

Student Sustainability Forum

Introductory Questions:

- 1) Where does the College of Lake County's drinking water come from?
 - a) Underground aquifer
 - b) Lake County streams and rivers
 - c) Kenosha, WI
 - d) Lake Michigan

- 2) How much water does the average person use per day?
 - a) 15-20 gallons
 - b) 50-75 gallons
 - c) 80-100 gallons
 - d) 125-150 gallons

- 3) If you live in Lake County, where does our trash get landfilled?
 - a) Grayslake
 - b) Zion
 - c) Somewhere in Wisconsin
 - d) All of the above

- 4) What percentage of plastic water bottles gets recycled?
 - a) 9%
 - b) 16%
 - c) 32%
 - d) 60%

- 5) What is the average distance that our fruits and vegetables travel before they end up on the plates of Illinois residents? Do you know where Illinois' food supply comes from?
 - a) 250 miles (e.g. Waterloo, IA)
 - b) 500 miles (e.g. Lincoln, NE)
 - c) 1,000 miles (e.g. Denver, CO)
 - d) 1,500 miles (e.g. Provo, UT)
 - e) 2,100 miles (e.g. Fresno, CA)

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- 6) What does "sustainable food" mean?
- a) Certified Organic
 - b) Locally grown (within 250 miles)
 - c) Free-range chickens and grass fed beef
 - d) Grown by farmers paid at fair wages
 - e) All of the above
- 7) Rank these top 4 sources in order of amount of electricity produced for northeastern Illinois (PJM):
- Renewables: Wind, Solar & Hydro
 - Nuclear
 - Coal
 - Natural Gas
- 8) Rank the following categories by how much energy the average household is using (from high 6 to low 1):
- Lighting
 - Refrigeration
 - Air conditioning
 - Heating
 - Water Heating
 - Other Appliances
- 9) What did type of renewable energy CLC install this past year on its Grayslake Campus? CLC just broke ground on what type of renewable energy this spring?
- 10) What does "Sustainability" mean to you? Do you think that sustainability is important for the College of Lake County?

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Survey Questions

1. What are some sustainability initiatives currently in place or under construction at the College of Lake County?
2. What ways are best to communicate with students about sustainability initiatives, either for participation or awareness?
3. The following is a list of 15 sustainability initiatives that could take place at the College of Lake County. Please identify which of these you are: most interested (1), somewhat interested (2), or least interested (3) in seeing adopted on the campuses:

_____ Solar PV panels on the roofs

_____ Parking tags and spaces for high efficiency cars or carpoolers

_____ Reduce/eliminate lawn chemicals

_____ Eliminate Styrofoam from cafeteria, restaurant, and Something's Brewing

_____ Continue installation of water saving toilets and faucet fixtures

_____ Purchase of products made from recyclable materials

_____ Purchase energy from renewable energy sources

_____ Increased options for local and organic food choices in the cafeteria

_____ Recycling containers in every room

_____ Rain gardens and bioswales for stormwater management

_____ Native landscaping for biodiversity

_____ More energy efficient LED lighting, computer equipment and appliances

_____ Student sustainability educator program

_____ Information about sustainability at new student orientation

_____ Increased bus service and ridesharing

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4. Which of the following economic sustainability principles are you familiar with (Y/N)?

_____ Buying local

_____ Fair Trade

_____ Sweatshop Free

_____ Recycled content

_____ Sustainable agriculture, locally grown or produced food

_____ Certified Organic food

_____ WaterSense

_____ Energy Star

_____ Cradle to Cradle

_____ Green Seal certified cleaning products

Place a star (*) by the economic principles above that you think CLC should strive to adopt, even if they had a cost consequence (higher tuition or fees).

5. Are you aware of the Student Green Fund? If so, then what type of projects do you think the Green Fund should be used for? How can we increase participation?

6. What could the college do to increase how often people recycle waste?

7. Would you be interested in a bus system that covered Grayslake, South Lake, and Lake Shore campus? Would you be willing to pay to support the bus system? _____

8. Academics:

a. Do you think that more courses should incorporate sustainability? _____

b. Would you be interested in taking courses or degrees in sustainability? _____

c. Do you think a sustainability graduation requirement should be developed, similar to the multicultural requirement? _____

d. Should transcripts identify students' efforts in sustainability or volunteerism?

Desired for CLC

Local purchasing of products: 11
Fair Trade: 7
Sweatshop Free: 5
Recycled content: 11
Locally grown: 9
Certified Organic: 7
WaterSense: 9
Energy Star: 8
Cradle to cradle: 7
Green Seal: 7

Most desired

Local purchases
Recycled content
Locally grown
WaterSense
Energy Star

Group top 3 ideas:

Vendors selling organic products (2)
Eliminating Styrofoam and plastic bags (2)
Sustainability awareness (2)
Increase renewable energy (2)
Chargeable point card
Graduation requirement (curriculum)
Text notices about sustainable events
Purchase local goods
Sustainability events
Research origin of products

2. The following is a list of sustainability initiatives that could take place at the College of Lake County.

Most interested

Purchase energy from a renewable source: 2
Parking Tags/spaces for carpoolers or efficient cars: 3
Eliminate Styrofoam: 3
Rideshare and increased bus service: 1
Eliminate lawn chemicals: 2
Sustainability information at new student orientation: 3
Sustainable events: 1
Recycling containers in every room: 3
Rain Garden: 2
Native landscaping: 1
Recycled products: 1

Top Choices

Parking Tags
Eliminate Styrofoam
Sustainability info at orientation
Recycling in rooms

Kind of interested

Parking Tags/spaces for carpoolers or efficient cars: 7
Eliminate lawn chemicals: 6
Purchase recycled products: 2
Solar PV panels: 4
Eliminate Styrofoam: 4
Purchase energy from a renewable source: 2
Geothermal energy: 1
Recycling containers in every room: 1
Rain garden: 5
Native landscape: 6
Sustainability information at new student orientation: 2
Rideshare and increased bus service: 7
Sustainable events: 1
Options for local and organic food: 5
Sustainability educator program: 5
Efficient LED lighting: 1
Geothermal: 1

Top Choices

Parking Tags
Eliminate lawn chemicals
Rain garden
Native landscaping
Rideshare
Local/organic food options
Sustainability educator program

3. Identify which of the following economic and social sustainability principles you are familiar with, those you currently use, and those you think CLC should strive to adopt, even if they would cost more in tuition fees.

Familiar concepts

Local purchasing of products: 14
Fair Trade: 5
Sweatshop Free: 9
Recycled content: 14
Locally grown: 12
Certified Organic: 14
WaterSense: 5
Energy Star: 9
Cradle to cradle: 4
Green Seal: 8

Least familiar

Fair Trade
WaterSense
Cradle to cradle