About Us

The Office for Sustainability is dedicated to creating sustainable change on campus by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency, promoting local food, recycling, and sustainable purchasing, as well as advocating for individual and institutional behavior change.

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Southside Energy Contest Winners: Claim Your Prize!
Fribley Dining Hall // Tuesday, Jan 23 // 5:00 - 6:30pm

Southside res halls won the Nov 1-15 energy reduction contest and we gave out organic tees to Southside residents at Thwing Study Over in December. Although it's been a while, we have a good number of tees left and want to make sure more Southside residents get them. Tomorrow (Tuesday, January 23), our Sustainability Ambassadors will be giving away these t-shirts at Fribley Dining Hall, 5:00 - 6:30pm. Thanks again to all the students who reduced their electricity usage and keep it up!
Community Events

Year of Vital Neighborhoods
Kick Off
Friday, January 26
11:00am - 2:00pm
City Hall Rotunda

Cleveland Seed Bank’s
Annual Winter Seed Swap
Saturday, January 27
2:00 - 4:30pm
St. John's Episcopal Church

Wild & Scenic Film Festival
Saturday, February 3
3:00 - 10:30pm
Cleveland Museum of Natural History

A Neighborhood Workshop on Health, Community & Climate Action: Workshop 5 - Old Brooklyn
Saturday, February 17
10:30am - 12:30pm
South Brooklyn Branch Library

Green Bag Lunch Series: Cleveland Climate Action Plan & Climate Ambassadors
Working Together
Wednesday, February 21
12:00 - 1:00pm
Senior Classroom, Tinkham Veale University Center

Sustainability Champion Awards & Keynote
Thursday, March 8
Evening
Ballroom A, Tinkham Veale University Center

Bottle Blossoms: An Upcycle
Recycling team tackled Greek Life housing. Their goal was to improve recycling quantities and infrastructure in the community that makes up one-third of CWRU’s student population. We’re happy to report that the team audited each Greek House and had some early success with the program. Read more about their methods and findings on our website.

Annual CWRU Food Week & Keynote Coming Up

CWRU’s Food Week, organized by Sages professor Narcisz Fejes and the Food Recovery Network will kick-off March 23. Many food centered events will take place the week following March 23 to celebrate and learn about food related politics, inequalities, production and distribution, and how local entrepreneurs and chefs are revitalizing the American food system. A food focused Keynote will take place on Friday, March 23 at 4:30 pm in Tink, Ballroom A. Marion Nestle, the Paulette Goddard Professor of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health at New York University is the lauded speaker. The talk, "Food Politics in 2018: A Humanities Perspective" is sponsored by the Baker-Nord Center for the Humanities. RSVP on the Cleveland Workshop Sunday, March 11 1:00 - 4:00pm
Upcycle Parts Shop
CWRU Food Week
March 19 - 23
Food Keynote with Marion Nestle
Friday, March 23
4:30pm
Ballroom A, Tinkham Veale
University Center
Transportation Survey Data

This past fall, we conducted a second annual sustainable transportation survey to better understand how our CWRU community gets to and from campus. There were more than 1,000 respondents - thank you for your participation. Faculty and staff get to CWRU using a variety of transportation modalities (Figure 1). The majority drive alone (68%). Some employees carpool (6.6%), and approximately 10% use public transit (5% RTA bus and 5% RTA rail). Some commuters choose to walk (5%) and bike (3%). Go to our website for other preliminary findings and data.
Compost Pilot in Dining Halls
Our University Farm has been taking campus kitchens' food preparation waste (pre-consumer) for composting for five years. During the week of February 5, we will be piloting composting food waste from dining halls (post-consumer). Student volunteers will be stationed at the tray returns in both Fribley and Leutner on alternating days to assist their peers to properly separate compostable plate waste from landfill materials. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact us on our website. Learn more about this effort on our website.
announce that we will be recovering from Leutner this semester! To learn about how you can get involved volunteering with recovery shifts please email frnexec@case.edu. FRN works with food suppliers on campus to deliver excess food from Case Western Reserve University's campus to those in need in the greater Cleveland area.

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**Environmental Studies Class List**

Professor Peter McCall, Director of the Environmental Studies Program, creates a list every semester of classes with environmental content. We've posted his [Spring 2018 list](https://mailchi.mp/case/office-for-sustainability-january-2018-newsletter) on our website.

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**Real Food Challenge**

The Office for Sustainability's student Ambassador Food Team has been working on the Real Food
Team is currently running the Real Food Calculator, verifying the percentage of foods from the dining halls that qualify in at least one of four categories: local, fair trade, humane, ecological. They are currently collecting data which will be available by the end of the semester.

Seed Swap on January 27
Join the Cleveland Seed Bank on National Seed Swap Day for an opportunity to share heirloom seeds and network with other like-minded gardeners across the bioregion. It's free and there are no seed requirements to swap or attend. The event will take place on Saturday January 27 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ohio City. RSVP on Eventbrite
Share on Facebook

Student Sustainability Council SEED
SEED is a CWRU Student Sustainability Council (SSC) program that provides student organizations
practices. SSC offers help with establishing goals, tips for environmental practices, as well as microgrants for greener purchases, and a network of other groups also working to minimize their environmental impact. Groups participate in a brief training and use a provided checklist to record, reflect upon, and improve their practices. SEED is currently not accepting any more groups, but will be inviting student organizations to participate in the Fall 2018 semester. If interested in having your student organization participate at that time, please reach out to seed@case.edu.