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Awareness of environmental challenges is increasing at the local, regional and national levels, as our society faces such issues as compromised water quality, air pollution, toxic waste, the challenges of sustainable growth, and the negative consequences of global climate change. These problems are directly associated with the health and well-being of individuals and the quality of life within communities. In the midst of media attention and public anxiety about the environment, Americans of all ages are asking themselves: What can I do? Are there meaningful actions I can take that will remedy environmental threats both close to home and globally? Clearly, citizen involvement on a large scale is needed to address pressing issues of environmental conservation and sustainability.

In this article, we argue that the older population can constitute a special resource for environmental action in the form of volunteerism and civic engagement. Unique opportunities are provided by the intersection of three major social trends: the enormous growth in the older population; the need for opportunities for meaningful involvement on the part

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Harry R. Moody

Why is the environment an aging issue? In brief, because today's elders must come to feel and obligation to future generations. Those who are old have enjoyed the benefits of a flourishing economy based on fossil fuels; we are now called to join with other generations to safeguard the world for our successors. Bill Thomas (2004) has written eloquently about "how elders will save the world." In the years ahead, we will need to call upon all generations, young and old, to save the planet on which we and those who come after us must live.

Over the past forty years the topic of justice between generations has appeared in two quite different domains: the generational equity debate (Williamson et al., 1999) and environmental ethics. The first domain revolves around the question, Can we afford an aging society? The second domain revolves around the question, Can we safeguard the planet for those who come after us?

We cannot know the shape of history in the next forty years, but one prediction is safe: namely, population aging will take place rapidly, both in advanced industrialized countries as well as in the developing world. It is now estimated that there are 630 million people in the world age 60 and over. By

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