

Responsible Investigator: Katherine Cushing, Assoc. Professor
Title of Protocol: SJSU Ecological Footprint Survey

You have been asked to participate in a research survey investigating personal lifestyle choices and consequent environmental impacts. You will be asked to provide basic identifying information and answer questions in an online survey (i.e., a "quiz") on your lifestyle. If you like, you are also invited to attend monthly workshops and receive e-mails that will assist in reducing your impact on the environment. There are no significant risks to you for participating in this project greater than what you would encounter in daily life. There are no direct benefits to you for participating in the project, but you may gain indirect benefits from learning about how behavioral changes can reduce environmental resource use. Although the results of this study will be published, no information that could identify you will be included without your prior written consent. If you complete the quiz during the month of October 2009, your name will be entered into a random drawing to win a solar charger or a gift certificate to the Spartan Bookstore worth \$100. If you enter footprint data again in March 2010 and you are the student, faculty, or staff member with either the smallest absolute footprint or the most reduced footprint, you will be offered compensation in the form of a prize worth \$300 (i.e., folding travel bike, netbook, or e-book reader).

Questions about the research may be addressed to Prof. Katherine Cushing (katherine.cushing@sjsu.edu). Complaints about the research may be presented to Lynne Trulio, Chair of the Environmental Studies Department. Questions about a research subjects' rights or research-related injury may be presented to Pamela Stacks, Ph.D. Associate Vice President of Graduate Studies and Research at 408-924-2427. No service of any kind, to which you are otherwise entitled will be lost or jeopardized if you choose not to participate in the study. Your consent is being given voluntarily. You may refuse to participate in the entire study or any part of the study. You have the right to not answer questions you do not want to answer. If you decide to participate in the study, you are free to withdraw at any time without any negative effect on your relations with San Jose State University. Your check in the consent box indicates that you have been informed of your rights and also indicates your agreement to participate in this study.