Positive changes are happening for the environment. Here are the stories that are giving us hope for the future of the planet right now.

A group of Tulane University students are doing their part to recycle glass in New Orleans and help fight coastal erosion. The nonprofit group Plant the Peace is using glass they collect from the community and turning it into sand. The sand will be donated to organizations that help coastal disaster relief efforts.

As part of Hungary’s new climate strategy, the government will now plant 10 trees for every new baby born. This means that as many as 1 million trees could be planted each year, which would lead to a 27 percent increase in Hungary’s forested land over the next decade.

Earth Day turns 50 this year! You can join The Great Global Cleanup to celebrate this special anniversary along with millions of volunteers worldwide and be part of the largest environmental event in history. Cleanups will take place from late March to early May 2020. You can find a local clean-up or register your own clean-up event.

Massachusetts seventh grader and winner of the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, Anna Du, has developed a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) that moves through water and detects microplastics on the ocean floor. Removing these tiny bits of plastics saves the lives of sea animals and makes the food chain safer for humans.

As the U.S. organic textile market continues to see massive growth, the need for trustworthy certification is essential. Learn more about these requirements, specifically the GOTS certification, and make sure the items in your home are free from allergenic, carcinogenic, or toxic chemicals used in conventional cotton textile production at the Organic Trade Association’s Fiber Council.

France will ban designer clothes and luxury goods companies from landfilling unsold goods. The groundbreaking law also covers electrical items, hygiene products, and cosmetics, which must now be reused, redistributed, or recycled.