

DEI Additional Resources List

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These are resources related to Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity in general and specific to conservation and environmental work. This list is not intended at all to be complete – it is a place to start and to go from. There are many more articles and websites and books to read - I hope that people will share resources they know or find along to me so that I can add them to this growing list.

Books:

The Rise of the American Conservation Movement: Power, Privilege, and Environmental Protection, Dorceta Taylor

Black Faces, White Spaces: Reimagining the Relationship of African Americans to the Great Outdoors, Carolyn Finney

Crimes against Nature: Squatters, Poachers, Thieves, and the Hidden History of American Conservation,

Karl Jacoby

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants, Robin Wall Kimmerer

Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Philip's War, Lisa Brooks

Between the World and Me, Ta-Nehesi Coates

Articles:

“Environmental Racism in America: An Overview of the Environmental Justice Movement and the Role of Race in Environmental Policies,” The Goldman Environmental Prize, June 14, 2015

“Environmentalism’s Racist History,” Jedidiah Purdy, The New Yorker, August 13, 2015

“Water is Life: Native Groups push Back against Environmental Racism,” Vivian Underhill, September 6, 2017

“What you should know about Environmental Racism.” Lincoln Anthony Blades, 12/21/16

“A Sociologist Examines the “White Fragility” That Prevents White Americans from Confronting Racism,” Katy Waldman, The New Yorker, July 23, 2018

Hidden heroes of conservation

– references thanks to The Avarna Group

- Zilpa White: See *Black Walden* (Zilpa was a freed slave who was an inspiration to Thoreau)
- George Washington Carver (was more than about peanut butter)
- MaVynee Betsch gave away all of her wealth (including her home) to environmental causes starting in the 1970s. She convinced the NPS to protect 8.2 acres of sand dunes on Amelia Island's American Beach; her great grandfather had purchased it in the 1930's so that black people could live on and go to the beach in Florida during Jim Crow segregation. (<http://www.thehistorymakers.com/biography/mavynee-beach-lady-betsch-39>)
- Marquettea Goodwine (known as Queen Quet), along with her community in South Carolina, was instrumental in creating the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor. (<http://www.queenquet.com/>; <https://www.nps.gov/guge/index.htm>)
- John Francis, the Planetwalker, spent 22 years walking across the U.S. to spread a message of environmental respect (and did it without talking for 17 of those years). (<http://grist.org/article/hertsgaard-francis/>)
- Acequia farmers in Southern Colorado & Northern New Mexico are farmers that have a unique understanding of high desert ecology that informs their seed saving practices, water sharing practices, and erosion prevention. Though often not marked as "conservationists," in the traditional American conversation lens, their farming practices and place-based knowledge certainly center around conserving the health of the land and community. You can learn more here: <http://ejfood.blogspot.com/2012/09/acequias-water-place-resilience-and.html>.
- Ancestral Land Corps Program is a program run by and for indigenous people who are engaging in various projects to improve land and community on Native land. You hear from one of staff members, Anthony "Chako" Ciocco <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaOObwMUlto> and another staff member, Aaron Lowden here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=moP1Psg5qbk>, both speaking about their connections to land, conservation, and community.

Websites/Initiatives:

Seeing White

She Explores

Native Women's Wilderness

Queer Nature

Brown People Camping