



# Office of Sustainability@Temple

Sustainability: "...meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs..." (United Nations 1987)

Three Pillars of Sustainability: **Environmental Protection, Economic Growth, Social Justice**

## What is Temple Doing?

- Created Office of Sustainability as central resource for sustainability issues for: (1) sustainable campus, (2) academic initiatives, and (3) outreach and engagement

## Sustainable Campus

- Recycling Program: aluminum, plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, chemicals, electronics, batteries, construction site materials
- Energy Conservation: indoor temperature limits, light switch decals as reminder to turn off lights, campus-wide computer power down controls
- Waste minimization: double sided printing in the Tech Center, reduction of plastic bag use, promotion of reusable water bottles
- Cafeteria: no Styrofoam cups, re-usable dinnerware, food waste given to pig farmer, waste oil recycled for biodiesel
- Farmers' Market: Thursday 2pm-6pm through October, Park Walk & Cecil B. Moore
- Transportation: University Pass Program (semester based program providing discount for public transit), Bike Temple initiative, Car Share program (Philly Car Share, Zip Car), carpooling
- Master Plan recommendations through 2020 include additional green spaces, green roofs
- Long Range Climate Action Plan to achieve carbon neutrality



## Academic Initiatives

- Courses in sustainability in General Education, Undergraduate and Graduate Studies
- Research funding for sustainability related student projects

## Outreach and Engagement

- Hosting Events: Campus Sustainability Day (Oct. 21), National Teach-In (Feb. 2010), various speakers on sustainability topics
- Competitions: RecycleMania (national competition among colleges); Residence Hall Energy Competition (Fall 2009)
- Student Groups: Students for Environmental Action (SEA), Students for Responsible Business (SRB), Outdoors Club, Temple Community Garden Club
- Office of Sustainability website: [www.temple.edu/sustainability](http://www.temple.edu/sustainability) E: [sustainability@temple.edu](mailto:sustainability@temple.edu)

