

Sustainability

Ohio University in Athens is a big school with a lot of swagger when it comes to greening its campus. A grant totaling \$1 million tripled the size of the campus' in-vessel composting system, making it the largest at any college or university in the nation. The new system will have the capacity to accept up to four tons of waste per day. The OHIO Ecohouse demonstrates affordable green technology and sustainable living to inform, engage, and inspire campus and community members and features an organic garden and solar panels. The campus community garden will offer a tithe of the produce to local food pantries. There are dozens of faculty members whose research interests touch on sustainability issues, and many work with students. Students are busy leading their own sustainability projects through involvement in student groups like Sierra Student Coalition, Sustainable Ohio University Leaders (SOUL), and Eco Reps. To-go ware in all university dining facilities are made of compostable materials. Students are also in the process of designing and implementing a landscaping plan around the Walter International Education Center, which is currently pursuing LEED certification.

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Green rating	AASHE STARS* rating
95/99	SILVER
School Has Formal Sustainability Committee	Yes
Sustainability-focused degree available	Yes
School employs a sustainability officer	Yes
Public GHG inventory plan	Yes
% food budget spent on local/organic food	15%
Available Transportation Alternatives	
Car Sharing Program	Yes
Carpool/Vanpool Matching Program	Yes
Condensed Work Week Option For Employees	Yes
Free Or Reduced Price Transit Passes And/Or Free Campus Shuttle	Yes
Incentives Or Programs To Encourage Employees To Live Close To Campus	Yes
Indoor And Secure Bike Storage, Shower Facilities, And Lockers For Bicycle Commuters	Yes
School Adopted A Policy Prohibiting Idling	Yes
School Developed Bicycle Plan	Yes
School Offers A Telecommute Program For Employees	Yes

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