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CWRU's Office For Sustainability E-Newsletter

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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!



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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](#)

Green Bag Lunch Series: Advocating for your Park with the Trust for Public Land

**Wednesday January 24 // Noon - 1:00pm
Tinkham Veale University Center // Senior
Classroom**

Connect with the Trust for Public Land to learn about their Climate Smart Cities program and how you can help your own municipality plan for future park investments. Weatherhead MBA student, Shanelle Smith is the Ohio Trust for Public Land State Director and will be speaking with her colleague. Coffee and desert provided. Participants are welcome to bring their own lunch to eat during the event.

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1:00 - 4:00pm
Upcycle Parts Shop

CWRU Food Week
March 19 - 23

[Food Keynote with Marion Nestle](#)

Friday, March 23
4:30pm

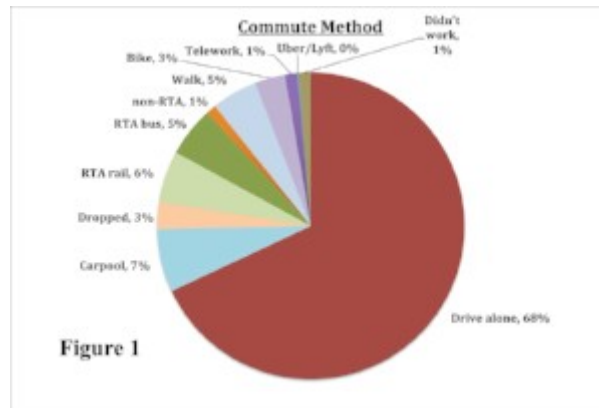
Ballroom A, Tinkham Veale
University Center

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



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 a 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](#).

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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.



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](#) on our website.

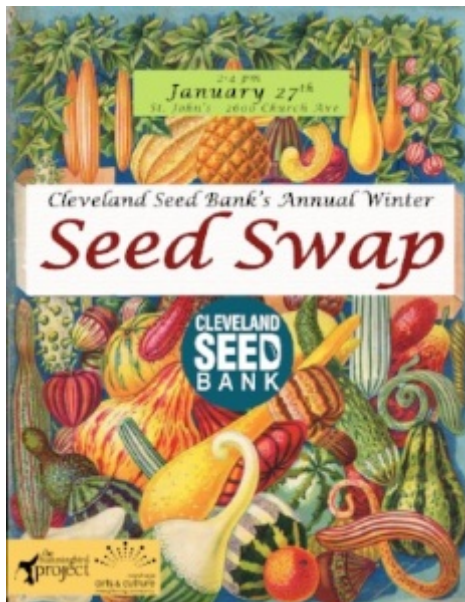


Real Food Challenge

The Office for Sustainability's student Ambassador Food Team has been working on the Real Food

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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](#)
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Student Sustainability Council SEED

SEED is a CWRU Student Sustainability Council (SSC) program that provides student organizations

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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.

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