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As we settle into the fall semester, we showcase our self-report from the “Sustaining Our Environment: Developing Our Greenprint” All College Planning Conference session. This note includes a brief report on your session responses (remember the conversation with your neighbor and the scrap pieces of stationary?), Green Team kick-off information, and upcoming sustainability-related events.

## Responses from “Developing Our Greenprint,” August 14, 2008.

179 total respondents, all data self-reported.

### REDUCE.

- 15% (27) Have reduced energy consumption by turning off computers and lights, lowering or turning off air conditioners, choosing energy efficient appliances and light bulbs.  
14% (25) more are **committed to reducing energy use** on campus this year.
- 20% (36) Are conserving water or **will implement conservation measures**.  
Responses include reusing wash water for the garden, turning off the tap while brushing teeth and taking shorter showers.
- 64% (114) Are, or will be, **cutting paper consumption** by reusing single-sided paper, printing double-sided and reducing print volume.  
23% (42) commit to using electronic solutions to bypass paper use.
- 41% (73) Are **reducing fossil fuel consumption** by carpooling, biking, riding the bus or walking.  
20% (35) commit to making a new change this year.

### REUSE.

- 23% (41) Employ a **reusable** mug or water bottle and 13% (24) regularly reuse grocery bags.
- 11% (19) Commit to purchasing **recycled-content** paper or compostable event disposables.

### RECYCLE.

- 80% (143) Report current recycling.  
Additionally, 16% (28) pledge to start or **increase their recycling efforts**.  
13% (23) will work with others to improve the recycling system on campus.

### EDUCATION.

- 26 faculty Are incorporating **environmental sustainability** into their **classroom experience** and 30% (52) of respondents commit to raising awareness in the Meredith Community.

### ACTIONS of interest.

- Individually, you are...
- greening alumnae programming, [see U. Victoria for sample event greening](#)
  - reviewing budgets and purchasing habits, [EPA environmentally preferable purchasing](#)
  - planting trees, [trees for the future](#)
  - offsetting your carbon footprint, [carbonfund.org](#)
  - riding your bike to work, President Hartford included! [bike commute tips](#)
  - subscribing to “voluntary simplicity, [wikipedia: simple living](#)

Q&A from session is online, and includes “footprint quiz” and Talloires Declaration information.

<http://www.meredith.edu/campus-theme/news.htm>, see “Developing our Greenprint.”

## Green Team, September 18<sup>th</sup> 5pm. SMB Atrium.

Refreshments and networking, 4:30 in the Atrium.

Presentation and breakout, 4:45-5:30 in SMB 162.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to join our campus green team, a working group that will implement the 10 point action plan of the Talloires Declaration [<http://www.iisd.org/educate/declarat/tallore.htm>].

## Upcoming Events

- September 4, **An Inconvenient Truth** screening, 7:30pm, Kresge Auditorium.
- September 8, Summer Reading Program **Discussions**, 10:00am.  
Staff, faculty and students welcome in SMB courtyard.
- September 9, Interactive **discussion with John Passacantando**, 3:30 pm, Kresge Auditorium.
- September 9, John **Passacantando's Lecture**, 7:00pm, Jones Auditorium.
- September 15, "Building a **Culture of Sustainability**" panel discussion," 10am, Carswell Auditorium.
- September 16, Lecture: "**Mission Zero**" from InterfaceFLOR, 6pm, Kresge Auditorium.
- September 18, Green Team KickOff, 4:30-5:30, SMB Atrium and 162.
- September 19, RBC Business Week closing with **green foods and products**, 10am, Harris lobby.
- October 14, Convocation and Workshop: "Following the Corn: **Sustainable Food Options** for Everyone," Tanya Denckla Cobb, University of Virginia, 2-5pm, main courtyard in front of Belk.
- AASHE (Association for the Advancement of **Sustainability in Higher Education**) conference, November 9-11, Raleigh Convention center. <http://www.aashe.org/conf2008/>