

Summer 2011 Update

SustainableUW



WHAT'S NEW?

Campus Sustainability Fund - Round 2!

The Campus Sustainability Fund is pleased to announce that we have been funded for a second year, awarded \$300,000 by the Services & Activities Fee Committee. Our first year was a successful one, with 16 projects funded ranging from the one acre expansion of the UW Farm to the placement of five barn owl boxes at strategic points on campus, to the initiation of the Zimride ridesharing service. These projects span issue areas of living systems and biodiversity, food and water use, transportation, and waste, and created 28 paid student positions on campus, providing students with a wealth of real-life job skills and experience. For a full list of projects funded, check out the Campus Sustainability Fund website at csf.washington.edu.

Green Office Certification Pilot

A Green Office Certification program will be piloted by a team of student interns this summer working with the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability office. The goal of the program is to certify green offices, provide information for greening the work space, and encourage campus sustainability through friendly competitions amongst departments and units. The program was developed by a student and a committee of staff members from various administrative departments with expertise in campus sustainability.

UW Sustainability Metrics

A Sustainability Dashboard is coming soon to the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability office website. You will be able to find out how the UW is doing on reducing paper, water and energy consumption, diverting waste from landfills and maintaining leadership with environmental stewardship. Look for it in mid July 2011 on our [homepage](#) "Did You Know?" box.

Paccar Hall Receives LEED Gold Certification!

Paccar Hall's LEED certification of Gold LEED-NC v2.2 was based on a number of green design and construction features that positively impact the project itself and the broader community. Some features include 21.3% energy savings, 34.2% annual water savings, 96% construction waste recycling, electric vehicle plug-in station, and much more. [Read Full Article](#)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Don't Let a Speed Bump Stop You From Using Paper Responsibly

The Paper Conservation Project at UW has been supporting the transition of purchased paper to 100% post consumer recycled paper. Unfortunately, Grays Harbor Paper Mill, the UW's supplier for 100%

recycled paper, has closed ([more closure information](#)). UW Procurement Services is working with our office suppliers to provide other sources of recycled paper on the eProcurement websites. The Washington State General Administration office suggests agencies purchase 30% recycled paper. [More information](#)

UW Mailing Services Contributes to Campus Sustainability

UW Mailing Services received 3,458 pieces of junk mail via our partner network IMN during 2011 that cleanses databases to clean-up errors or delete in-valid addresses from mailings. Weight of the mail pieces ranged from 0.17 pounds (Cole-Parmer) to 8.7 pounds (Cole-Parmer). Adjusting for the removal of records for people no longer at University of Washington, corrections, and duplicate records, the IMN address hygiene process reduced paper waste. These Junk & Misaddressed Mail Reduction Initiatives so far for 2011 have saved 97 trees from being cut down, which equals 9,003 lbs or 4.5 tons of paper.

GET INVOLVED

Summer Sustainability Tip

Let the temperature rise to 78 before turning on the air conditioning.

Pledge and Commit to Sustainability

Learn what you can do in your everyday life to live more sustainably. Take the UW Sustainability Pledge at <http://green.washington.edu/pledge>.

Donate to the Husky Green Fund

The Husky Green Fund is a collaboration development fund that continues the University's vision and leadership for environmental stewardship. This fund helps sponsor and activities that are set out in the [UW Climate Action Plan](#). Donate at https://www.washington.edu/giving/make-a-gift?source_typ=3&source=EHUSKY

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