

# 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. Green Building Council 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 offers 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.

## SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION

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