

Key Sustainability Milestones and Timeline

1967-2000:

Education:

- Establish Katharine Ordway Natural History Study Area (1967)
- Create Environmental Studies Program (1973)
- Create Civic Engagement Center (1988)

Operations:

- Implement campus-wide recycling (1970s)
- Undertake numerous campus energy efficiency projects (1960s and 1970s)

2000-2007:

Policy:

- Sign Talloires Declaration (2000)
- Sign American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (2007)
- Master Plan includes sustainability (2005)
- Join Worker's Rights Consortium (2001)

Education:

- Establish Environmental Studies Department (2004)
- Open EcoHouse Student Residence (2007)
- Establish Lealtad-Suzuki Center (2002)

Operations:

- Install wind turbine on campus (2003)
- Plant native prairie on campus (2004)
- Create new position for a sustainability student worker in Facilities Services & Purchasing (2005)
- Install green roofs on two campus buildings (2006)
- Create Clean Energy Revolving Fund (2006)
- Create bike share program: MacBike (2006)

2008-2009:

Staff:

- Hire sustainability manager
- Establish Sustainability Student Worker Network

Policy:

- Launch sustainability strategic planning process
- Subsidized bus pass program
- Develop and implement green cleaning policy
- Create designated suppliers program

Education:

- Environmental Studies class audits campus greenhouse gas emissions and recommends actions for Climate Action Plan.

Operations:

- Markim Hall designed and built to LEED Platinum standard
- “MacFreeSwap” starts to reduce waste
- Start ZipRide carpool listing

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