



Summer 2012

UW Sustainability

A quarterly newsletter produced by the University of Washington Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability Office

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CSF – Funds, Projects, and Celebration

The Campus Sustainability Fund had a great end to the 2012-2013 academic year. They were officially awarded \$330,000 for next year's funds from the Services and Activities Fee, representing a ten percent increase in funding.

The CSF also announced the final round of funded projects for the year. These projects include: Phase II of the Husky Sustainable Storms

Parking Lot Bioswale, the Rainwater Catchment: Educational System on the UW Farm, Sustainability 2.0, Phase II of the Bicycle Repair Stations, and the UW Student Food Cooperative.

On May 24th, the CSF held a bitter sweet two year celebration where they said goodbye to three graduating members, David Corrado, Justin Hellier, and Katie Stultz,

and one ex-officio member who is going on sabbatical, Bruce Balick. The CSF looks forward to growing and improving next year!

<http://csf.washington.edu>



Climate Action Plan Communications

As part of a wider effort to strengthen the UW's sustainability brand, we developed a UW Climate Action Plan (CAP) logo.

Students and staff from the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability office worked through dozens of drafts, conducted a Facebook poll, and made thorough revisions, ultimately crafting the current CAP logo shown to the right.

This logo will help make initiatives and programs supporting the CAP more

cohesive with its goals.

As summer continues, remember the remarkable ways you can commute to campus. With (we hope) better weather for the next two months, try to walk or bike to campus.

If you live farther away this is the perfect time to start biking or walking to a transit center and using the U-PASS to commute!

These active transportation opportunities are a great way to lower your carbon footprint (biking and walking produce zero

emissions in transit), stay fit, and enjoy Seattle's summer.



Submit a UW Sustainability Snapshot



When was the last time you did something for your UW community?

Whether the answer is two days or two months, there is a new opportunity to help out and get involved.

With the Sustainability Snapshots as a “home” for all of UW’s sustainable accomplishments, we will open up communication of our successes. This

enables us to share them, and allows the whole University to show the outside community what we’ve been up to.

Submitting projects is the best way to get involved. Sharing your feedback with the Snapshots will also help to improve the program.

To submit a project, follow this link:

<http://green.washington.edu/snapshot/add>.

Contact us for any additional information and resources, or to pass along comments.

Smart Grid at UW



For the past three years the University of Washington has been a partner in the Pacific Northwest Smart Grid Demonstration Project, which aims to identify opportunities to help save energy, make the power system more reliable, and incorporate renewable energy.

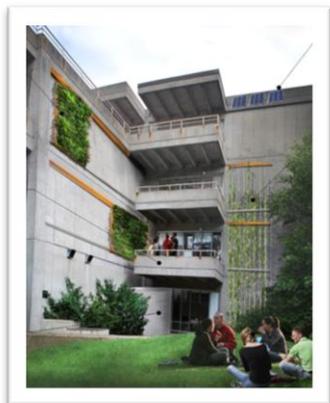
Specifically, UW is nearing completion on the installation of “smart

meters” in 216 buildings on the Seattle campus. The meters will help measure energy use in real time and allow for proactive response which aims to balance peak demand and reduce energy consumption where possible.

The University of Washington is the only non-utility provider involved in the project and will serve as a “smart

microgrid” where administrators, faculty, staff and students will be able to interact with UW’s energy system and learn about energy usage, conservation and sourcing on a community level.

Greenwall Becomes a Reality



The Green Futures Lab has started construction for the Biodiversity Greenwall, Edible Green Screen and Water Harvesting Demonstration Project.

This Campus Sustainability Fund awarded \$86,800 to this project, which will be

located on the southeast corner of Gould Hall. CSF funds not only cover materials and construction, but also research and maintenance.

Construction began on Wednesday, June 20th, and will take several weeks to complete.

Once installed and planted, the Greenwall will house 500 different plant species including hops and kiwis, which the UW Farm is interested in harvesting.

New Offices Certified Green

Six more offices achieved Green Office Certification since the April, bringing the total number of offices certified to nineteen!

Housing & Food Services Facilities Office received Gold Certification (scoring above 85% overall), and currently holds the highest

overall score.

The Department of Scandinavian Studies, Family and Child Nursing, the Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean, Radiology Administrative Support and Radiology Grants Administration, and UW-IT

each received Bronze Certification (scoring 55%-69% overall).

Learn more at <http://green.washington.edu/green-office>.



PC Power Management Available Now

IBM Tivoli Endpoint Manager (TEM) is now available for free to UW faculty and staff.

The software manages power usage on personal UW-owned computers and laptops, and patches some of the most commonly used software programs such as Skype and Firefox. Installation is quick and easy, and the

software will not impact the performance of your device.

No registration is required. Software settings are pre-set, but can be adjusted to meet your specific needs

TEM supports the UW Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality and is part of the UW PC Power and Patch

Management project sponsored by Facilities Services, UW Information Technology and the Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability office.

DOWNLOAD: www.washington.edu/itconnect/wares/uware/tem.



Awards & Recognition

The **UW Medical Center** earned an Environmental Leadership Circle award for the 6th consecutive year! The Environmental Leadership Award is the premier award from Practice Greenhealth, which recognizes health care facilities that exemplify environmental excellence and are setting the highest standards for environmental practices

and sustainability in health care.

The UW Medical Center has earned this award for recycling more than 25 percent of the total waste stream, meeting mercury-free standards, implementing numerous other innovative pollution prevention programs, and providing leadership in the community.

UW's **Housing & Food Services** was awarded a gold medal for waste management by the National Association of College and University Food Services. The recognition acknowledges the reduction in waste sent to landfills and the increase of campus composting and recycling.

Check out more UW Sustainability Awards at green.washington.edu/awards.

Eco-Dawg Kiosk

Have you stopped by the Eco-Dawg Kiosk near the Information & Visitors Center in Odegaard?

The kiosk highlights sustainability facts and features of UW, and is a

place to share campus sustainability information.

You'll find a tree completely made of recycled cardboard, furniture purchased at UW Surplus, an interactive

poster with photos and facts, and multiple informational booklets gathered from around campus.

Looking to Volunteer?
[Sign up here.](#)

SustainableUW Social Media

SustainableUW is now on YouTube! Subscribe at youtube.com/sustainableuw. Our playlists will highlight UW sustainability videos related to UW students, institutional features, lectures, and research.

We also started a social media campaign, highlighting one theme each week. Daily campaigns include Major Mondays (highlight majors or student groups), Tidbit Tuesdays (quick facts about UW sustainability), What You Can Do

Wednesday (ideas for you to do something), Take a Pledge Thursday (you can commit to something new), and Video Friday (sharing fun videos). Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to stay connected.

Upcoming Events

Fourth International Conference on Climate Change: Impacts and Responses

July 12th – 13th, 2012

University of Washington

For those with an interest in, and concern for, scientific, policy and strategic perspectives in climate change.

<http://on-climate.com/conference-2012/>

Campus Sustainability 101 (Dawg Daze Event)

September 25th, 26th, 27th, 2012, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Gerberding B40

Get involved with campus sustainability efforts, meet representatives from the Campus Sustainability Fund (CSF), Eco-Reps, and find out about the UW's Climate Action Plan.

Save the Date!

UW Sustainability Summit
October 24th, 2012
University of Washington
Seattle Campus

View more events at:

<http://green.washington.edu/events>.



Submit a story...

Students – come to us for resources related to sustainability, share your events with us, or submit a story idea on what you'd like to see in our newsletter.

UW Departments – submit updates or stories to this newsletter about what your unit is doing to make UW more sustainable.

Everyone – email us about other sustainability events or projects on campus: oess@uw.edu.

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