


VISIONS FOR THE FUTURE

A Story from the UAE



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A photograph showing several hands of different skin tones reaching out from the edges of the frame towards the center, resting on a lush green lawn. The hands are arranged in a circular pattern, creating a sense of unity and shared purpose. A central green box contains a quote by Mark Twain.

*Don't go around
saying the world owes
you a living. The
world owes you
nothing, it was here
first"..... Mark Twain*

My Green journey began when I was 8..

Planting my first tree on World Environment Day, which is also my birthday.



WITH MR SHA ZUKANG - UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS AT THE YOUTH BLAST IN RIO.



WHAT ARE THE MAIN THREATS ?



**CLIMATE
CHANGE**



**OVER
EXPLOITATION**

Threats.....

**Land
degradation
due to
desertification**

Pollution

**Threat to
marine life
due to rapid
construction**

**High
Carbon
Footprint**



I BELIEVE IN BEING THE CHANGE.....

**MANGROVE
CLEANUP**



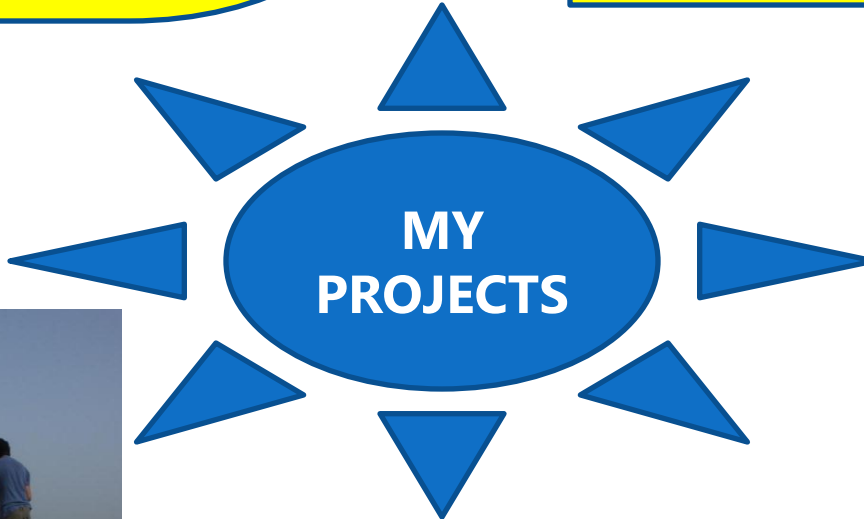
**TURTLE
CONSERVATION**



**BEACH
CLEANUP**



**MY
PROJECTS**



**TREE
PLANTING**



**AWARENESS
CAMPAIGNS**





**My vision for
the Future
A Dream City**

*Built on the
Five pillars
of
sustenance:*

1. Air

2. Water

3. Energy

4. Food

5. Waste



AIR

*“No issue
is more
compelling
than the
air we
breathe,
be it hot
or cold,
be it
hawk or
human”*

**My
dream
city
has
clean,
pure
air**



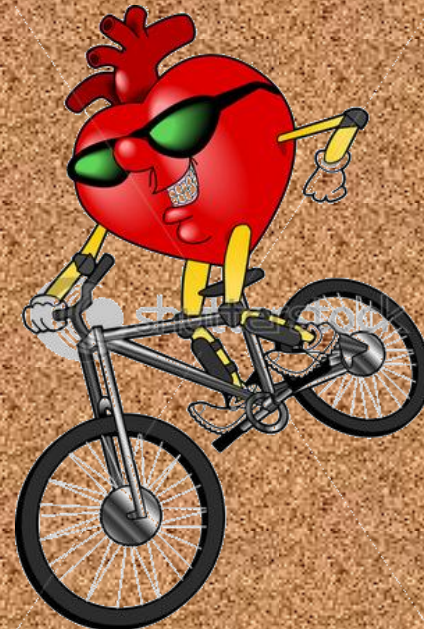
**We plant
trees
everyday**



**No aerosol
cans allowed**



**Only electric
cars allowed**



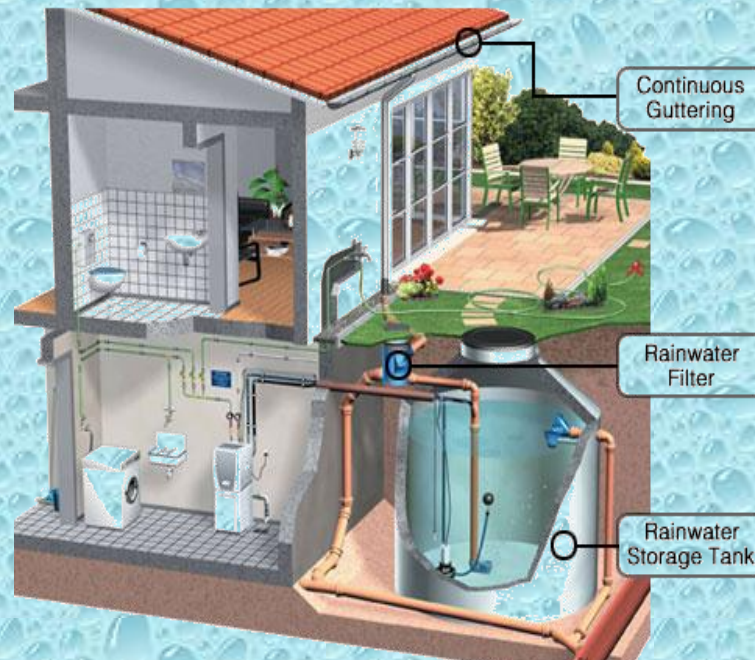
**We
walk or
Cycle to
work &
stay
healthy**

Conserve Water



"Many of the wars of this century were about oil, but those of the next century will be over water."

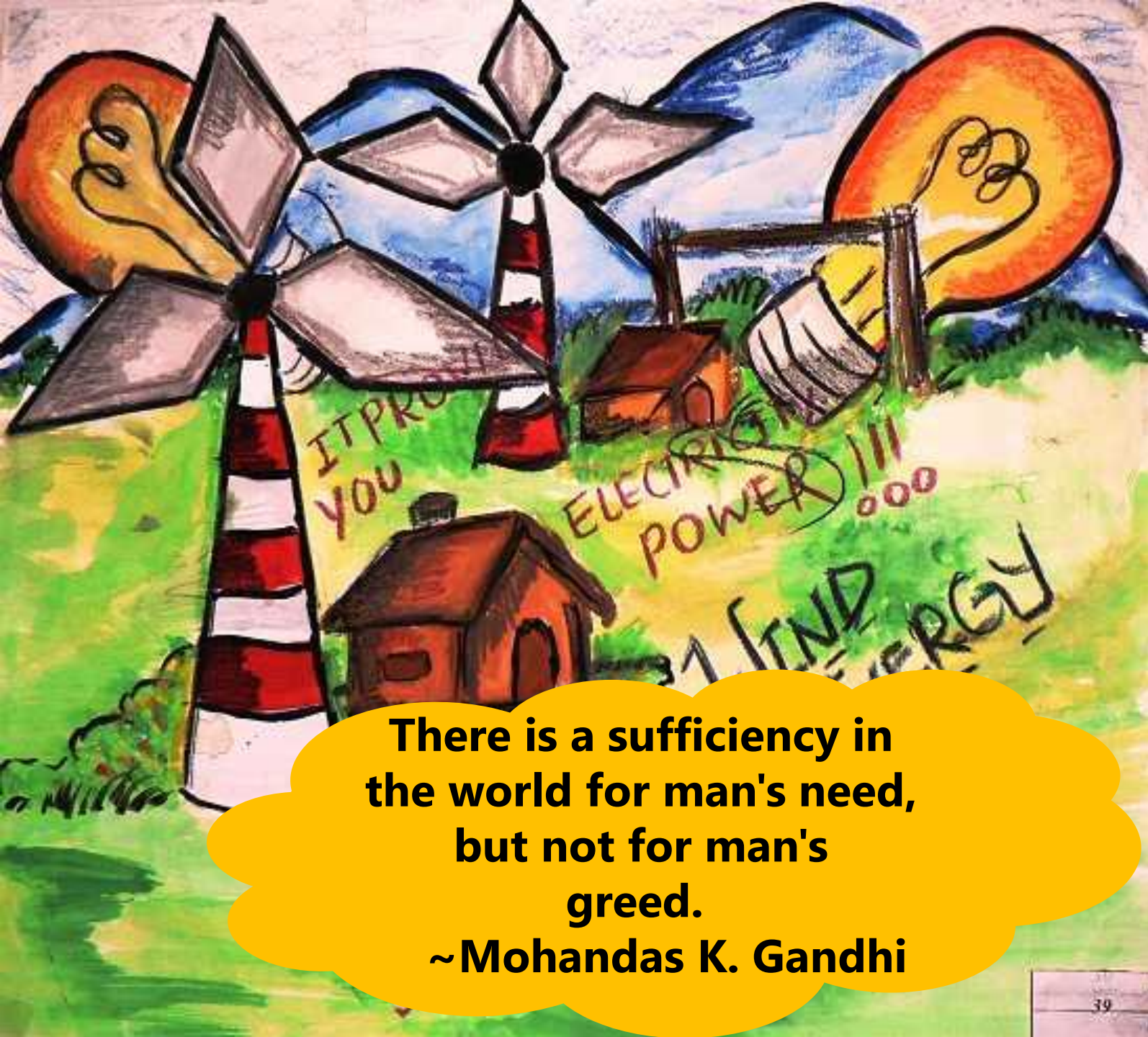
My dream city uses water with care



All homes harvest rainwater



E N E R G Y

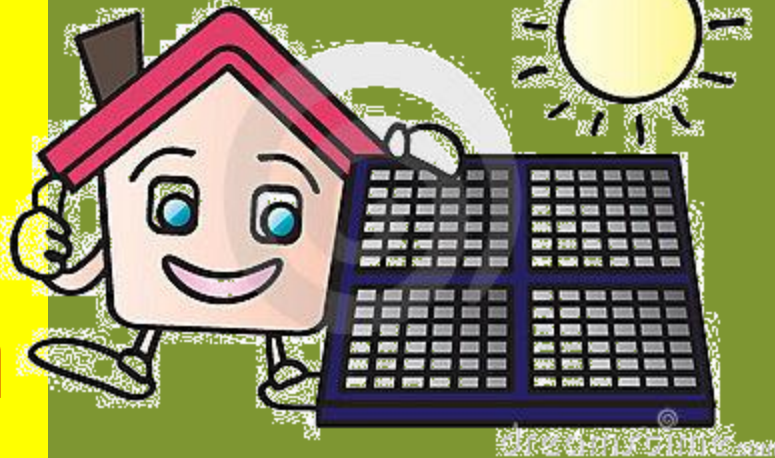


**There is a sufficiency in
the world for man's need,
but not for man's
greed.**

~Mohandas K. Gandhi

My dream city *conserves* energy

**All homes
use solar
panels**



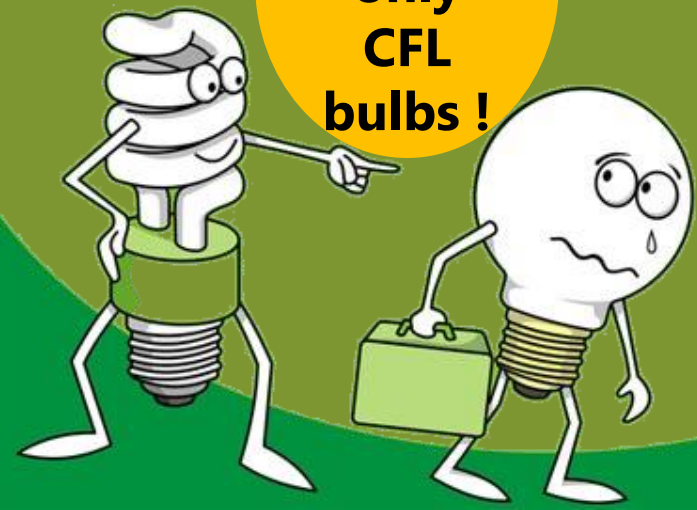
**We turn off
lights, when not
in use**



**My city
harnesses
wind
energy**



**We
use
only
CFL
bulbs !**



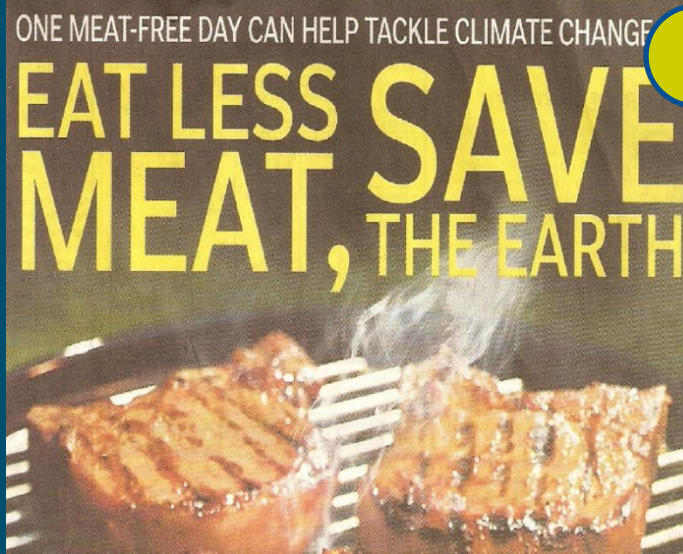


***"Thank God men cannot as yet fly and lay waste the sky as well as the earth".
Henry David Thoreau***

**My
dream
city
grows
what it
needs
& does
not
waste**



1. In my city, we eat only locally grown organic food.
2. We eat seasonal food and avoid imports.
3. We practice 'meat free day' once a week.
4. We avoid intensely farmed meat.
5. We do not use artificial colours or flavours in our food.
6. We only use natural dietary supplements, rather than chemical imitations.





ELIMINATE WASTE
RECYCLE,
REDUCE,
REUSE.

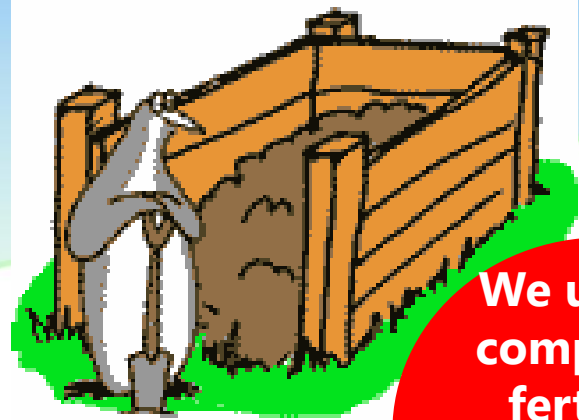
5 R's of conservation in my dream city

**“Waste”
is
taboo
in my
dream
city**





We
segregate
our waste
for
recycling



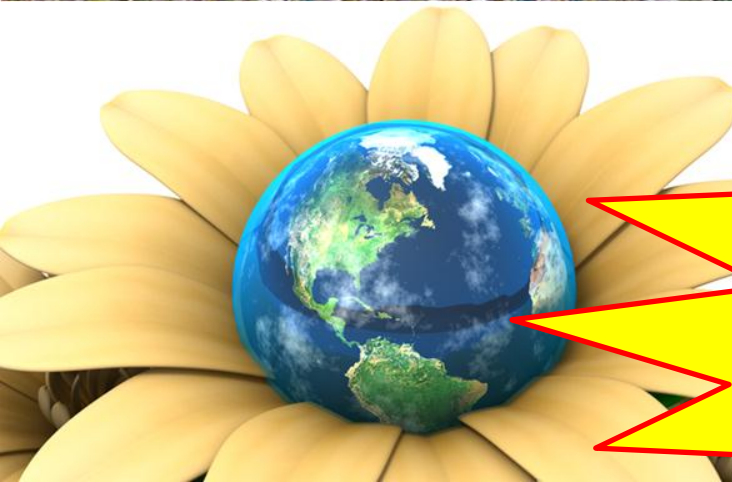
We use the
compost as
fertiliser
for
growing
our crops

Zero Waste Policy



My city
is
'Plastic
free'

DO THESE PICTURES BOTHER YOU?



**THE TIME TO
ACT IS
NOW!!**

**We have a
responsibility
towards our
future
generations.
Preserve our
planet !**



**Dad , have
you ever
seen a tree?**

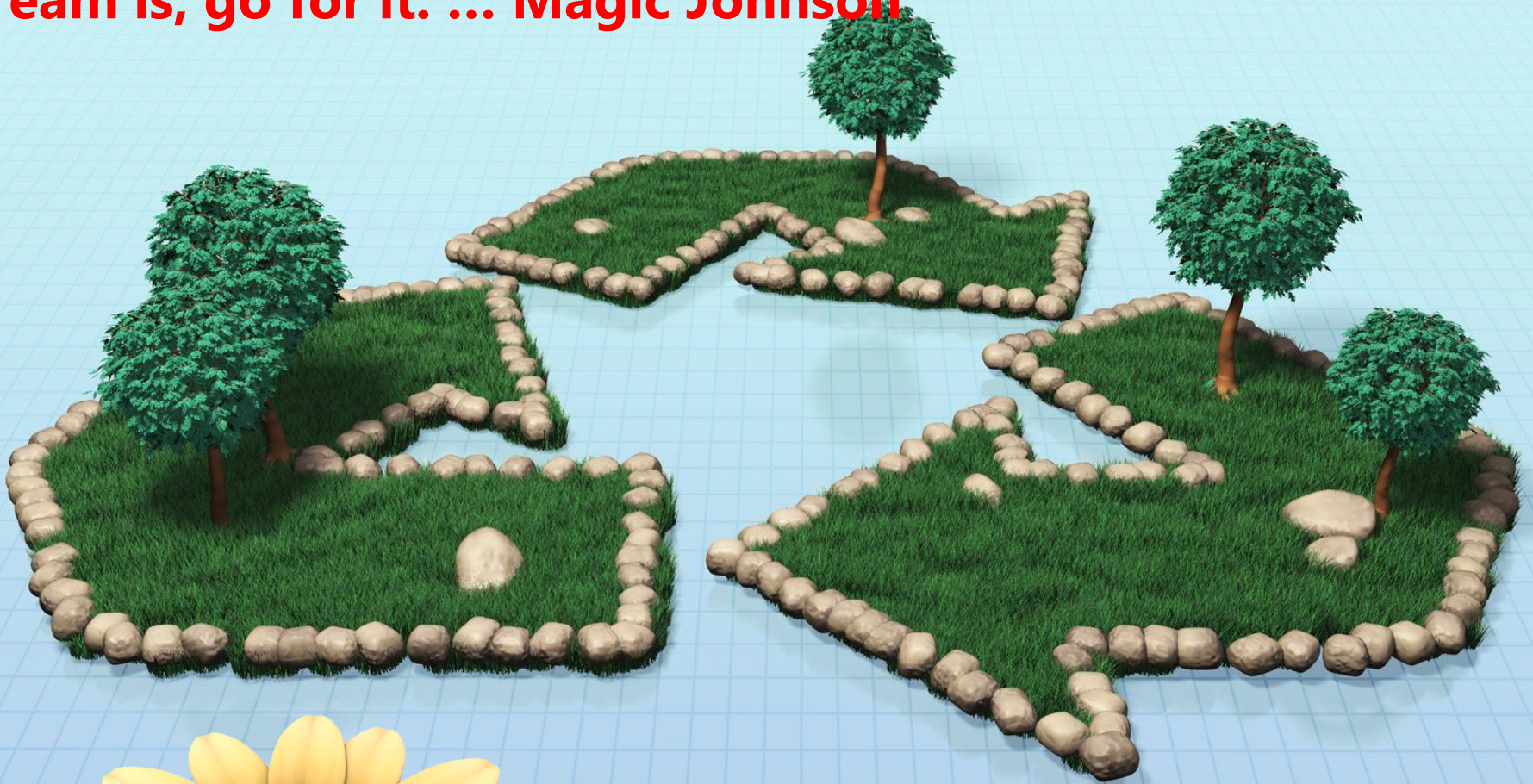
**Year
2050**



GOOD
PLANETS ARE
HARD TO
FIND
DON'T BLOW
IT!



You're the only who can make the difference. Whatever your dream is, go for it. ... Magic Johnson



Thank You