

THE INSTITUTE'S SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES:

OCEAN SUSTAINABILITY: UN'S SDG #14

U.S Secretary John Kerry's *Our Oceans Conference*: 2014

“Our future depends on the ability of your generation to recognize the imminent need for sustainable development across all fronts. We need as many voices as possible, contributing solutions that will make a difference. I support your voices to be heard! Our task is a difficult one, but with young, inspired leaders like you, willing to lead the fight, I have no doubt we will prevail.”



Former Secretary John Kerry's Message to Institute's Summit Youth Delegates

Vieques, Puerto Rico: 2003-2008

Mangroves protect the world-famous Bio-Bay in Vieques. They are the world's most endangered ecosystem. Vieques was the eye of Hurricane Maria.



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Hawaii: 2010 - 2018

Sustainable Hawaii is an online resource guide for youth, educators, business and the community organizations to work together to build a sustainable hawaii. From learning tools to videos and a matching system to connect business green jobs and community with volunteers.

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Virgin Gorda, BVI : 2007-2010

VGyli is dedicated to sustainable tourism. Youth became environmental stewards with ocean field trips, learned to swim and snorkel to develop an appreciation for the island's delicate coral reef systems. Youth at the Caribbean Media Exchange Conference on Sustainable Tourism in St. Lucia and San Juan, PR. The Bitter End Yacht Club hosted our 2008 Sustainability Summit.



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Holyoke: Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria Relief Project: 2016 - 2018

Holyoke is the #1/capita of Puerto Ricans in the U.S. After Hurricane Maria, Holyoke youth leaders organized a 3-month project to collect warm clothing for the new Puerto Ricans who arrived in their community.

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Nantucket: 2011

The Schmidt Family Foundation supported Nantucket youth leaders to the Institute's Sustainability Summit and convened gathering with business, government and community leaders. A Look at the Sustainable Future of Nantucket Island

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Philippines: 1987, 2003, 2017

El Nido is one of the most preserved ecosystems in Asia. El Nido Resorts gives tourists a life-changing experience of protecting sea turtles' march to the sea. The TouchStone Leaders photo is from this island system.



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