

# sustainability

*SUSTAINABILITY IS A SYSTEMIC PART OF FACILITIES & SERVICES AND IS CRITICAL TO THE WORK OF ALL 1,200 EMPLOYEES DEDICATED TO PRESERVING AND MAINTAINING THE 647 BUILDINGS AND CAMPUS GROUNDS.*



Sustainability efforts are at the core of Illinois' commitment to its land-grant university mission. Employees, students, and community members all help define and implement our dynamic, multi-disciplinary approach. After pledging carbon neutrality by 2050, the university worked together to develop a strategy addressing coal combustion, renewable fuel sources, energy conservation, waste management, active transportation, as well as innovation and enhanced sustainability education and research.

**American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)**  
<http://go.illinois.edu/acupcc>

In 2008, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign became the first Big Ten university to sign the ACUPCC.

**The Strategic Opportunity in Global Challenges**  
<http://go.illinois.edu/strategicopportunity>

In 2009, the university released a sustainable vision for the campus emphasizing educational components and the importance of integrating principles throughout the curriculum.

**Illinois Climate Action Plan (iCAP)**  
<http://go.illinois.edu/climateactionplan>

In 2010, the university published its climate action plan, setting aggressive timelines for energy consumption reduction and other targets. The iCAP was established as a living document about campus sustainability. It will be updated as goals are reached and research develops new technologies. To date, there are more than 300 projects related to the iCAP, all tracked in an online database: the iCAP Portal.

**iCAP Portal | University of Illinois**  
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### Campus Bike Plan

2013 Campus Bicycle Network Master Plan for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**Description**  
Transportation Demand Management (TDM) in Facilities & Services is seeking input on the updated 2013 Campus Bike Plan, a master plan to direct our efforts for future bicycle infrastructure improvements and program development.

The draft 2013 Campus Bike Plan will be available for public input during a four-week period, through March 31, and members of the campus community are encouraged to review the plan and submit their comments and feedback. Feedback can be submitted through the online Campus Bicycle Feedback Form. The Campus Bike Plan will be finalized for approval during Summer 2013.

- Download Campus Bike Plan (PDF) (updated May 2013)
- Submit feedback through the Campus Bicycle Feedback Form

**Background**

The benefits of a bicycle friendly campus are many. As a mode of transportation, bicycles provide solutions in the areas of safety, sustainability, cost savings, mobility, health and well-being. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign was one of the first campuses in the nation to adopt a bikeway network when the first bike paths were constructed here in the 1920s. Since that time, funding cutbacks have led to degraded and disconnected pathways, outdated and insufficient bicycle parking, and limited support for bicycle services and programs. Despite these setbacks, bicycle ridership has grown at the University of Illinois in the last decade, and is expected to continue to grow in the future, creating a great need for reemphasis on engineering, education, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation for bicycle-friendly improvements.

The 2013 Campus Bike Plan outlines the various ways in which the University should improve for bicycles in the coming years. The goals of the Campus Bike Plan are five-fold:

- Increase safety for all campus users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and motorists

**Project History**

**Revised Draft Campus Bike Plan Available**  
5/17/2013 The Campus Bike Plan is still under revision, but a newly updated version of the draft is now publicly available.

**Draft 2013 Campus Bike Plan Released for public comment**  
3/4/2013 The draft 2013 Campus Bike Plan is now available for public input.

[View all project progress](#)

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