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Self-Guided Sustainability Walking Tour

This tour highlights some of Denison University's efforts to become a more sustainable campus. To learn more about these and other initiatives visit: www.denison.edu/sustainability/

1. Community Gardens

The campus community garden was established Spring 2010 to advance awareness and knowledge of food production and sustainable agriculture. It was funded through the John R. Hunting

Environmental Sustainability Venture Fund, which is designed to support environmentally positive projects on Denison's campus. Through their work in the 30-plot garden, more than 100 students, faculty, and staff grow their own food and participate in workshops to learn about growing, cooking, and preserving produce. Surplus produce is donated to the local food bank.



2. Dining Halls

Both dining halls provide a selection of local and organically grown fruits, vegetables, and milk along with fair trade and organic coffee and tea. Used cooking oil from the kitchens is recycled for use as biofuel at a nearby farm. Vegan and vegetarian meals are always available. Dining halls have also abandoned the use of serving trays, thereby minimizing food waste and water usage, and increasing energy savings.

3. Composting

While eating in the dining hall or in apartment-style residences, make sure to compost your food waste! Both pre- and post-consumer food waste are taken to a composting facility directly behind the Denison's Physical Plant. It later serves as fertilizer for the campus grounds and community garden in place of synthetic fertilizer.

4. Solar Panels on Library Roof

Installed in 2007, the array of solar panels can generate up to 6,440 direct current watts of energy. As of October 2010, the system has prevented 39,849 lbs of CO² emission. They can be seen from the south-facing window of the reading room on the 5th floor of the library stacks and also from the west-facing windows on the top floor of Fellows Hall.

5. Barney-Davis Hall

Home of the English Department and the McPhail Center for Environmental Studies, Barney-Davis was renovated in 1998 to create a place where environmental principles are upheld and demonstrated and to showcase the reuse of an existing structure, energy-efficiency, sustainability, renewable resources, and waste recycling. While inside, stop by the Environmental Studies offices on the first floor and chat with a professor about what an Environmental Studies major entails!

6-9. LEED Certified Buildings

Denison is one of 290 schools to make a commitment that all new construction will be up to LEED standards. The restoration of Bryant Arts Center (6) is no exception, earning a LEED Gold certification. More than 75 percent of the building's original structure was retained or reused in the renovation process. Other newly constructed LEED certified buildings include the chemistry building Ebaugh (7), Chamberlain Apartments (8) and the Natatorium (9).



10. Office of Sustainability

Stop by the Sustainability Office (Doane 304) and chat with the Campus Sustainability Coordinator, Jeremy King. The office's mission is to educate and engage the Denison community on ways to move toward a more sustainable future.

11. Red Recycling Barn

DURP (Denison University Recycling Program) is a student-run organization that

promotes waste reduction and recycling. In 2004, DURP opened the Recycling Center (located non Pearl St., just across from the Physical Plant) in response to high demands. It serves

the recycling efforts of the Denison campus as well as the surrounding Granville community.



12. The Homestead

From the Recycling Barn, follow the dirt road to the "WE" sign and cross the field. Nestled into the woods you will find the Homestead, a student-run living community with a focus on ecological sustainability. Twelve students live and work together at the Homestead each semester. Sustainable features include growing their own vegetables, collecting eggs from their chickens, and running all electricity from solar energy.

13. The Biological Reserve

Finish your tour with a walk on trails that cover 350 acres of forests, fields, and ponds. The purpose of the Reserve is to enhance the education of students in Biology and the Environmental Sciences through their courses and research, while also serving the community.