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NYU and Climate Change: What are we doing?

Global climate change may soon affect our daily lives. What is NYU doing to address this issue?

Here is a brief overview of some initiatives that NYU has launched to mitigate our production of greenhouse gases and other harmful environmental activities that contribute to climate change:

Last March, President Sexton signed the University Presidents Climate Commitment, which compels us to set target dates for carbon neutrality, as well as create infrastructures that will mitigate the effects of climate change on campus.

NYU has signed onto Mayor Bloomberg's PlaNYC Climate Challenge, which has the goal of reducing university-wide global warming emissions at least 30% by 2017.

NYU has renewed our commitment to green energy by reauthorizing the wind power purchase for the 2007-08 Year. Our fiscal year 2008 Renewable Energy Credit (REC) purchase totals 132,000,000 kWh and will offset 100% of our expected consumption of purchased electricity. Buildings' energy use accounts for over 2/3 of NYU's contribution to global warming!

NYU has been a leader in presenting conferences and lectures on the subject of climate change, including hosting President Bill Clinton and the Secretary General of the United Nations for the Global Colloquium in 2007.

The Sustainability Task Force is currently conducting a comprehensive environmental assessment of NYU. In part because of the Presidents Climate Commitment, we are gathering information to create a greenhouse gas inventory, which will allow us to focus our efforts on those parts of campus whose activities contribute most to climate change.



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*"NYU output is about 0.30%
of New York City's total
greenhouse gas emissions"*

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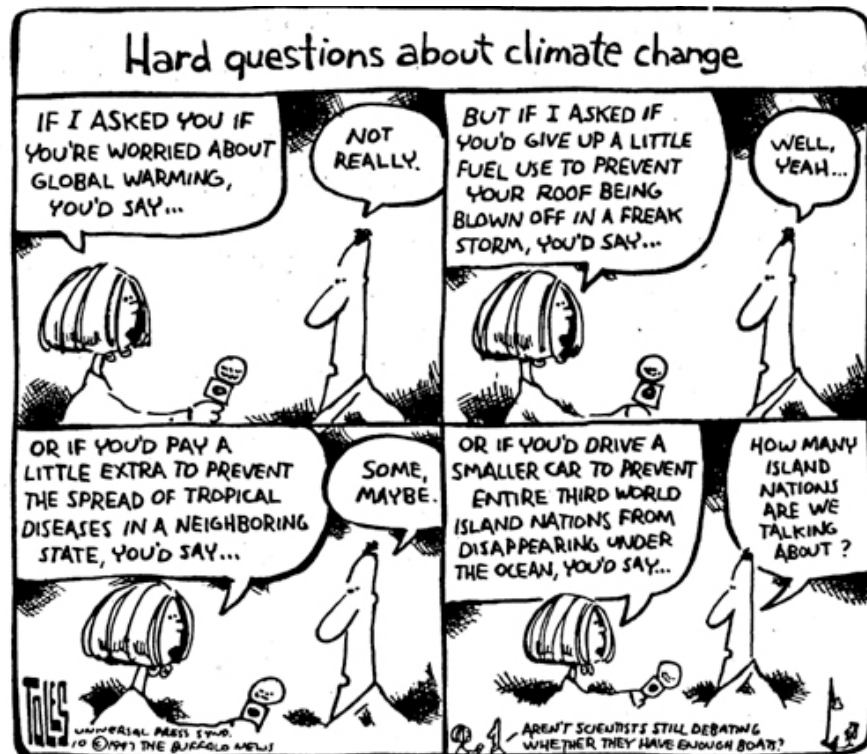
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Tip from Advocate Randy Tyndall

“As a Sustainability Advocate, I am painfully aware that we need to conserve and not make so much waste. Here's a tip that I've been using for the past few years. Do you read magazines, but hate the clutter? Why not see if the magazines you enjoy reading come in a digital format? This allows you to use your PC or laptop to view your favorite magazine rather than have a hard copy. If you keep issues for a while before tossing, this can also work for you. Most of the digital formats are stored on your computer for viewing later as well or for viewing on your bus or train commute. Though there are several formats, they all work the same way: you download the magazine and then view it or save it for later viewing. Many of the magazines look and “flip” to the next page like a regular magazine, some allow you to make notes on the articles you like. If you really miss the feel of paper, many allow you to print an article for sharing. Interested? Here are some sites that offer digital formats: www.zinio.com, www.qmags.com. Check with your favorite magazine publisher to see this better way to stop the paper flow.”

Book Recommendation

Alan Weisman's [The World Without Us](#) has a fresh message about humanity's impact on the environment that you may not have heard before. Don't look here for doomsday proclamations about the future of life on earth—instead, Weisman meditates on nature's resurgence in the absence of humans. The result is a beautiful look at our impermanence, and the power of our imaginations to move us toward change.



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