



St. Mary's College of Maryland
at Historic St. Mary's City

ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT 2010

Accomplishments:

- Climate Action Plan
 - Completed the first draft of the College's Climate Action Plan in May 2010
 - Conducted a survey to gather feedback on the format, targets, and strategies of the plan
 - Presented the plan to many campus groups, and received approval from President Urgo in January 2011
- Green St. Mary's Revolving Fund (GSMRF)
 - Worked with the SGA to create a revolving loan fund to support energy efficiency and green energy projects
 - Funded a CFL bulb exchange as GSMRF's first project
- St. Mary's' Strategic Plan
 - Worked with Strategic Planning sub-Group for Vital Priority D (Sustainability)
- STARS (Sustainability Tracking Assessment & Rating System)
 - St. Mary's registered as a STARS participant in August
- Reusable To-Go Program
 - Worked with SEAC and Bon Appétit to design a pilot program, which began in February 2011
 - Ordered 1,000 reusable "oyster-shell" to-go boxes
- Composting
 - Expanded the SGA-funded composting program to include pickup of coffee grounds from the Daily Grind and the Green Bean cafes
 - Organized events and tabling to promote campus composting
- Greening Campus Operations
 - College began operating under a four-day work week schedule during the summer months reduce transportation emissions and building operations costs
 - Worked with Mary Grube to examine switching coffee purchased for the cafes to products from the Chesapeake Roasting Company and to eliminate creamer pods from the Daily Grind and the Green Bean
 - Worked with Physical Plant and Residence Life to place 500 desk-side recycling bins in the dorm rooms of the traditional residence halls
 - Conducted occupancy surveys for faculty and staff in the academic buildings to determine how to promote energy efficiency and enhance working environment
 - Electronics recycling collection began at the Glendening Helpdesk
- New Student Orientation
 - Worked with the Orientation staff to distribute green guides to the incoming first-year and transfer students

- Coordinated Seahawk Service Day Orientation event and subsequent service event for all students the following week. In total, student volunteers planted an estimated 400,000 oysters and 1 million oyster spat.
- SMCM Sustainability Facebook fan page launched in August, has 100 followers. The page promotes sustainability events and tips for environmentally-friendly living

Events:

- 4th Annual Polar Bear Plunge, February 18th
- Earth Hour, March 27th
- River Fest 2010, September 25th
 - Featured a display of St. Mary's' green initiatives and provided information about composting and recycling
- "Eat Local Challenge", September 28th
 - Composted in the Great Room to promote campus composting
- National Campus Sustainability Day, October 20th
 - Hosted a "Really, Really Free Market"
 - Screening of "Tapped", with stainless steel reusable water bottles handed out to attendees
- Kudzu Clean Up, November 2nd, hosted by the Eco-Reps

Awards

- St. Mary's receives the Leadership Award of the Maryland Green Registry
<http://www.smcm.edu/news/pressrelease/2010/07/10-135.html>

Works in Progress

- CFL Bulb Exchange Program, January 2011
- Recyclemania, January-March 2011
- Reusable To-Go Pilot Program, February - May 2011
- SEAC's "Do it in the Dark Month" - February 2011
- Free-cycling Event, April 2011
- Graduation Regalia Recycling Program
- Green Purchasing Policy
- No-Idling Policy
- Updating Green Guides
- Expanded electronics recycling program
- Bike Sharing/ Check-out program