

2010 Winter Forum Sustainability Resource Page. Quick, easy ways to continue your education and participation in sustainability beyond this year's Winter Forum.

On Campus.....

1) Take the Duke Sustainability Pledge and be a part of Duke's green efforts.

Taking the Sustainable Duke pledge is the first step to getting involved. You will receive information about Duke's sustainability efforts and upcoming events through a twice monthly electronic newsletter. [Take the Pledge](#) and educate yourself about how you can help Duke meet its goal of [climate neutrality by 2024](#).

2) Join a Duke environmental group.

[Environmental Alliance](#) (EA) – is an undergraduate student group committed to promoting sustainable practices at Duke University. Through organization, advocacy, and outreach, EA strives to make Duke a model campus for environmental stewardship. A popular EA initiative is the long-running, annual Eco-Olympics competition on East Campus, a waste, water and energy reduction contest between first-year student dorms.

Sympa listserv: environmental-a

[The Duke Community Garden](#) - is a student-run organization for those who are passionate about slow food and sustainability. The group has created a large vegetable garden adjacent to the Duke SmartHome. Students work with other Durham residents and garden professionals to grow organic food and distribute it to on-campus eateries. The garden is a great place to relax, as well as enjoy nature and fresh produce. Sympa listserv: dukecommunitygarden

[Farmhand](#) - is volunteer effort geared toward building awareness of sustainable agriculture throughout the Duke community by providing physical labor for local small-scale farmers that produce healthy food for the Durham/Triangle community through sustainable agriculture. Students can participate in regular weekend work days fostering an awareness of the agricultural heritage of the region and sharing knowledge on a variety of environmental efforts. Sympa listserv: farmhand

[Wilderness Outdoor Opportunities for Durham Students](#) (WOODS) - is a program that is run by Duke students promoting nature and experiential environmental education in the Durham area. WOODS helps children gain a sense of self-worth and build their self-esteem. Aspects of ecology, the environment, and basic natural principles are taught through team building exercises, games, and spending times outdoors. Sympa listserv: woods-club

[REMEDY](#) - is a volunteer program at Duke University organized to recover usable surplus medical supplies and distribute them via Duke-affiliated projects to areas of need overseas. Student, faculty and staff volunteers work to reduce medical waste at Duke through the recovery and recycling of usable surplus medical supplies, reduce health disparities in developing countries and promote awareness of global health issues within the duke and greater Durham community. Sympa listserv: remedy-at

*[More information](#) about environmental groups at Duke.

3) Get paid to work on sustainability initiatives.

Students for Sustainable Living (SSL) – is a 15 member paid student corps dedicated to “greening” Duke’s campus culture and reducing the university’s environmental footprint through education and outreach. SSL is run by Sustainable Duke and students work 3-5 hours weekly on projects they design. Contact - [Casey Roe](#)

Duke Recycles – hires students each semester to work on waste reduction, recycling and composting related projects. Students can work up to ten hours a week. Contact - [Arwen Buchholz](#)

4) Take a sustainability related class.

Sustainability courses at Duke prepare students across all disciplines to analyze the connections between social, economic and environmental phenomena and address global concerns about the future. [Check out a listing](#) of diverse sustainability courses at Duke, updated each semester.

5) Apply for a grant to fund your creative project ideas. Duke has two great sources of funding dedicated to sustainability efforts.

[The Green Grant Fund](#) - administered by Sustainable Duke, allocates \$50K annually to fund student, staff and faculty led initiatives that will "green" Duke. Applications are considered on a rolling basis.

[Students Taking an Active Role in Sustainability \(STARS\)](#) - is a student group in charge of allocating \$25K annually to sustainability projects on campus and in the Durham community. The submission deadline is rolling and the last cut off date this semester is Jan. 29th.

In Durham.....

There are many opportunities for Duke students to address environmental issues in the community. Some key resources to explore current options include:

- 1) **The Duke Center for Civic Engagement (DCCE)** – the DCCE Durham Programs has information on a wide variety of opportunities for community involvement. Most positions require a weekly commitment of one to five hours. Community partner organizations provide training. Contact - [Domonique Redmond](#). Search [current options](#).

DCCE also coordinates a wide variety of work-study opportunities for students interested in community involvement. Contact - [Elaine Madison](#). Search [current options](#).

- 2) **The Office of Durham and Regional Affairs** - coordinates Duke's relations with Durham and the Research Triangle region, including but not limited to local government, the Research Triangle Park, Durham public schools, and area colleges and universities. The Office oversees the activities of the Office of Community Affairs and its Duke Durham Neighborhood Partnership. Staff work to strengthen partnerships with Durham to accelerate economic renewal in downtown areas close to campus. Search [current volunteer opportunities](#).
- 3) [Duke Engage](#) – The DukeEngage program provides funding for Duke undergraduates to pursue an intensive civic engagement experience within a community in need. Through DukeEngage, Duke students address societal issues within the U.S. and abroad. Students are involved in a vast range of civic engagement activities, including environmental advocacy, community outreach, global health, education, social justice and more.