



Sunflowers
Honey Bees, Bumblebees & Solitary Bees
Thank a Pollinator!

Blueberries
Alfalfa Leafcutter Bees, Southeastern Blueberry Bees, Bumblebees, Honey Bees & Solitary Bees
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Learn More

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"Sustainability is inclusive, it encompasses human and ecological health, social justice, secure livelihoods, and a better world for all generations."

—Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)



Who we are ... What we do

The Principia College Sustainability Club is a student-run club with a mission **"to promote and facilitate – in practical, tangible, and inspiring ways – the participation of Principia community members in sustainability activities on campus."**

According to a 2012 Report to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, *Realizing the Future We Want for All*, "Sustainability...represents the key challenge for a transformative agenda: how to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and achieve more equitable and sustainable management and governance of natural resources while promoting dynamic and inclusive economic and human development."



Our Club strives to accomplish this mission by:

1. Meeting weekly to share updates on sustainability projects (planned or underway)
2. Serving as an incubator and clearinghouse for new and innovative ideas
3. Planning and hosting sustainability-related outreach events
4. Supporting ongoing sustainability projects by identifying experts, partners, and resources necessary to advance the project, lending visibility to the project (e.g., visual and print media), offering a helping hand when needed, and raising funds
5. Identifying specific ways in which the campus could be more sustainable
6. Building capacity to meet long-term sustainability goals by finding ways to foster sustainability on campus
7. Mentoring new students to ensure the success of short- and long-term sustainability goals
8. Partnering with the Center for Sustainability, Dining Services, campus operations, and other clubs to encourage broad support for a sustainable campus

Milestones

Following a decades' long tradition of student interest in a "green" campus and a more sustainable future, the Sustainability Club leads campus programming that encourages us all to be better environmental stewards. Among our accomplishments are:

1. Hosting popular DIY workshops (e.g., soap, lip balm, perfume, wax cloth)
2. Attending the annual Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) *Student Summit* and other professional venues
3. Assisting the Facilities Department in implementing campus-wide comingled (single-stream) recycling
4. Maintaining the campus beehives through our student Beekeepers Association; making/offering honey
5. Operationalizing a "green roof" on the Science Center to provide fresh baby greens to Dining Services – and to serve as a student event space
6. Hosting Sustainability Campus Walking Tours during Visitor Weekends
7. Working with Dining Services to design and peer-evaluate a broader selection of vegan meal options
8. Writing or contributing to articles on sustainability in the student newspaper (*The Pilot*) and other venues
9. Volunteering for a river clean-up as part of the Mississippi EarthTones Festival
10. Coordinating campus book recycling
11. Collaborating with residence EcoHeads to improve recycling and composting
12. Making cider and apple sauce from the West Quad Apple Orchard
13. Volunteering at the Alton Farmer's Market, Saturday Café, TreeHouse Wildlife Rescue, and EarthTones Festival
14. Hosting speakers, films and other campus outreach events
15. Advocated for water bottle filling stations in every dormitory
16. Hosting an *Earth Day Fair* in the spring and *Sustainability Weekend* in the fall
17. Helping to prepare/plant a Community Garden behind the Science Center

The Club continues to support student-led projects, and we look forward to further expanding our involvement on campus and in the local community! Join us!