ECOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT INC

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 11-K

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004

OR

[] TRANSITION REPORT REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from ______ to _____.

Commission File Number 1-9065

Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan
-----(Full title of the Plan)

Ecology and Environment, Inc.

(Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the Plan)

REQUIRED INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Not applicable.

ITEM 2. Not applicable.

ITEM 3. Not applicable

ITEM 4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE PLAN

The Financial Statements of the Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) plan the "Plan") for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, together with the reports of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. and PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firms, are included in this Annual Report on Form 11-K, and are by specific reference incorporated herein and filed as a part hereof. The Financial Statements and the Notes thereto are presented in lieu of the financial statements required by Items 1, 2 and 3 of Form 11-K. The Plan is subject to the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

EXHIBIT

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
23.1	Consent of Schneider Downs & Co. Inc., Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
23.2	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan
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December 31, 2004 and 2003

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Report of Schneider Downs & Co., Inc.
Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants and Administrator of the Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan Lancaster, New York

We have audited the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits of Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004 and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the

financial statements are free of material misstatement. The Plan is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audit included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2004, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2004 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for reporting and disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental schedule is the responsibility of the Plan's management. The supplemental schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

/s/Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania January 19, 2006

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Participants and Administrator of the Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits presents fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") at December 31, 2003, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP

Buffalo, New York December 17, 2004

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Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits

December 31,

	2004	2003
Assets		
Investments, at fair value (see Note 5)	\$19,305,598	\$16,520,302
Participant contributions receivable	74,174	79,399
Total assets	\$19,379,772	\$16,599,701
Liabilities		
Other liabilities	73	
Total liabilities	73	
Net assets available for benefits	\$19,379,699 ======	

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Ecology and Environment, Inc.

401(k) Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits

Years Ended December 31,

	 2004	 2003
Additions:		
Additions to net assets:		
Interest	\$ 15 , 574	\$ 10,881
Dividends	344,389	240,135
Net appreciation in fair value of		

investments (see Note 5)	1,512,177	2,759,393
	1,872,140	3,010,409
Contributions:		
Participant	2,104,083	1,974,479
Rollovers	197,473	177,518
	2,301,556	2,151,997
Total additions	4,173,696	5,162,406
Deduction from net assets:		
Benefits paid to participants	1,381,094	778,503
Administrative expenses	12,604	26,284
Total deductions	1,393,698	804,787
Net increase	2,779,998	4,357,619
Net assets available for benefits:		
Beginning of year	16,599,701 	12,242,082
End of year	\$19,379,699	\$16,599,701
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See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2004 and 2003

1. Description of Plan

The following description of the Ecology and Environment 401(k) Plan (the Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more comprehensive description of the Plan's provisions. On August 1, 2002, the Plan changed the Recordkeeper from Dreyfus Retirement Services (Dreyfus) to MFS Retirement Services, Inc. (MFS) and changed the Trustee from Dreyfus to Reliance Trust Company. In connection with these changes, a new plan agreement was adopted on August 1, 2002.

General

The Plan was established January 1, 1994 as a defined-contribution plan to cover all eligible employees of Ecology and Environment, Inc. (the Company). Beginning August 1, 2002 the hours of service requirement was eliminated and employees age twenty-one or older are immediately eligible to

participate in the plan during the month following their date of hire. Contributions to the Plan were not permitted prior to July 1, 1994. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

Contributions

Participants may elect to make voluntary contributions subject only to the limitations of the Internal Revenue Code. The elective deferral percentage may be modified the first day of any month. Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct their contributions in any combination of the seventeen investment options in at least 10 percent increments in each option selected.

The Company may make contributions in the form of matching contributions and/or an annual discretionary contribution fixed by appropriate action of the Company. There were no Company contributions for the 2004 and 2003 plan years.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of the Company's contribution (if any) and the Plan earnings, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan documents. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Company's matching and discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon is based on years of continuous service. A participant is 100% vested in the Company contributions after five years of credited service. There is no partial vesting.

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Participant loans

Participants may borrow from their account a minimum of \$1,000 with a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loan transfers are treated as a transfer to (from) the investment fund from (to) the Loan Fund. Loan terms range from one to five years or a reasonable period of time determined when the loan is made for the purchase of a primary residence. The loans are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through bi-weekly payroll deductions.

Payment of benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account, or monthly,

quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments over a period not to exceed the life of the participant or the life of a designated beneficiary.

Administration

The Plan is administered by the Company. The Company has selected MFS to be the Recordkeeper of the Plan and Reliance Trust Company as the Trustee.

Administrative expenses are paid by the participants and the Company. An asset-based fee is paid by the participants on an annual basis. This amount is deducted from participant accounts and placed in a holding account, which is merged with the MFS Fixed Fund. Any remaining administrative expenses in excess of the amounts which are set aside by the Plan are paid by the Company.

2. Summary of Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting:

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual method of accounting.

Investments and Related Transactions:

The Plan's investments are reflected at current market value as measured by quoted market prices in an active market or as determined in good faith by the Trustee. Shares of mutual funds are valued at the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year-end. Net appreciation/(depreciation) in fair value of investments includes both realized gains and losses and unrealized appreciation/(depreciation). Interest and dividend income is recognized as earned. Investment transactions are accounting for on the trade date. Participant loans are valued at cost, which approximates fair value.

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Payment of Benefits:

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Use of Estimates:

The preparation of the Plan's financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires the Plan Administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets and disclosures of contingent net assets at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications:

Certain 2003 amounts have been reclassified to conform to the 2004 presentation.

3. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination,

participants will become 100 percent vested in their accounts.

4. Tax Status

The Plan Administrator has not applied to the Internal Revenue Service for a determination letter for the Plan. The Plan was based upon a prototype plan designed by MFS Retirement Services, Inc. and received a favorable determination letter dated April 23, 2002. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. However, the Plan Administrator and the Plan's legal counsel believe that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

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5. Investments

The following presents investments that represent five percent or more of the Plan's net assets at December 31, 2004 and 2003:

	2004	2003
MFS Mid Cap Growth Fund, 394,004 and 399,082 shares, respectively Scudder Equity 500 Index Fund	\$ 3,522,397	\$ 3,116,833
25,423 and 0 shares, respectively MFS Value Fund, 142,707 and 133,750 shares,	3,449,887	
respectively MFS Fixed Fund - Institutional, 2,290,818	3,302,239	2,720,481
and 2,134,192 shares, respectively MFS Core Growth Fund, 102,642 and 118,379	2,290,818	2,134,192
shares, respectively MFS Research Bond Fund, 112,680 and 99,923	1,695,641	1,774,498
shares, respectively Fidelity Low Price Stock Fund, 25,348 and	1,178,629	1,050,196
14,990 shares, respectively Barclays S&P 500 Stock Fund, 0 and 24,199	1,020,238	524,345*
shares, respectively	*	3,260,527
Total of investments representing 5 percent or more of the Plan's net assets	16,459,849	14,581,072
Participant loan, 5.00% - 10.50%	269,308	253 , 604
Ecology and Environment, Inc. Common Stock, 29,205 and 25,130 shares, respectively	229,259	245,018
Other	2,347,182	1,440,608
Total investments	\$19,305,598 =======	\$16,520,302 =======

 \star Less than 5%, presented for comparative purposes.

The Plan's investments for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated (depreciated) in value as follows:

	2004	2003
Mutual funds	\$ 1,560,043	\$ 2,665,316
Ecology and Environment, Inc Common Stock	(47,866) 	94,077
	\$ 1,512,177	\$ 2,759,393

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6. Transactions with Parties-in-Interest

As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Plan held certain securities issued by the Company as follows:

	December Number of shares	Fair	December Number of shares	•
Ecology and Environment, Inc. Common Stock	29,205	\$ 229,259	25,130	\$ 245,018

Certain plan investments are shares of mutual funds and pooled separate accounts offered by MFS Retirement Services, Inc. (MFS). MFS is also recordkeeper of the plan and custodian of all investments other than Company stock. As of December 31, 2004 and 2003, the Plan held the following investments offered by MFS:

	December Number of shares	31, 2004 Fair value	December Number of shares	31, 2003 Fair value
Mid Cap Growth Fund Value Fund	394,004 142,707	\$3,522,397 3,302,239	399,082 133,750	\$3,116,833 2,720,481
Fixed Fund - Institutional	2,290,818	2,290,818	2,134,192	2,134,192
Core Growth Fund	102,642	1,695,641	118,379	1,774,498
Research Bond Fund	112,680	1,178,629	99 , 923	1,050,196
Total Return Fund	30,043	480,684	26,423	398 , 989
Aggressive Growth Allocation				
Fund	14,622	196,516	5,574	65 , 723

New Discovery Fund	9,868	161,828	9,301	142,776
Growth Allocation Fund	7,620	99 , 827	1,301	15,210
Moderate Allocation Fund	7,681	94,478	309	3,490
Money Market	57 , 645	57 , 645	79,399	79 , 399
Consecutive Allocation Fund	1,668	18,998	797	8,628

During the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003 the Plan's investments with MFS (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in value by \$1,053,061 and \$1,774,131, respectively.

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Schedule H - line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

(a)	Shares	(b) Identity of Issue Borrow, Lessor or Similar Partyement Services, Inc.	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
*	394,004	MFS	Mid Cap Growth Fund	* *	\$ 3,522,397
*	142,707	MFS	Value Fund	**	3,302,239
*	2,290,818	MFS	Fixed Fund - Institutional	**	2,290,818
*	102,642	MFS	Core Growth Fund	* *	1,695,641
*	112,680	MFS	Research Bond Fund	* *	1,178,629
*	30,043	MFS	Total Return Fund	**	480,684
*	14,622	MFS	Aggressive Growth Allocation Fund	d **	196,516
*	9,868	MFS	New Discovery Fund	**	161,828
*	7,620	MFS	Growth Allocation Fund	**	99 , 827
*	7,681	MFS	Moderate Allocation	**	94,478
*	57 645	MFS	Money Market	**	57 , 645
*	1,668	MFS	Conservative Allocation Fund	**	18,998
					13,099,700
		Other Investments:			
	25,423	Scudder	Equity 500 Index Fund	* *	3,449,887
	68,148	Templeton	Foreign Fund	**	838,218
	25,348		Low Price Stock Fund	**	1,020,238
*	29,205	Ecology and			
		Environment, Inc.	Common Stock	**	229,259
*		Participant Loans	(5.00% - 10.50%)	-0-	269,308
	287,741		Brokerage Access Account	**	287,741
	3,766	Domini	Social Equity Fund	**	111,247

\$19,305,598 =======

- * Indicates parties-in-interest to the Plan
- $\star\star$ Cost is not required to be presented for participant directed investments.

SIGNATURE

The Plan. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Plan Administrator has duly caused this annual report to be signed by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan

(Name of Plan)

By: Ecology and Environment, Inc. 401(k) Plan Committee
Plan Administrator

By: /s/RONALD L. FRANK

RONALD L. FRANK COMMITTEE MEMBER

DATE: March 10, 2006