



# Sustainability, Environmental and Natural Resources

The sustainability, environmental and natural resources industry is chiefly concerned with solving the world's leading environmental, economic and social challenges. Individuals interested in sustainability, environmental and natural resources work towards researching new ways to reduce our carbon footprint, develop and test solutions to climate change, food insecurity and water shortages, and learn new ways to predict the future of species and plant adaptability.

## Tips for success

- **Develop an elevator pitch:** Know how to articulate why you are interested in and passionate about this industry.
- **Become involved in the community:** Join groups in your community that support your endeavors and volunteer with environmental projects in your area.

## Professional Associations

There are several local and national professional associations connected to this career field. Joining a professional association will help you network with professionals already in your field of interest, as well as expose you to new opportunities you may not have considered.

- **Arizona Forward**
- **Environmental Defense Fund**
- **Greenpeace**
- **International Society of Sustainability Professionals**
- **National Association of Environmental Professionals**
- **National Association of Environmental Management**
- **Sustainable Food Trade Association**
- **Sustainability Management Association**

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## Possible areas of employment

Agribusiness  
Architecture/Urban Planning  
Education  
Environmental Conservation  
Environmental Engineer  
Environmental Public Policy  
Food Science  
Forestry  
Waste and Recycling

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## Top desired skills

Environmental science  
Data analysis  
Problem solving  
Creativity  
Adaptability  
Negotiation

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