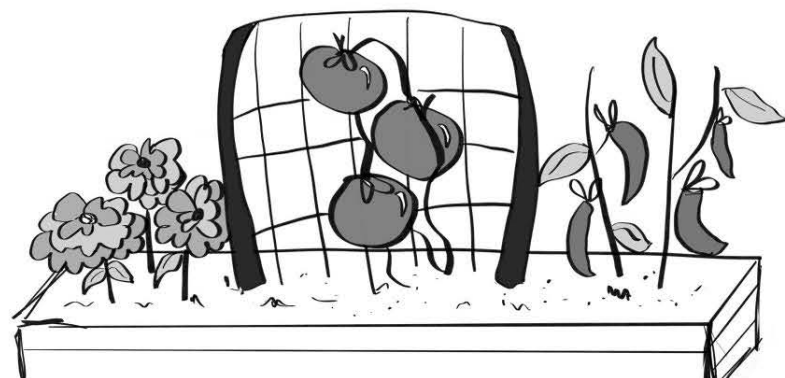


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# NEWS NOT BOMBS

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## WHO WE ARE

*News Not Bombs* is edited and produced by members of Canton Food Not Bombs. Canton FNB is a Pan-Left group that believes food is a right, not a privilege. We are a horizontally operated working-class collective that believes: direct action gets the goods, solidarity over charity, we keep us safe, and a meal tastes best when shared with your community.

We do not require proof of work, status, sobriety, or religious affiliation to eat with us; only that you are hungry. You will find the following at our serves:

- Vegetarian meals
- Cold or hot beverages
- Toiletries
- Basic OTC medications
- Harm reduction supplies
- Community

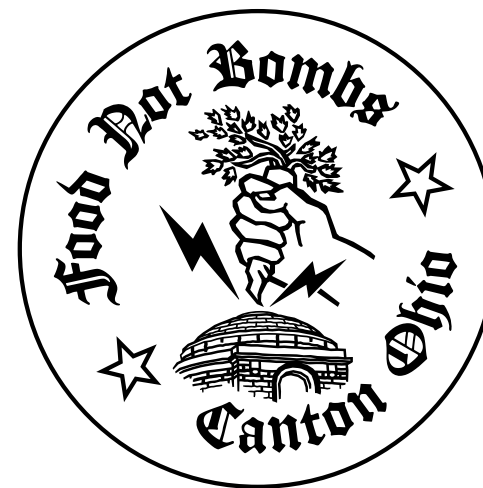


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## AT THE BICENTENNIAL FOR A SMALL TOWN

by Blaze

I found myself looking through the fireworks  
at the smoke they left behind.  
After the prideful colors faded  
and the sententious bang echoed away  
the wisps haunted the fairgrounds  
like the ghost of what never was.  
And I wondered why I took so long to smell it.



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Green space on the corner of Walnut and 6th St NE

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Emma Lockridge, former Boynton community member and environmental justice organizer with Michigan United a nonprofit policy reform organization based in Detroit, explained, "If a white community gets upset about something, people will respond. As a Black community, we have never been able to get an attorney to represent anything we try to do in terms of getting after Marathon. They do not care (Detroit News, 2014)."

Yet, after eight years of having to live directly under the plume of increasingly aggressive tar sands refining, of having to highlight the ways in which environmental racism mediated decision making around whose homes met the conditions for buyouts – after eight years of worsening health impacts and subsequently rapidly decreasing home values, Marathon finally agreed to also offer purchase agreements to Boynton residents in 2020. ***Importantly, Marathon never would have caved on house buyouts for either community, without being forced to as a result of the tireless efforts of Black Boynton residents.*** Moreover, Boynton residents not only built broad inter-community support to push for more home buyouts, but between 2013-2016 they also worked in solidarity along Marathon's supply chain with the Anishinaabe Chippewa indigenous community in Minnesota against the Sandpiper Pipeline (the precursor to the Dakota Access Pipeline). The Sandpiper would have brought even more Alberta tar sands oil to the Detroit plant and Boynton community to be refined. After significant pushback leading to increased regulatory oversight, the project was cancelled in 2016. ***These stories are important to highlight not only because they remind us that we can win against big polluting industries, but also that when we work in solidarity across different struggles found along the supply chain, we can make more visible how and where to strike next.***

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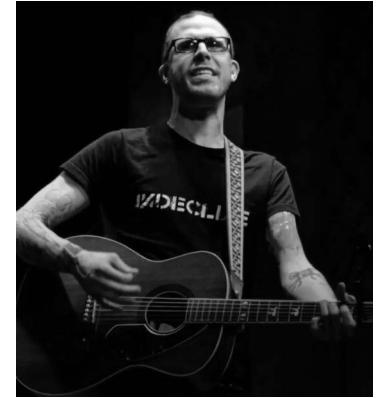
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## FOREVER ORANGE HAZE

by Johnny Neiman

Cardboard castles  
Bezos boxes  
Starving workers  
Record profits  
White-robed judges  
Burning crosses  
Choked to death  
By legal doctrine  
Swastikas  
Their Thin Blue Line  
Brown Shirts, Red Hats  
Set their sights  
Jackboots armed  
And all aligned  
Global terror  
Crystal Night  
Burning sky, burning sky  
Forever orange haze  
The well will never not be poison  
Ever again  
Burning sky, burning sky  
To mark our final days  
All we have is each other  
We can never let that fade  
Shoot me up with glyphosate  
Microplastics rot my brain  
Credit card on your dinner plate  
Cancer surging through our veins  
Coast to coast  
Under fire, water



The poor crushed  
Into cannon powder  
Thoughts and prayers  
Stained blood and oil  
Slaughtered children  
Fertilize the soil  
Burning sky, burning sky  
Forever orange haze  
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# GUERRILLA GARDENING

by Almanac

Guerrilla gardening is the act of reclaiming urban spaces and transforming them into vibrant green sanctuaries. It's about challenging the status quo, defying concrete jungles, and planting seeds of change in neglected corners of our world. Ideally, an eco-conscious Guerilla Gardener only considers natives to their environment, of which we will be examining three this issue: Queen Anne's Lace, Elderberry, and Paw Paw. These resilient flora not only beautify our surroundings but also serve as vital resources for wildlife and communities alike, embodying the essence of a thriving, interconnected ecosystem. Let's explore how these plants can lead the charge in greening our cities and fostering a sense of community through nature!



**Queen Anne's Lace (*Daucus carota*)**, commonly known as wild carrot, is a biennial plant that thrives in Ohio's diverse habitats. This plant is not only visually striking with its delicate white flowers, but it also attracts a variety of pollinators, making it a beneficial addition to guerrilla gardening efforts. Its deep taproot allows it to access moisture from deeper soil layers, which can be advantageous in less fertile areas. Additionally, Queen Anne's Lace is known to self-seed, ensuring that it can spread and flourish in its chosen environment.

the Detroit plant experience substantially higher rates of health impacts. Critically though, Detroit has long maintained a formidable environmental justice movement including a decades old fight-back campaign against the Marathon refinery, which sits snug between two communities, Boynton and Oakwood Heights. Both share similar rates of poverty and as residents of the 48217 zip code (the most polluted zip code in Michigan and one of the worst in the country) they both share proximity to toxic releases from Marathon's refinery. However, when it comes to race, they are quite different: Oakwood Heights is racially diverse, but Boynton is almost entirely Black. In 2012, when Marathon expanded the facility's capacity to refine even more tar sands crude oil, the company responded to community pushback by offering house purchase agreements to Oakwood Heights residents, without extending the same offer to Boynton residents.

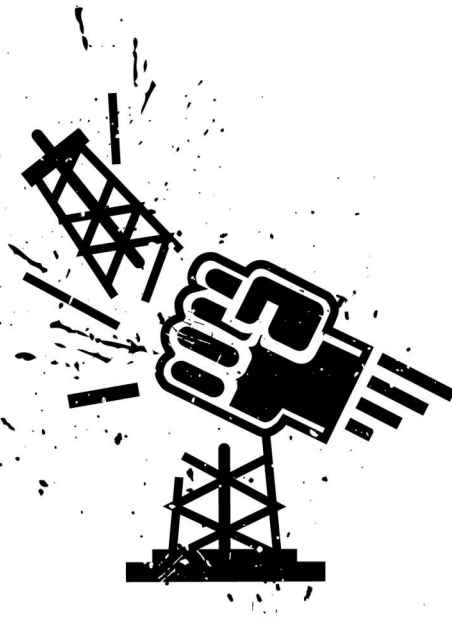
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# ON BUILDING SOLIDARITIES ALONG THE SUPPLY CHAIN:

**TO LIVE, BREATHE AND FIGHT  
NEAR A REFINERY OWNED  
BY MARATHON PETROLEUM  
CORPORATION**

by Kat Finneran,  
*Buckeye Environmental Network*



Canton, Ohio is just one of thirteen total communities that is beholden to an oil refinery owned by Marathon Petroleum Corp. (MPC). The Canton refinery mostly processes horizontally fracked Utica shale from Southeast Ohio, though it also processes heavier crude oil from the Canadian Alberta Tar Sands region. While light oils from the Utica Shale are by no means ‘clean’, sour crudes from the tar sands region are one of the most hazardous crude oils a refinery can process. Short term impacts of tar sands refining are central nervous system problems as well as irritations affecting the eyes, skin, and upper respiratory system. Long term problems are increased risks of cancer (including childhood leukemia), increased respiratory issues (including asthma, COPD etc.), cardiovascular illness, developmental delays, and other negative health effects (NRDC, 2014).

With a refining capacity of 100,000 bpcd (barrels per calendar day), Canton actually possesses one of Marathon’s smallest plants (for scale, its largest plant is in Galveston Bay, Texas at 631,000 bpcd). The Canton refinery’s closest neighbor is the refinery located in Detroit, Michigan, it has a 140,000 bpcd capacity but refines tar sands oil almost exclusively (with some Utica shale). The focus on tar sands oil means that communities near

## **Elderberry (*Sambucus canadensis*)**

is another excellent choice for guerrilla gardening in Ohio. This native shrub produces clusters of small white flowers in the spring, which later develop into dark purple berries. Elderberries are not only a food source for birds and other wildlife, but they are also valued for their medicinal properties, making them a multipurpose plant for guerrilla gardeners. Furthermore, elderberry plants are adaptable to various soil types and can thrive in both wet and dry conditions, making them resilient choices for urban and rural planting.



**Paw Paw (*Asimina triloba*)** is Ohio’s only native tropical fruit, known for its unique custard-like texture and sweet flavor. This understory tree can grow in shaded areas, making it an ideal candidate for guerrilla gardening in wooded or partially shaded locations. Paw Paw trees not only provide delicious fruit but also support local wildlife, including pollinators and mammals that enjoy their fruit. Their presence can contribute to biodiversity in urban settings, helping to create a more balanced ecosystem. By incorporating these plants into guerrilla gardening projects, individuals can enhance local green spaces while promoting native flora and fauna.



# TRUMP'S PLAN FOR OUR ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

## (MAKE IT WORSE)

by Scrub Jay

As the fascist, short-sighted current President of the United States launches an all-out assault on our marginalized communities, it can be difficult to keep track of every negative thing this administration has done. And that's by design. It's what former Trump advisor Steve Bannon has described as the 'Flood the Zone' theory which is to, in his words, "overwhelm the opposition" in "scale, depth, and urgency". The sheer number and magnitude of Trump's executive orders and policy announcements are meant to not only overwhelm Democratic leaders but also to overwhelm the media and, consequently, you. Unfortunately, this plan to overwhelm his opposition includes a monumental number of environmental related policies. And if I were to try and outline every anti-environmental action this administration has taken in detail, I would run out of space very quickly. So for this issue, let's review some of the major actions taken within Trump's first three months, and ultimately try to understand the bigger picture.

On day one, Trump signed an executive order titled "Putting America First in International Environmental Agreements" which announced the United States would be withdrawing from The Paris Agreement, a 2015 international treaty attempting to cut down fossil fuel emissions to mitigate climate change. On January 24th, Trump announced a "national energy emergency" and proposed his solution to ramp up domestic fossil fuel production. The only issue is that there is no energy crisis in the sense that we don't have enough fossil fuels to use. In fact, the US is currently the world's leading producer of oil and gas, and we export about 1.6 million barrels per day more than we import. On top of that, the conservative Supreme Court has rolled back the EPA's ability to limit how much sewage corporations are allowed to dump in our waterways. Trump and his EPA pick, Lee Zeldin, have removed protections from half of our country's wetlands,

disabled the EPA's ability to enforce their Mercury and Air Toxics Standards on coal plants, and are trying to cut the EPA's budget by 65%. All while Elon Musk attempts to fire over 1000 national park employees, only for a federal judge to say he can't do that, and now is attempting to cut their budget by 30%. Even though national parks generate over \$55 billion for the US economy with a mere \$3.475 billion in taxpayer funding (and of course all the other benefits that national parks give us, but capitalists seem to only care about money). Trump has also signed executive orders titled "Unleashing American Energy", "Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production", and "Protecting American Energy From State Overreach", all of which have a similar goal: increase production of environmentally damaging practices and completely deregulate them.

And that's our bigger picture. This administration has one main goal when it comes to the environment, and that is to allow corporations to use any and all resources they have available to make as much money as they possibly can. And, importantly, to demonize the scientists and citizens who understand how catastrophic this will be and demand it be stopped. On April 3, a secretarial memo by US secretary of agriculture Brooke Rollins opened up 58% of our national forests to logging by rolling back regulations. This was done under the guise of protecting forests from forest fires. This is nonsense, and the refusal to acknowledge that climate change is one of the major reasons these forest fires are worsening is by design. Trump's goal is to allow oil companies, logging companies, coal companies, etcetera to destroy our planet for short-term profit. What his supporters (who aren't billionaires) don't seem to understand is that they themselves will not see any of that money! The profits are privatized and the losses (clean air, clean water, ecosystem health, our future) are socialized.



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