

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

1972 In reaction to the international energy crisis of the 1970s, Syracuse University institutes sustainability measures, calling for energy conservation.

1990 The University initiates a **campus recycling program**.

1995 Hendricks Chapel Lutheran Ministry begins **Ten Tons of Love** program, encouraging local reuse of resources.

2005 The University commits to purchasing at least **20 percent of its electricity** from renewable energy sources.

2006 The College of Visual and Performing Arts hosts the **Canary Project**, photographic documentation of the impacts of climate change.

2007 Syracuse University signs **American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment** (ACUPCC). The University creates the **Sustainability Division** within the Department of Energy and Computing Management (now Energy Systems and Sustainability Management). University receives a B- on its first **Sustainability Report Card** from the Sustainable Endowments Institute.

2008 Food Services starts using green cleaning products. The University offers options for paperless payroll. Collaboration: The University participates in nationwide **"Focus the Nation"** teach-in. Sustainability Division completes greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories (2001-2007).

2009 The University Library Green Initiative Team creates the **Green Library Guide**. The University establishes "Green Days," shutting most campus buildings to save energy over year-end holidays. Sustainability Division completes **Climate Action Plan**. USGBC Annual Conference: Cantor award.

2010 Sustainability-related student groups organize on the Syracuse University campus. Food Services and Physical Plant begin **composting organic wastes**. Sustainability Division works with Interior Design class to create a Sustainable Studio in Smith Hall. Recognition: The University is named to 2010 InfoWorld Green 15 for the Green Data Center. Syracuse Center of Excellence receives USGBC Leadership Award.

2011 The University begins replacing water fountains with units designed to **refill water bottles**. Print production of campus telephone directory ceases. University creates **RideShare** program to provide flexible options, promote sustainable travel. University conducts **Food Waste Audits** (Tray Waste Audits) with student volunteers. Recognition: Syracuse Center of Excellence awarded LEED Platinum rating. Sheraton Syracuse University awarded Blue Ribbon Recycler by OCRRA.

2012 Syracuse University Steam Station installs **two new air compressors** that will cut water use by three million gallons per year. U.S. Green Building Council Student Group and Eco-Reps student groups are formed at the University. Recognition: Carmelo K. Anthony Basketball Center earns **LEED® certification**.

2013 The University installs **solar thermal** panels on 20 South Campus apartment buildings to provide domestic hot water. The University phases in **trayless dining** at its Dining Centers. **Climate Change Garden** installed at Life Science Center. Office of Sustainability Initiatives and the Sustainability Division offer Waste Watchers one-credit class.

2014 Syracuse University increases its percentage of **green power to 35 percent**. The University partners with Rescue Mission to collect **five-cent containers** for meals. Student sustainability groups recognized by NerdScholar as Best Program on the Rise. Carrier Dome **roof rainwater capture system** installed. University employees raise support for United Way with **Shop and Eat Local** partner-merchants.

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