

Sustainability Task Force 2009

Sustainability at NYU and
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Your Name Here.
Your Department Here.



Day, Month, Year.

Defining Sustainability



- Meeting present needs should not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- The biosphere is limited in capacity.
- Interconnectedness across environmental, economic and social boundaries.

Sustainability at NYU

- University-wide
 - Sustainability Task Force
 - Administrative Units
 - Sustainability Advocates
- School Greening Groups
- Student Organizations



How can NYU Contribute?

Three frameworks of impact

- Operational Environmental Performance
- Sustainability Education
- Researching new ideas, best practices



A Quick History

1980s – EarthMatters! environmental club

1990 – NYU Recycling Program begins

2005 – NYU Green Arch Initiative

2006 – Sustainability Task Force

2007 – Full-time sustainability staff hired

Present – STF, Advocates, Green Grants,
Environmental Studies Program, and more

Future - Climate Action Plan? Global Network
University? NYU Plans 2031?

Sustainability Task Force



- Working Groups
- Environmental Assessment
- Climate Action Plan
- Sustainability Advocate Program
- Green Grants

Administration: Staff for Sustainability

- Facilities & Construction Management (FCM)
 - Energy Savings
 - Water Savings
 - Recycling
 - Landscaping
 - Green Construction
- Purchasing Policy, Purchasing Guide, Asset Management
- Environmental Health & Safety
- SAPD (Planning and Design)
- Residential Education
- Green Facilities at NYU Schools



School & Department Greening Groups

- Stern Campus Greening Initiative
- Sustainable Silver
- Gallatin Greening Committee
- Wagner/WEPA
- School of Law
- Steinhardt
- UDAR
- School of Dentistry



NYU Climate Action

- NYU has committed to reducing its impact on climate change.
- Climate Goals:
 - 30% emissions reduction by 2017 from 2005 levels.
 - “Climate neutrality” - 100% reduction by 20XX (TBD this summer).
- In September, the Climate Action Team will present a workable goal and a plan to meet it.
- The plan will build upon current efficiency and reduction initiatives.



Sustainability Advocate Program



Who Are Sustainability Advocates?

When should you contact me?

- Sustainable Purchasing
- Waste in the office
- Questions/Suggestions
- Environmental Education

My experience

Sustainability and YOUR OFFICE

- NYU disposes of 5000+ tons of waste per year, and recycles ~30% of that waste.

Get Involved:

Reduce:

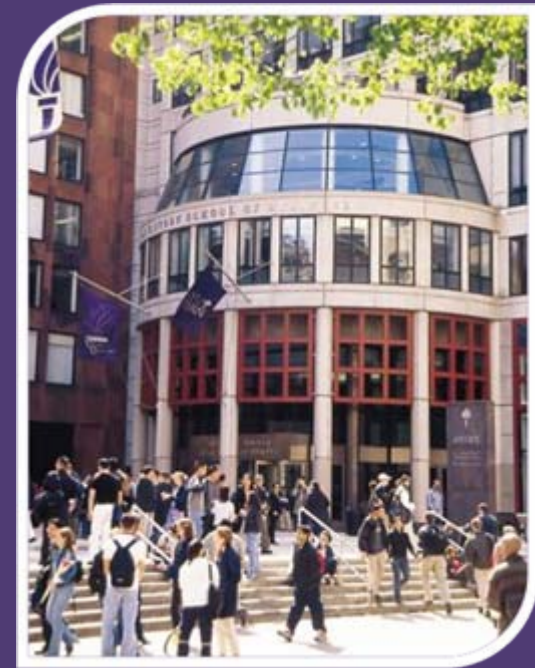
- Using a refillable water bottle not only reduces container waste but cuts down on the energy and emissions in the supply pathway of your water.

Reuse:

- Be resourceful: paper and packing materials can be reused. Use durable goods instead of disposables (e.g. a reusable coffee cup , not a paper one).

Recycle:

- Ask questions if you don't understand the recycling system provided and then inform co-workers as well.



Environmental Purchasing

NYU Environmental Purchasing Policy and Guide will be released soon, but in the meantime you can still green your purchasing choices:

- Choose green products on Stapleslink and I-buy
- Paper: 30% recycled content min., 100% is best
- Furniture: see Purchasing Services “green newsletters” for options
- Energy Star Appliances, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), etc.
- Work with event caterers for reduced waste, increased local and organic ingredients
- Choose durable goods over disposable ones



Progress Report

- What have we done already?
- What are we working on?
- What can we do in the future?

