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### CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

The environmental movement that has been around for decades is transitioning to a new era of pioneers. The new 'environmentalism' has shifted away from what some would consider "hippie" idealism towards an objective view of the facts, a tireless pursuit of the truth, and dedication to progress with reasonable goals.

With environmental threats becoming a global priority, and with headlines more environmental portraying developments every week, the emerging pro-active and mindful attitude of eco-consciousness is crucial. The problem is, public perception has not yet caught on to this evolution, and many still dismiss 'environmentalism' as unrealistic. unimportant, and utopian. Brands trying to cater to the "green" crowd make the same mistake, and feature biased or overly alarming content loosely based on current events. Or worse, they forgo any real information and ride the coattails of the ecotrend that has taken the world by storm. This is a problem. The idea of environmentalism needs to evolve as much as the movement itself has.

Green Point of View is the new resource for the modern ecoconscious aspirational. By creating a hub for thoroughly researched guides on the big environmental issues of today, a regularly updated brief of the most impactful environmental headlines, and a store stocked with only high-quality eco-home goods, there is no green-washing or outdated content here. Our mission is to give you the background, the awareness, and the tools to be a well-informed participant in the movement towards a sustainable future.

A MODERN
HEADQUARTERS
FOR SUSTAINABLE
LIVING



"A one-stop-shop for the eco-conscious and the eco-curious"

#### EXPLORE LEARN SHOP

The Green Point of View website is divided into three sections to create an informative, engaging, and modern headquarters for sustainable living:

**Explore** current events, sustainable solutions, and the Green Point of View community. "The Gist", a weekly news brief that breaks down the week's environmental headlines, will keep the users engaged in the relevant issues and aware of impactful events. Mini documentaries highlighting sustainable projects and local issues, as well as a collection of user-submitted images and videos, are soon to come.

**Learn** all the background and details on the major environmental concepts that

are shaping our world. These articles are heavily researched guides to give the user a complete understanding of all aspects of the big issues. The selection of articles at the time of launch is a small beginning to what the section will become. The collection will grow to include topics that relate to every planetary boundary, whether it be air pollution, ocean acidification, or biodiversity loss.

**Shop** in the ecommerce store to equip your sustainable lifestyle. All the products are tagged with Green Traits that highlight their eco-friendly attributes, and any certifications they have been awarded, so that you know exactly why we chose to carry it. The selection of over 1,000 eco-friendly products fills 6 categories: Grocery & Gourmet, Home & Garden, Health & Beauty, Bath & Body, Baby & Kids, and Pet Care.

The combination of these elements creates a hub for the modern ethical

consumer to stay on the cutting edge of environmental knowledge without devoting hours to collecting his/ her own research. These issues are no longer restricted to the people who have the time and dedication to constantly read the latest sources. It's important for everyone to have a thorough understanding of the changing environment, not just "environmentalists". Green Point of View strives to make environmental knowledge more efficiently available for every eco-curious person out there.



### **FOUNDERS**







### TIM FORTNER PRESIDENT

After graduating college with a bachelor degree in Economics and minor in Environment Studies in 2011, Tim felt a strong desire to discover what he loved to do. While searching for his calling, he had the privilege of being exposed to a handful of varying occupations. He realizes that working in different professions was not only a blessing, but also a necessity for any successful entrepreneur. In 2013, while using the skills he developed in many of his previous jobs, he started an ecommerce business. Since then he has watched his business blossom into Green Point of View and he truly believes he has finally found great work.

### GARETT DELUCA VICE PRESIDENT

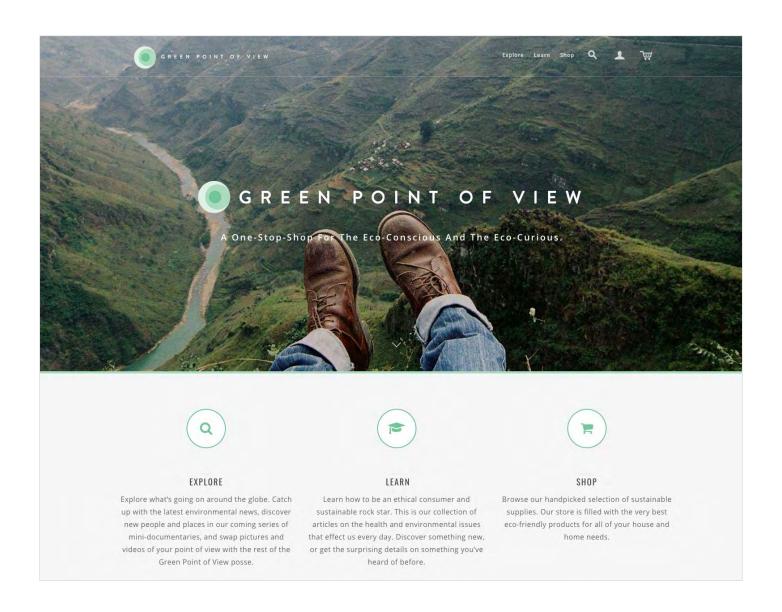
Garett is a New 'Yawka', born and raised. He's a coffee loving, cookie-obsessed sailor from the north shore of Long Island. His creative passion and keen business sense are the tools he uses consistently to drive himself forward in his career. At the age of 20, Garett founded TwelvEleven Creative, a production company with clients such as Arizona Iced Tea, U.S. Polo Assn., lululemon and Zoom North America. Garett believes success is inevitable as long as you have the drive to work hard and the ability to always put your best foot forward. When not hiding behind a computer screen you can usually find Garett in the pantry satisfying his sweet tooth.

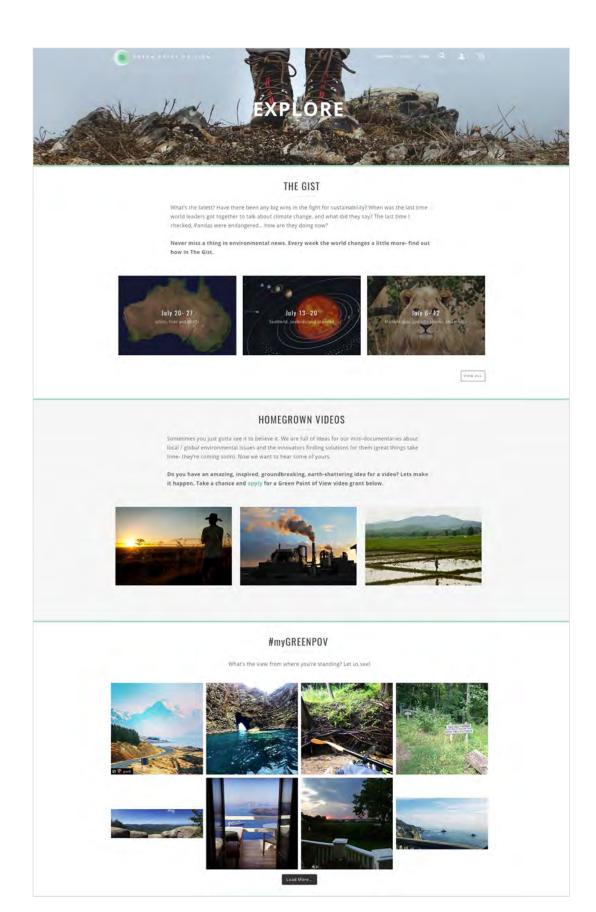
### MURPHY MCDONALD RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

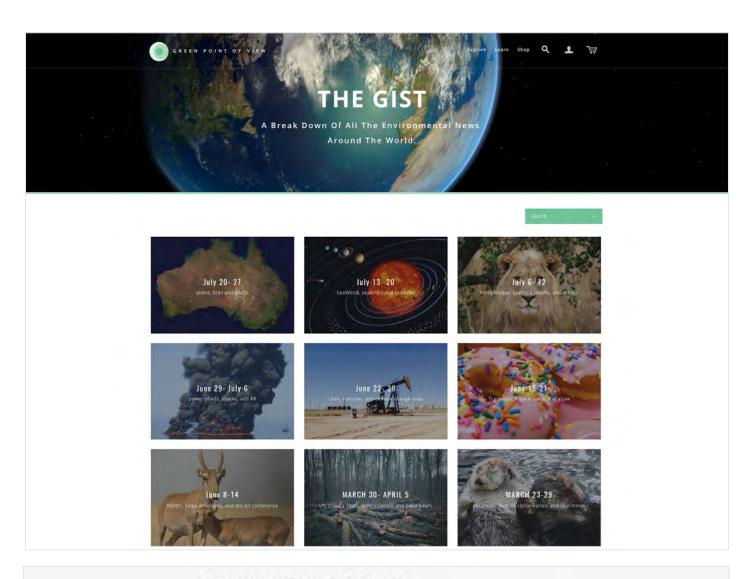
As the Director of Research for Green Point of View, Murphy is able to indulge her roaming curiosity for all things earth science and sustainable living. After earning her degree in Marine Biology, Murphy spent the following years studying the human impact on nature through projects researching reef biology, agroecology, turtle conservation, and just about everything in between. Murphy is now dedicated to living as sustainably as possible, and to sharing what she has learned about science and living well to anyone who will listen. When she isn't doing research for the site, she's staying as far away from computer screens as possible- usually swimming in the bay, running a trail, or indulging in an epic fantasy/ sci-fi novel or two.

### **MEDIA**

Green Point of View is deigned to create a simple, modern, and refreshing resource for all the info you need to live sustainably. The minimal white and grey content design is contrasted with colorful and striking images in order to keep the information clear and concise, and the images that inspired the content impactful and captivating.







#### Bigger News Than Earth Itself

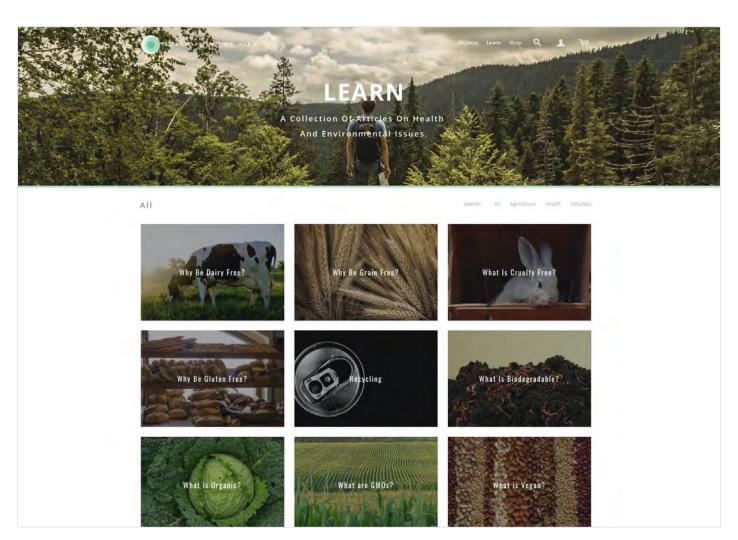
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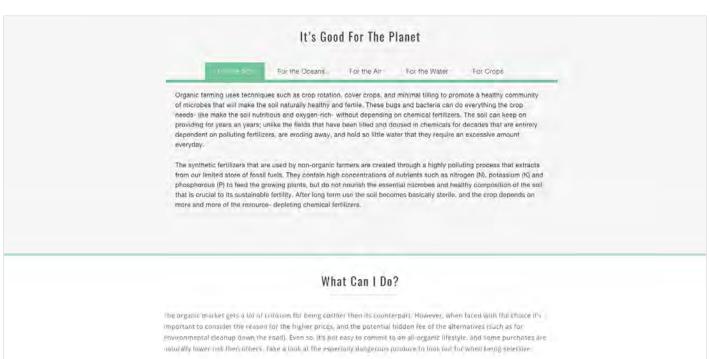
You may have heard the appendition, and then you probably heard everyone screaming that it was false. Well, they're right- the word "Ice Age" seems like a really dramatic way of putting it. But if what researcher Yalentina Zharkova predicts is true, something may really happen.

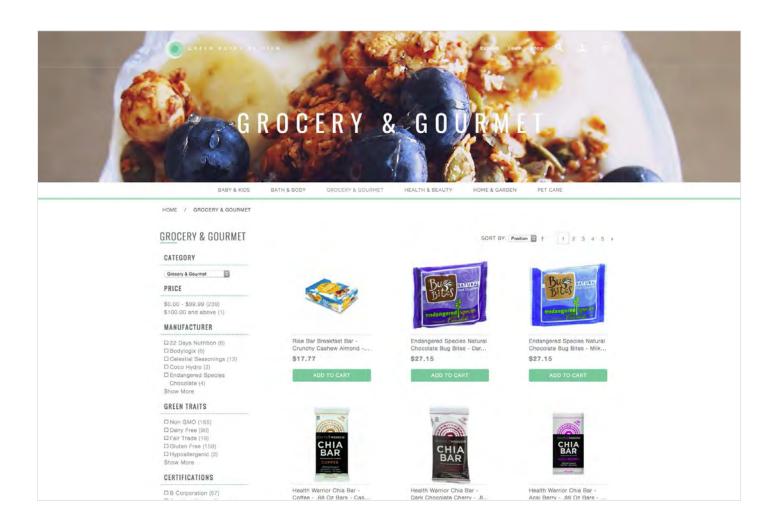
Zharkova has been studying variations in solar patterns, and she predicts that positions of certain sun flares will reduce solar radiation on Earth by 60% around year 2030. The last time this happened (that is, a "solar minimum") was in the 1700s when the earth experienced its "Little Ice Age". Obviously, if that were to happen again we'd feel it. Climate scientists do not dispute this research this lapse in solar strength could definitely happen: but they doubt that it will affect temperatures here at all. They argue that human-caused climate change is causing temperatures to rise so dramatically that it will so outweigh the effect of the cooler sun. In fact, they say, the effect of all of our greenhouse gases will so outweigh the effect of the weaker sun that we should expect to see temperatures continue to 1928 around 2030. Either way, there's really nothing we can do about this solar minimum, so only time will tell what 2030 is going to look like.

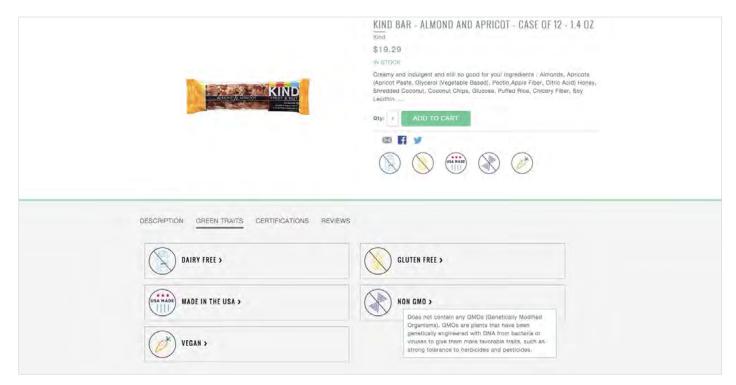
#### Pluto, at last!

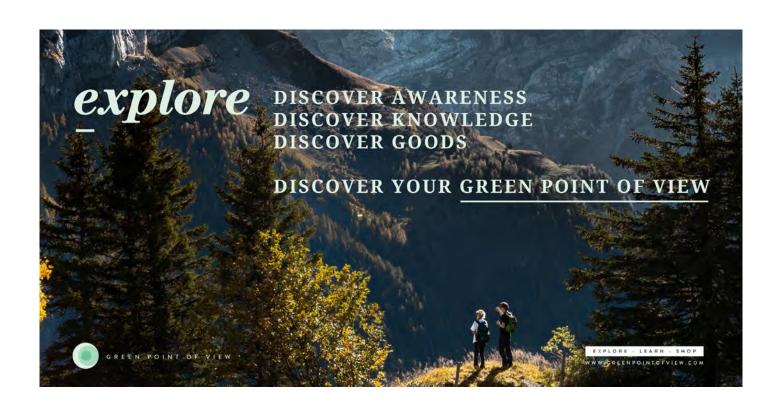
2 space stories in one week! New Horizons spacecraft left 9 years ago on a 3-billion-mile journey to meet our favorite ex-planet Pluto. On Tuesday it finally reached its destination in a historic flyby and sent back the first ever close-up nictories. This is most likely the first and last time we will have first contact with a planet (or dwarf planet) in our lifetime, so you should be really amped. When you have the chance to ponder the conditions on all these other planets, it really makes you appreciate the lush, warm, oxygenated wonderland we lucked out with on Earth, Kind of makes you want to take extra good care of it, doesn't it?

















### INTERVIEW Q&A

WHAT WE THINK ABOUT GREEN POINT OF VIEW, OUR USERS, AND LIVING SUSTAINABLY.

### What Is Ethical Consumerism?

Ethical consumerism is just what is sounds like-buying according to the values of the company and the integrity of the product, its processing, and its impact. When we all start purchasing this way, it turns into an economic movement. Instead of buying our support with flashy packaging and witty ads, companies need to deliver what we really want: quality, healthy, low-impact products from an honest manufacturer. Its similar to the concept of "dollar voting", where you recognize that where your dollars end up is a form of support, so you only give money to people and ideas that you believe in.

#### What inspired you to start Green Point of View

Our inspiration truly stemed from the desire to live a more sustainable lifestyle. However, the tools provided to us before Green Point of View were not only lacking in information, but also in functionality. As we sifted through hundreds of brands and products, it became apparent that there are, in fact, many affordable green options out there on the market. With today's busy lifestyle and constant on the go attitude, we we're encouraged to create a central hub for all things ecofriendly.

#### How do you plan on engaging people that are not already interested in living sustainably?

We believe that "sustainability" needs to be put into context in order for people that aren't naturally interested to understand that these issues are relevant. There is an outdated idea of sustainability that assigns it to a certain kind of person, and everyone that doesn't meet that description may feel exempt from the effort and awareness. We think that if the info is clear and factual and relevant to all of our lives, people will start to pay attention.

The movement has changed a lot since the 60s- with new technology and the limitless access to knowledge, its really modernized. Its not as idealistic and unrealistic as people sometimes remember it to be- its skeptical, progressive, and objective. The motivation behind environmentalism and the reasons for living sustainably are to find a realistic and viable solution to the problems that the world is undeniably facing right now. The awareness of unhealthy chemicals in the products we consume is not a trend; it's the awareness that comes with the new information about their dangers and solutions for better alternatives. We want to change this misconception by keeping it unbiased, true to the facts, and relevant.



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# How do you envision people using Green Point of View?

We weren't kidding when we described it as a "one-stop-shop". We want Green Point of View to act as your resource, your discovery engine, your ultimate guide, and your supplier for a sustainable lifestyle. We understand that's kind of an epic claim to be making at this point; we are just starting out so we only have so much information and so many products. But that is our biggest aspiration- to really have incredibly reliable, trustworthy, and impactful information for people to use however they wish. To find a way to inspire people who maybe didn't care before. To build a store that is so thoroughly stocked and carefully curated that people can come here to browse and discover and trust the integrity of every product that we carry.

### Why is it important for people to buy ecofriendly products (how important is it, really)?

If we're using tons of stuff made with synthetic chemicals and packaged in plastic that goes in the garbage, all of that has its own effect. It's all going to end up somewhere, and it usually isn't good. That being said, a lot of people can't appreciate that impact because we are just one person out of 7 billion on a huge planet. How bad can that water bottle really be? Well, they're kind of right. It's not going to end the world. But when you consider yourself as one acting element of a huge population (7 billion!) and then consider how all those individual actions get magnified when we all do it every day, the effect is huge. The same goes for the products that could affect your health. Sure, eating junk food every once in a while isn't going to kill you. But when you add up the things that you are putting in or on your body multiple times every day for a lifetime, you can see how the effects can become more than you ever imagined.

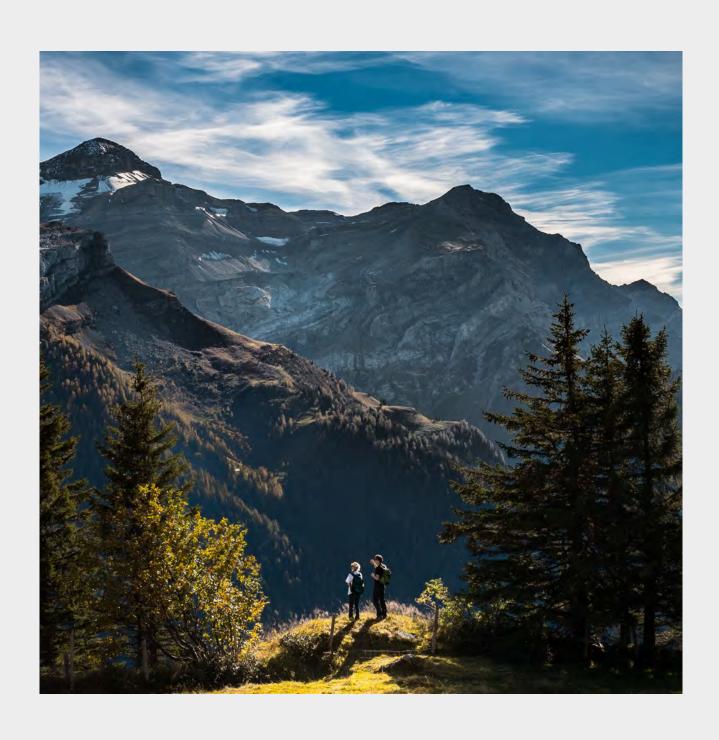


# What are you most looking forward too with Green Point of Views growth?

The sky is the limit, and we almost can't sleep at night thinking about all the possibilities. We already have so many exciting plans that we can't wait to implement once we are able to. Most of all, we cant wait to find the perfect way to make Green Point of View a tool for activism. We are really eager to create relationships with different causes and noble efforts, and to be able to bring them to our users so that they can act directly. There are 1,000 ways to do it, and we are excited about every one.

# What is your definition of success for Green Point of View?

Our ultimate achievement will be earning our customers trust. We try really hard not to let our own passions interfere with the information we're providing and to find only the best healthy and eco-friendly products. When we feel that we are at a point where our users understand that effort, appreciate the outcome, and recognize us as a transparent, honest, and responsible company, then we really will have made it.



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