

City and Nature Daily Interactions Video | Andrea Antonetti



Image: A screenshot from the video showing a beach.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2Hf0WdjyKA>

Artist Statement

The video that I created for this project reflects on how most people that live in big cities are most of the times surrounded by streets, cars, construction, and pollution. Daily habits are confined inside a house, car, and work. My goal is to show the transition from busy roads, out of the city into nature. As people interact with natural environments and have a good time, the story of the video starts to transition to places with small roads for pedestrians and bicycles.

I personally think that we as human have a close connection with nature, that is embedded in our DNA, and the only way to appreciate more of what we do and our impact to Earth is by interacting with her one on one. My proposal to reduce the climate crisis is to interact more with nature and bring it into the city. To co-exist with her, not push her aside.

What I learned from Nancy Grimm's lecture is that the key to become resilient to

extreme events, like the ones we have been experiencing recently, is to learn from what has lived on Earth for thousands of years. I want to inspire people to go out of the city life and appreciate what Earth has to give us and stop taking it for granted. I know it isn't easy to radically change and it does take time to have an entire community be aware of all of this. But with so much advanced technology I believe it's possible to eradicate what is causing so much damage to our only home.

The most important aspect that I wanted to tackle was the interaction we have with nature. I decided not to expand too much on how we travel to distant places but in ways, we can travel with pleasure, and time to take it all in with a minimal footprint. When we are inside a box, like our cars, we aren't aware of little but beautiful beings that form part of our ecosystem and are vital to sustaining it. Like, birds, bees, butterflies, and every single being on this planet. We all have a function on this planet called Earth. That is why we need a balance more than ever.