

Energy conservation and the environment

What is Canisius College doing?



Canisius College is deeply committed to utility conservation and the sustainability of our natural resources. This is accomplished in part through our development of policies and practices which are designed to promote sound energy management, and the economic, social and environmental well-being of our students and staff. A web page is being designed to explain how Canisius College conserves and supports sustainable use of our natural resources and how you can help.

Canisius College has made major strides towards decreasing our environmental footprint by changing the way we operate, maintain, and construct our facilities. Future design and construction will be weighed against environmentally friendly LEED* recommended practices to ensure the responsible use of our natural resources. Canisius has also made a significant investment in energy conservation measures and software that reduces our consumption of utilities.

Energy conservation is never the result of policies and practices alone. The success of our program will require the input, efforts and actions of everyone that utilize our campus facilities. Changing long standing habits and behaviors is never easy and requires establishing a new frame of mind. Only through changes in our understanding and attitudes can we expect to succeed in our mission at Canisius and continue to develop an environmentally friendly conscience that will influence those around us for a lifetime.

Topics such as Sustainability, Carbon inventory, Ongoing Conservation Efforts, Green Building Design Strategies, Green Computing, Heating and Cooling Standards, Recycling, Renewable Energy, Smart Energy Behaviors and Awareness and Promotional Campaigns will be introduced and explained in future web issues. We look forward to working with students and staff to promote and instill an awareness of sustainability into our daily activities.

* The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria. LEED is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. LEED gives building owners and operators the tools they need to have an immediate and measurable impact on their buildings' performance. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality.