

Habitat Media Presents the East Coast Premiere of

# SINGLE-USE PLANET



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*"Single-Use Planet" goes upstream to SWPA where millions of tons of raw plastic are being made in Beaver County despite a global plastic waste problem. Can this powerful industry be persuaded to temper their production of single-use plastic? Our search for answers leads to Pa., Washington, D.C. and finally the world.*



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## WATCH PARTY TOOLKIT: "Single-Use Planet" Documentary Screening

### OVERVIEW

*"Single-Use Planet"* is a powerful new documentary that was filmed in SWPA exposing the growing crisis of single-use plastic waste.

- **Let's get as many eyeballs as possible on this important film featuring our local heroes! Gather your family and friends together, pop some popcorn and pull up a chair! The film runs about 56 minutes and [is available here.](#)**

### Ways to Watch

- **TV** - If you have the **PBS APP** on your TV, to the PBS app abd type "Single-Use Planet" in the search box and there it is. The documentary is available anytime until 2028 on PBS World!

- Livestream “Single-Use Planet” on **computer or smartphone** [on-demand](#) (but we recommend a BIG SCREEN!)
- The documentary is NOT airing on WQED’s PBS channel.

### **About The Film**

The film takes a deep dive into the story behind the Shell Plastics Plant in Beaver County, where millions of tons of raw plastic are being produced — despite a global plastic pollution crisis. Is it possible to curb the production of single-use plastic? The film seeks answers from local citizens, industry representatives and policymakers in Pennsylvania, then follows the trail to Louisiana, Washington D.C., and beyond, revealing the global stakes of this crisis.

The documentary highlights the fight for environmental justice in Beaver County and Southwestern Pennsylvania, featuring voices of advocates from our region, including BCMAC board member Bob Schmetzer and Aliquippa resident Terrie Baumgartner. The film also features Dr. Ned Ketyer of Physicians for Social Responsibility, Pennsylvania, CMU green chemistry pioneer Terry Collins, and Frackland Tour creator Lois Bower-Bjornson, all of whom are working to expose the petrochemical industry’s devastating impact on our health and environment.

**You can host a watch party with family and friends. This movie is suitable for middle and high school-aged youth.**

### **Discussion Tools:**

- [Discussion Guide and Lesson Plan for Watch Parties](#)
- [“Single-Use Planet” website](#)
- Let us know you are watching! Contact [dsmit@breatheproject.org](mailto:dsmit@breatheproject.org) and share with us on your watch party or share on social media!

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### **Messaging**

- Plastic pollution starts here. Single-Use Planet takes a deep dive into the Shell Plastics Plant in Beaver County, exposing the global stakes of single-use plastic production. Don’t miss the local premier! RSVP for the in-person showing: <https://www.mobilize.us/fwa/event/763878/>
- The fight for environmental justice in Beaver County is front and center in Single-Use Planet. Featuring voices from BCMAC, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and more, this film is a must-watch. Join us for the local premier!
- Millions of tons of plastic are being produced in Beaver County—despite a global plastic pollution crisis. Single-Use Planet follows the fight to curb single-use plastic, from PA to DC to the world. Don’t miss the local premier in Ambridge! RSVP:
- Can we stop the petrochemical industry from fueling the plastic crisis? Single-Use Planet searches for answers from local activists, policymakers, and industry reps. Join us for a special screening in Beaver County:

- What's the true cost of plastic? Single-Use Planet exposes how Shell's plastic plant in Beaver County is driving a global crisis. Featuring local voices fighting back. Don't miss the local premier of this powerful documentary:

## Join the Fight! Take Action to Stop the Spread of Single-Use Plastics

Read the "[Climate Crisis & Corrupt Politics](#)," by Larry J. Schweiger

- [Join the new BCMAC Eyes on Pollution Facebook page](#)  
Join their Eyes on Pollution Facebook page. Learn more about BCMAC's new Pollution Reporting Facebook page! Join today!
- Stay informed through BCMAC's Twitter and Instagram.

### Elected leaders

- Tell the state legislature to pass a [statewide ban of single-use plastic bags](#)
- [Tell Congress to Stand Up](#) to encroachments on its authority as the first branch of government by writing Senators and your Member of the House of Reps.
- Stay in touch with federal leaders and insist they stand up and defend our courts and judges against illegal actions from an out-of-control executive.
- [Stop Trump's Plans to Tear Down EPA. We Will Protect the Air We Breathe and the Water We Drink](#)  
Inform your representatives that Congress is responsible for providing funds and staff for the EPA to implement and enforce the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and other environmental laws.