



Ball State University Leading Society to a Sustainable Future



April 1991
Provost Warren Vander Hill
appoints first Green Committee

1996
First Greening Conference @ BSU

1997
Clustered Academic Minors

April 1999
BSU signs Talloires Declaration

September 2000
Green Committee 2 convenes

March 2001
Council on the Environment
(COTE) created

April 2002
Students for a Sustainable
Campus created

2003-2004
Mexico, Canada, & Brazil
join BSU to form Sustainability
for the Americas consortia

Fall 2006
Cooper-Skinner Land-Lab
initiated w/Straw-Bale house

Fall 2007
Seventh Greening of the
Campus Conference

The Talloires Declaration

"The Talloires Declaration is a consensus statement authored by 31 university leaders and international environmental experts representing 15 nations from around the world. It was developed at the Tufts University European campus at Talloires, France in 1990. As of the April 1999 date of Ball State University's signing, the declaration had been signed by over 250 universities worldwide."



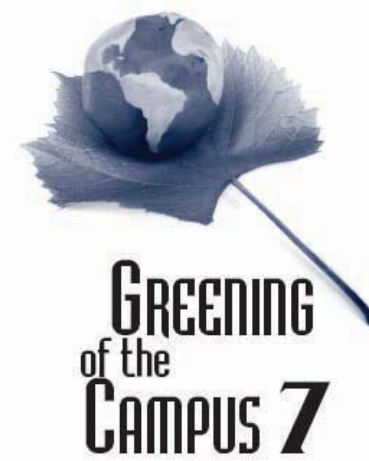
Center for Energy
Research/Education/Service (CERES)
www.bsu.edu/ceres

"In 1979, the Indiana General Assembly authorized a \$7.9 million addition to Ball State University's College of Architecture and Planning (CAP) building. This project included a \$1.5 million appropriation for an energy center, which the university intended to use for energy research, education, and service in the immediate community as well as statewide."

"Since nearly all academic areas address issues related to energy and resources, faculty and students from all six colleges of Ball State University take part in CERES programs and projects and use the energy center's facilities and staff expertise. The interdisciplinary approach means that CERES can serve everyone from art to zoology as a demonstration, teaching, and research tool."

Mission Statement

To maintain ongoing programs for the examination of state-of-the-art energy conservation and end-use practices.
To investigate alternative solutions to contemporary energy problems.
To develop projections and implications of the results of these solutions.
To devise means of implementing these ideas.
To disseminate findings to the appropriate publics - professionals, educators, policy planners, students, and laypersons.



1996 Greening Conference
1997 Conference II: The Next Step
1999 Conference III: Theory & Reality
2001 Conference IV: Moving to the Mainstream
2003 Conference V: Connecting to Place
2005 Conference VI: Extending Connections
2007 Conference VII: Partnering for Sustainability: Enabling a Diverse Future

Greening of the Campus Conferences

www.bsu.edu/greening

"This interdisciplinary conference allows people representing diverse areas in university communities to share information on environmental issues. These areas range from practical day-to-day management of the physical plant to 'green' curriculum development and 'green' utilization of campus resources. The areas are bound by common concerns for achieving environmental soundness through safe and sane management of resources. The campus community can become a 'green' model for society as a whole by gathering and sharing this information."



Green Committee 2
www.bsu.edu/g2

Provost Warren Vander Hill appointed ninety-four representatives from the Ball State University and Muncie communities to membership on the Green-2 Committee. The principal goal of the committee is to implement the far-reaching objectives of the Talloires Declaration, signed by President John Worthen in 1999, committing Ball State to move toward becoming a sustainable university.

The precursor to this committee, Green Committee 1, was the first official commitment by the University to environmentally-friendly practices. Provost Warren Vander Hill appointed a university level 'Green' Committee to examine environmental concerns as related to the University's educational mandate. 'Green' Committee was charged to formulate recommendations which, if undertaken might "raise environmental consciousness in our student body, foster conviction in students regarding these issues, and empower them with understandings of how they might channel their awareness effectively to shape the future." The Green Committee made thirty-five recommendations; of which over twenty were carried forward.



Council on the Environment (COTE)

www.bsu.edu/cote

The Ball State University Council on the Environment is a university-wide clearinghouse for sustainability initiatives. The council was created by then Ball State University Provost and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Warren Vander Hill. The council is comprised of representation from each of the university's academic colleges and vice presidential areas as well as the student body and Muncie community. COTE provides leadership for initiatives at Ball State and in the surrounding community that promote the sustainable use of natural resources and the protection of ecological systems that sustain life.

Land Design Institute

www.bsu.edu/web/capweb/ldi

The LDI pursues a mission of ecologically and culturally responsible land design through education, research, outreach, and service, and through the integration of current and future efforts into a land design agenda. This work includes land management, planning and design initiatives, GIS mapping and land use planning, greenway planning, urban forestry, historic landscape preservation, recreational design, alternative/sustainable agriculture, ecological restoration, equestrian facilities design, and alternative energy production.

Sustainability for the Americas

www.bsu.edu/web/capweb/ldi/projects/sfta

Sustainability for the Americas is the implementation of the network's first global region network and its first two funded consortia: The US-Brazil Sustainability Consortium (USBSC) and the North American Sustainability, Housing, and Community Consortium (NASHCC). The SFTA integrates international experts, universities committed to sustainability, and local leaders to educate students to lead local and global societies to a sustainable future. It layers international sustainability experiences over the sustainability base students have acquired in their own university, immersion experiences, service learning projects, cross-cultural sustainability curriculum and uses Ball State's Global Media Network and teleconferencing capabilities to provide introductory international experiences to a larger student audience.

Ball State Student Groups

Students for a Sustainable Campus

www.bsu.edu/web/sustainable

This is a grassroots organization that promotes sustainability on campus. The group has worked on projects including reducing the campus' paper footprint, improving the campus recycling system, and others.

Emerging Green Builders

This organization's mission is to integrate students and professionals into the green building movement, to create a network of emerging green building leaders, and to develop opportunity involvement through the U.S. Green Building Council to further generate momentum for the green building industry.

*Text and/or information taken from listed websites.

Clustered Academic Minors

www.bsu.edu/cluster

Implemented in 1997 and continuing through the present, this program consists of interdepartmental minors in environmentally sustainable practices. Minors currently available are: Environmental Policy; The Environmental Context for Business; Environmental Contexts in Health Care; Sustainable Land Systems; and Technology & the Environment.

Such an interdisciplinary approach encourages integrative thinking and allows all students, no matter what their main interests or goals, to gain a foundation in environmental issues.

