

Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact

Resource Guide

Introduction

This resource guide is designed to help your university or college make progress towards meeting its commitment under the Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact. The guide includes a list of sample policies and practices that institutions have successfully used to incorporate sustainability into their campus operations, as well as academic, student and outreach activities.

The guide tracks the sustainability goals that have been established for each of the participation levels in the campus compact program. Browse through the activities and click on the Internet link to learn more about particular sustainability policy or practice of interest.

If you have any questions, or you would like to suggest an item to add to the resource guide, please contact Kevin Greene, Illinois EPA, at kevin.greene@illinois.gov.

Bronze Level

1. Have a written statement, declaration, or policy acknowledging support for sustainability.

- Illinois State University, Sustainability Policy
<http://policy.illinoisstate.edu/conduct/1.14SustainabilityPolicy.shtml>
- Kankakee Community College, Sustainability Vision
<http://www.kcc.edu/Community/sustainability/Pages/default.aspx>
- Heartland Community College, Environmental Stewardship Policy
<http://www.heartland.edu/greenInstitute/commitment.jsp>
- Lewis & Clark Community College, Green Vision
<http://www.lc.edu/discover/greenInitiative>
- Illinois Institute of Technology, Sustainability Vision
http://www.iit.edu/campus_sustainability/vision/

2. Create a focal point to lead sustainability work across the campus.

- Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Sustainability Council
http://sustainability.siuc.edu/sustainability_council/index.html
- Augustana College, Campus Sustainability Committee
<http://www.augustana.edu/x10365.xml>

- University of Illinois – Chicago, Office of Sustainability
<http://www.uic.edu/sustainability/>
 - Triton College, Greening the Campus Committee
http://www.triton.edu/cgi-bin/r.cgi/department_detail.html?SESSION=snmzqezuf&ContentID=6517
3. Create a web site that raises awareness and generates interest about the institution's sustainability efforts.
- College of Lake County, Sustainability Center
<http://www.clcillinois.edu/gogreen/index.asp>
 - Moraine Valley Community College, Green Team
<http://www.morainevalley.edu/sustainability/Default.htm>
 - Loyola University, Sustainability Initiative
http://www.luc.edu/cuerp/Sustain_Initiative.shtml
 - Eastern Illinois, Green EIU
<http://www.eiu.edu/green/>
 - Lake Land College, Leaving Less Carbon Initiative
<http://www.lakeland.cc.il.us/green/index.htm>
4. Create opportunities for students and faculty to provide suggestions for advancing sustainability on campus.
- Illinois Institute of Technology, Get Involved with Campus Sustainability Programs
http://www.iit.edu/campus_sustainability/
 - Knox College, Sustainability at Knox College, Get Involved
<http://www.knox.edu/About-Knox/We-Are-Knox/Our-Future/Sustainability-at-Knox-College/Get-Involved.html>
 - Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville, Sustainability Home, Contact Us
<http://www.siue.edu/sustainability/contact.shtml>
 - University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign, Sustainability Suggestion Box
<https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/3082043>
 - Western Illinois University, 2008 Environmental Summit, Sustainability Suggestions
http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/sustainability/documents/sustainability_suggestions_at_wiu.pdf

Silver Level

1. Foster student involvement on steering committees or advisory councils that guide administration on issues of campus sustainability.
 - University of Illinois – Chicago, Participate in UIC’s Sustainable Future
http://www.uic.edu/sustainability/community/get_involved.html
 - University of Chicago, Sustainability Council, Membership
http://sustainability.uchicago.edu/involved/council_membership.shtml
 - Knox College, Student Senate, Sustainability Committee
<http://www.knox.edu/About-Knox/We-Are-Knox/Our-Future/Sustainability-at-Knox-College/Get-Involved.html>
2. Set measureable sustainability objectives or targets and include a timeframe for meeting the objectives.
 - Illinois Institute of Technology, Sustainability Commitments
http://www.iit.edu/campus_sustainability/vision/commitments.shtml
 - University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign, Climate Action Plan, Commitments
<http://sustainability.illinois.edu/climateactionplan.pdf>
 - Michigan State University, Sustainability Progress and Goals
<http://www.sustainability.msu.edu/overview/progress.htm>
3. Establish a system to monitor and assess the progress of campus sustainability projects and goals.
 - University of Illinois – Chicago, Sustainability Reports
<http://www.uic.edu/sustainability/reports.html>
 - Kankakee Community College, Sustainability Reporting Progress
<http://www.kcc.edu/community/sustainability/pages/default.aspx>
- 4.1. Target at least three products and/or services for a green purchasing initiative.
 - Northwestern University, Green Purchasing
<http://www.northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/sustainability/campus-initiatives/purchasing.html>
 - Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, Green Purchasing
<http://sustainability.siuc.edu/purchasing.html>
 - DePaul University, Procurement Services, Sustainability

<http://financialaffairs.depaul.edu/procurement/sustainability.html>

- University of Chicago, Green Purchasing
<http://sustainability.uchicago.edu/campus/purchasing.shtml>

4.2. Adopt a policy or guidelines that commit to a specific green building rating system for new construction and major renovation projects.

- University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign, Campus Master Plan, Building Guidelines, LEED Silver Rating
<http://sustainability.illinois.edu/greenbuilding.html>
- Northwestern University, Energy Use Policies, LEED Certification
http://www.northwestern.edu/fm/environmental_sustainability.htm
- Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville, Building Design Guidelines, LEED Certifiable
<http://www.siu.edu/sustainability/buildings.shtml>

4.3. At least once a year, hold an event on campus that encourages students to adopt or try a sustainability practice.

- Illinois State University, Dine-In Challenge
http://sustainability.illinoisstate.edu/involved/earth_day.shtml
- University of Illinois – Chicago, Sustainability Week
<http://www.uic.edu/sustainability/sustainabilityweek/>
- Saint Xavier College, RecycleMania
http://www.sxu.edu/Administrative/Media_Relations/news_story.asp?iNewsID=962&strBack=%2Fdefault%2Easp
- Northwestern University, Weigh the Waste Competition
<http://www.northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/sustainability/campus-initiatives/dining.html>
- Elmhurst College, Green Cup Competition
<http://greenjays.webs.com/greencup.htm>

4.4. Partner with one or more local entities on a project that promotes sustainability at the community level.

- Illinois State University, Small Business Energy Efficiency Assistance Program
<http://bnbizmore.com/?p=553>
- Central Illinois Community College, Central Illinois Green Expo
<http://www.cigreenexpo.org/>

- College of Lake County, Community Partners for Sustainability in Lake County
<http://www.clcillinois.edu/aboutclc/news.asp?nid=1505>
- McHenry County College, Lou Marchi Total Recycling Institute
<http://www.mchenry.edu/recycling/>

4.5. Establish mechanisms and incentives to encourage faculty to integrate sustainability themes and topics into existing curricula.

- Benedictine University, Years for the Environment Initiative
<http://www.ben.edu/yfte/green.asp>
- Northwestern University, Initiative for Sustainability and Energy at Northwestern
<http://www.northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/sustainability/campus-initiatives/academic.html>
- Loyola University, Environmental Course Collaboration
http://www.luc.edu/cuERP/Sustain_Initiative.shtml
- Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville, Collage of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Roundtables
<http://www.siu.edu/sustainability/academics.shtml#roundtables>

Gold Level

1. Endorse or participate in at least one national or international program that recognizes and encourages progress toward sustainability in higher education.

- University of Illinois – Urbana/Champaign, American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment Pledge
<http://sustainability.illinois.edu/ACUPCC.html>
- University of Illinois – Chicago, Sustainability Binding Agreements, Presidents' Climate Commitment and AASHE Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System
http://www.uic.edu/sustainability/initiatives/binding_agreements.html
- College of Lake County, Presidents' Climate Commitment
http://www.clcillinois.edu/gogreen/pdf/climatecommitment_projects.pdf

2. Integrate sustainability broadly into campus operations and management.

- Heartland Community College, FY2008 – 2012 Strategic Plan, Strategic Goal #3
<http://www.heartland.edu/greenInstitute/commitment.jsp>
- Joliet Junior College, Master Plan Goals: Sustainable Approach

<http://www.jjc.edu/about/college-info/master-plan/Documents/JJC%20MasterPlanFinal090508.pdf>

- Parkland College, Building Master Plan, Community & Sustainability
<http://www.parkland.edu/construction-update/masterplan/commsustain-mp.aspx>
 - University of Illinois – Springfield, Strategic Plan Goal #4, Strategic Thrust #5: Promote Environmental Sustainability
<http://www.uis.edu/strategicplan/plan/sectionTwo/goals/goal4.html>
 - Elmhurst College, Sustainability Plan
<http://public.elmhurst.edu/projects/sustainability/88847882.html>
 - University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh, Sustainability Plan
<http://www.uwosh.edu/assets/announcement/sustainability/>
 - Washington University in St. Louis, Strategic Plan for Environmentally Sustainable Operations
<http://www.wustl.edu/sustain/strategicplan2-final.html>
3. At least annually, notify the campus community at large on the progress the institution is making toward achieving sustainability goals
- Illinois State University, 2008 Sustainability Progress Report
<http://sustainability.illinoisstate.edu/resources/reports.shtml>
 - Western Illinois University, 2006 Annual Sustainability Report
http://www.wiu.edu/vpas/sustainability/documents/sustainable_2006_annual_report.pdf
 - Northwestern University, Sustainability Campus Initiatives
<http://www.northwestern.edu/studentaffairs/sustainability/campus-initiatives.html>
 - Knox College, Completed Sustainability Initiatives
<http://www.knox.edu/About-Knox/We-Are-Knox/Our-Future/Sustainability-at-Knox-College/Initiatives.html>
 - University of Michigan, 2009 Annual Environmental Report
http://www.oseh.umich.edu/pdf/09_report.pdf