the EEA and the Ecology Center’s own community outreach and educational goals.”

The featured speaker, Kent Taylor, is neither a stranger to the impact of climate change nor to the Evanston area. He was born in Evanston and attended New Trier East High School. After graduate school in the late 60s, Mr. Taylor, like many others at the time, became concerned about the environment and initiated studies in environmental science. Those experiences, coupled with his own firsthand experience of the adverse effects of global warming on coral reefs, drove him to what would become a life-long effort to educate all of us about the impacts of climate on our natural environment. For over 20 years, Taylor has lectured to thousands at the Shedd Aquarium, where he’s also served as a volunteer diver. Selected by the Al Gore team in 2007, Kent has given the “An Inconvenient Truth” presentation to dozens of Chicago area groups.

The Evanston Ecology Center, built in 1974 by a group of local citizens, serves as a focal point for environmental education and volunteerism in the community. Its mission is to offer educational programs to the local community that will foster a greater appreciation, awareness and knowledge of the natural environment. The Evanston Environmental Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the long-term success of the Evanston Ecology Center and its staff in their efforts to provide quality environmental education to children and adults in the surrounding community. The EEA also works with other local green organizations and undertakes selected projects to produce environmental benefits for Evanston and its residents. The Green Sanctuary Committee of the Unitarian Church of Evanston supports environmental initiatives in the community, among its members, and for the church’s facilities. The church celebrates Earth Month each April with programs, films, church services, and a special Earth Day gathering. A recent undertaking was a 600 square foot rain garden which significantly reduces water runoff from the sanctuary roof.

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