Assignment #1


2. Write down:
   a. Your total personal ecological footprint
   b. Your carbon (home energy use and transportation) footprint
   c. Your food footprint
   d. Your housing footprint
   e. Your goods and services footprint

3. Answer the following three questions:
   • What is the single biggest personal change you could make to lower your ecological footprint?
   • What is the single biggest structural impediment (something not within your direct control) that would prevent you from lowering your ecological footprint?
   • What areas of your footprint reside in a grey area between personal and structural and what could be done to reduce your footprint in those areas.

4. Retake the Quiz
   • How much would your footprint change if you made some or all of the above changes?

In answering these questions we suggest that you refer to the definition of sustainable development established by the Bruntland Commission in 1989.

“...development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of the future to meet its own needs... Perceived needs are socially and culturally determined, and sustainable development requires the promotion of values that encourage consumption standards that are within the bounds of the ecological possible and to which all can reasonably aspire...

This is not a competition to see who has the smallest (or largest!) footprint. Please be thoughtful and as accurate as possible in your answers.

Due July 2nd at the beginning of class.
No late papers or electronic versions without prior notice.