

Educating and Acting for Sustainability at West Chester University

WCU Organizations and Resources

- The [*Sustainability Advisory Council \(SAC\)*](#) gives faculty, students, and staff the chance to collaborate for the advancement of WCU's sustainability goals. Monthly meetings occur this Fall 2019 semester on 9/6, 10/11, and 11/8 (Philips Hall Lower Level Conference Room). Seven committees focus on sustainability in **Transportation, Curriculum, Scholarly and Creative Activities, Campus Trees, Zero Waste, Investments and Finance**, and **five Gs** (Gardens, Green Roofs, the Gordon Natural Area, campus Grounds, and Gastronomical/Food systems). New faculty are encouraged to join the SAC and one or more of its committees – see the web link above for committee chair contact info or each out to the SAC Executive Committee Members: Jessica Schedlbauer, Aliza Richman, and Sarah Paylor (jschedlbauer@wcupa.edu, arichman@wcupa.edu, and spaylor@wcupa.edu).
- The [*Office of Sustainability*](#) serves as a resource to faculty, students, staff, and community members on campus environmental, social, and economic sustainability initiatives. Major initiatives include supporting implementation of WCU's Carbon Neutrality by 2025 commitment in its [*Climate Action Plan*](#), reporting to the [*Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System*](#), planning film and lecture series, and more. Sign up for our [*weekly email newsletter*](#) to stay up to date on learning, teaching, and research opportunities.

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Office of Sustainability Social Media:



- The [*Gordon Natural Area*](#) and [*WCU Campus Gardens*](#) are used by faculty, students, and staff for learning, research, and recreation. Faculty from departments all over campus – English and Biology, Geography and Planning and Earth and Space Sciences – have included time in the GNA and campus gardens as part of their classes.
- Contacts: Nur Ritter, GNA Stewardship Manager (nritter@wcupa.edu and 610-436-2722) and the Gardens Team (gardens@wcupa.edu).
- The *Brandywine Project for Sustainability Education* works with faculty from every college on campus to deepen our understanding of the many elements of sustainability and to incorporate these concepts into their teaching, research, and service. The next *Brandywine Project Faculty Sustainability Workshop* is scheduled for January 14-15, 2020. Details will be announced in the Office of Sustainability weekly email bulletin or contact Professors Cheryl Wanko (cwanko@wcupa.edu) and Aliza Richman (arichman@wcupa.edu).
 - *Fall 2019 Sustainability and Practice Research Seminar*: Wednesdays starting 9/4/19 from 12:00 pm to 12:50 pm in Sykes Student Union Room 255 A/B. WCU Faculty and Staff from Chemistry, Nutrition, Social Work, Outdoor Education, and other departments and offices will speak about ongoing sustainability-related research and campus initiatives.
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National and State Organizations / Resources

- **AASHE: Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education**
(www.aashe.org)
 - Resources related to curriculum, research, and much more
 - Note: WCU is a member institution and you have free access to AASHE resources by registering with your WCU e-mail address.
 - **DANS (Disciplinary Associations Network for Sustainability)**
 - [Sustainability Resources](http://dans.aashe.org/) at <http://dans.aashe.org/> – Organized by academic discipline
 - **HEASC (Higher Education Associations Sustainability Consortium)**
 - [Sustainability Resources](http://www.aashe.org/partners/heasc/) at <http://www.aashe.org/partners/heasc/> – Organized by Higher Ed Associations
- **Second Nature** (formerly known as ACUPCC, the **American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment**) (www.secondnature.org)
 - Note: WCU is a signatory to the Carbon Commitment to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions and mitigate campus contributions to climate change
- **PERC (Pennsylvania Environmental Resource Consortium)**
(www.pagreencolleges.org)
 - Note: WCU is a member institution and you have free access to PERC resources by registering with your WCU e-mail address.
- **PLAN (Post-Landfill Action Network)**
(www.postlandfill.org)
 - Note: WCU is a member of PLAN and you have free access to the PLAN member hub resources by registering with your WCU e-mail address.