



Campus Sustainability Town Hall

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Alumni Lounges (SC 156-157)

2:00 – 4:30 PM

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The Campus Sustainability Hub

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- [AASHE \(Association for the Advancement of Sustainability In Higher Education\)](#)
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all housing
apartment
house
roommate
storage



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all jobs
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internships
on-campus
part time
volunteer



Services

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carpooling
creative
lost & found
mechanical
sitter
tutoring

The President's Office

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- The Board of Trustees and the President's Cabinet have both transitioned to paperless operations. This transition has saved money and other resources by no longer producing reams of documents.
- The Dean's Council is also transitioning to paperless operations.

The President's Office

- The Office of the President is transitioning to largely paperless operations as well and in so doing has already reaped the benefits of finding usable workspace (the electronic conversion of the contents of 5 large filing cabinets has yielded two new workspaces for student aides).

Facilities

Michael Cunningham

The Facilities Department

- Installation of “Energy Kiosks” in the traditional residence halls. This will show residents the current and historical electrical usage in the buildings and enable us to have competitions between buildings. Will be completed early 2017.
- Facilities has discontinued the usage of any paint that contains VOCs in the residence halls.

The Facilities Department

- All traditional water fountains are in the process of being transitioned to bottle filling hydration stations. All traditional residence halls currently have hydration stations.
- We are implementing a computerized chiller plant optimization system that will enable the central chiller plant to make real time operational changes that will maximize efficiency.

The Facilities Department

- The central steam plant is in the final stages of an upgrade that has lowered NOx and Carbon emissions. Two of the three original boilers have been replaced with low NOx high efficiency boilers and the third one will be done in early 2017. We will then implement a computerized optimization system that will enable the steam plant to make real time changes to optimize efficiency and lower emissions.

The Facilities Department

- Facilities has completed major LED lighting retrofits throughout campus with more to come this year.
- We currently participate in an electrical demand side management program that is a both source of revenue for the college and helps to curb or peak energy demand. This helps the local energy grid avoid the use of dirty peaking plants.

The Facilities Department

- We also use an ice storage system in the Anisfield building that helps us flatten our energy demand helping to reduce peak electrical loads.
- We are working to increase awareness of the “Ramapo Green” brand and sustainability through marketing materials such as water bottles and magnets

The Facilities Department

- We will be looking into making a new 5 year vehicle plan with the goal of reducing emissions and using more fuel efficient vehicles and exploring the use of alternative fuel vehicles wherever possible.
- We are going to inject some new life and energy into our recycling program with the hopes of diverting more trash from landfills

The Facilities Department

- The south gate detention basin will be undergoing a transformation over the next few years beginning in the summer of 2017. We will be introducing more biodiversity including native plants into this area with the help of Ramapo Faculty.

The Facilities Department

- Facilities will focus on creating a work environment where making sustainable decisions will come naturally because they will be regarded as simply making good decisions.

Purchasing

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- All offices on campus can now order Recycled Paper, which is actually **slightly cheaper** than regular paper.
- So far, in the past fiscal year, 30% of all paper consumed on campus was recycled paper (Sustainable Forestry Initiative compliant, with at least 30% post-consumer waste content)

Residential Life

Linda Diaz

Residential Life

- This past summer the water hydration stations were put in the six traditional Residence Hall buildings (Pine, Linden, Laurel, Overlook, Mackin and Bischoff halls).
- Recycling will continue in the Residence Halls with door to door pickup.

Residential Life

- Composting has been expanded to the entire Village and all Village apartments have received compost bins and there will be door to door pick up in the Village on the same day as Recycling and at the same time which is Tuesdays at 5pm starting today.
- A Pilot Composting Program is being initiated at the Redwood CPA

Residential Life

- Dedicated bulletin Board starting at the end of this month next to the main office of Residence Life for Sustainability.
- This past Spring 1-Step held its end of the year Residence halls Move Out drive, gathering used furniture and clothing that was then recycled.
- Last year, each first year and transfer student received a water bottle to promote using the hydration stations in the buildings.

Student Governance

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- Talks are under way with the SGA to better integrate sustainability into Student Government.
- All clubs with an interest in sustainability are being invited to attend a monthly meeting with Ramapo Green Leadership.

Sustainable Living Facilities (SLF)

Emily Demaio

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- Composting
- Community Dinners
- Volunteering
- Ramapo Gardens

Athletics

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- Discussions are underway to explore the possibility of Ramapo College taking out a Membership with the Green Sports Alliance, which specializes in helping Colleges and Universities move their Athletics closer to sustainability.

Solid Waste

Gene Ritchie

Gina Mayer Costa

Recycling

- Ramapo College participates in a Single-stream Recycling Program, in which all recyclables are collected in one stream, and sorted out at a remote facility.
- All bins in classrooms and offices are being relabeled to show that ALL recyclables can be put into them for collection
- About 25% of all solid waste on campus is currently recycled

Recycling

- The College has programs to collect and recycle:
 - Batteries
 - Electronics
 - Fluorescent Bulbs and Tubes
- The College is currently exploring the setting up of a program to collect and recycle Plastic Bags as well.

Composting

Composting On Campus

- The Rocket Composter behind the Pavilion Dining Hall has been taking in one five gallon bucket of food scraps every day for the past year.
- The Village now has composting available to all residents, with the food scraps going to the Student Garden behind the Village.
- Redwood CPA has volunteered to Pilot a composting program this semester as well.

Sustainability Clubs On Campus

1-STEP

- Rethink Water Campaign
- Ramapo Gardens
- Sustainable Thanksgiving event

Beekeeping

- The wildflower meadow next to the hive is thriving.
- A new nucleus was introduced this summer, and is doing very well.
- With a new strong queen, enough food is being stockpiled for the winter.
- In the summer, their mite treatment was carried out, and so they are healthy for the rest of they year.

Beekeeping

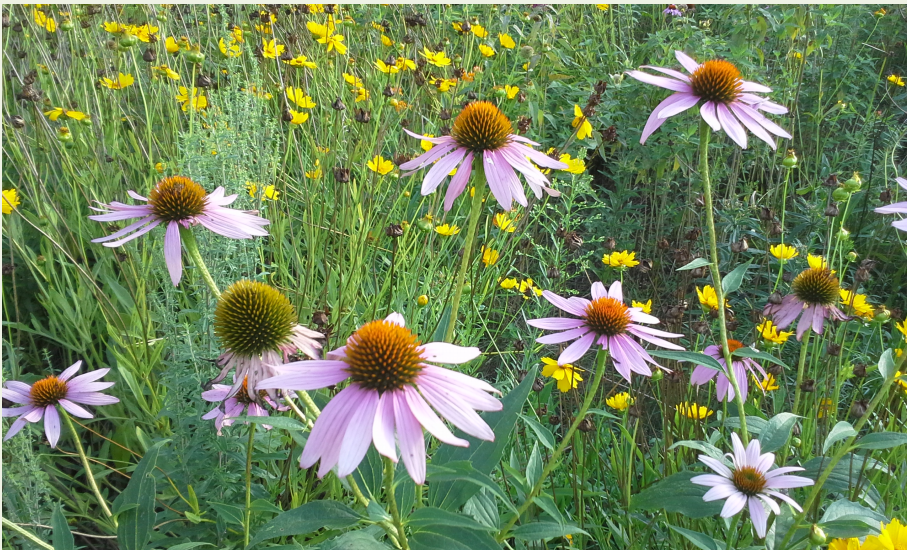


Native Wildflower Meadow

June 2016



July 2016



Outdoors Club

- horseback riding,
- ice skating,
- apple picking,
- hiking around the area,
- camping,
- rock climbing,
- paint balling, and
- Play miniature golf

New Clubs Being Formed Now

Plant Strong

- A club for vegetarians and vegans, or those interested in exploring these choices.

Garden Club

- There are two student-run gardens on campus currently.
- This club would facilitate students interested in volunteering at these gardens

Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization (MEVO)

Eric Fuchs-Stengel

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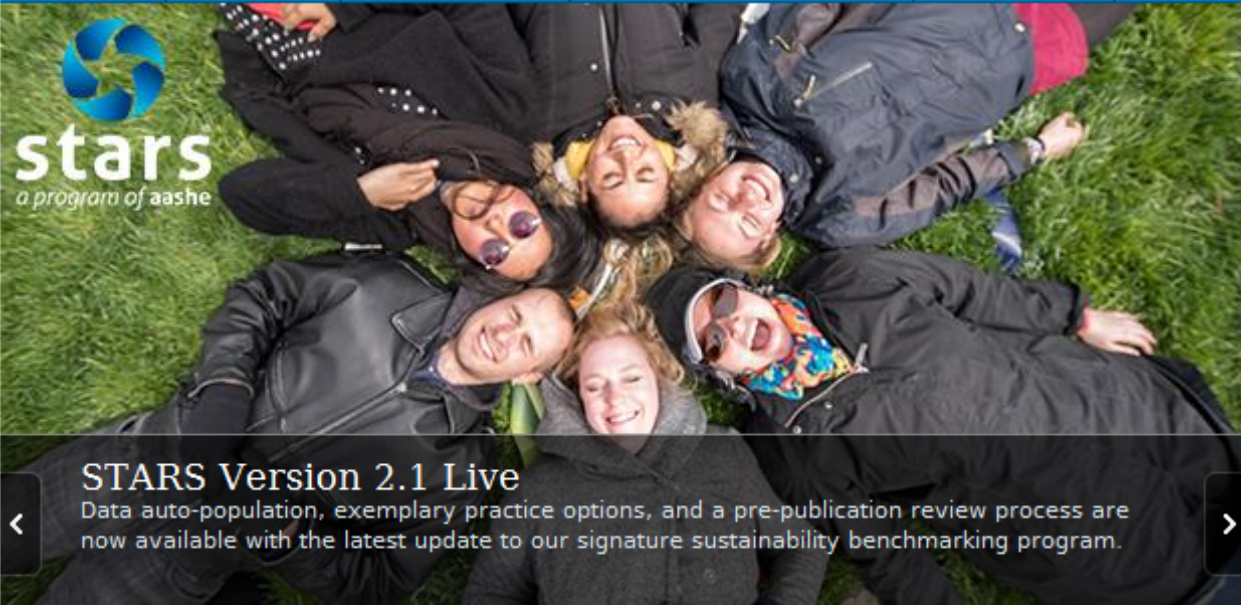
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Extend Your Reach into Sustainability

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