



In cooperation with the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council and universities and community colleges across Illinois,

BENEDICTINE UNIVERSITY

joins the *Illinois Sustainable University Compact*, pledging to accomplish 6 of the following goals by December 31, 2010

- Acquire at least 3 percent of the energy for our campus from renewable sources
- Join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Challenge to increase energy efficiency on campus
- Pledge that all new buildings constructed on campus will earn the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification
- Promote more sustainable transportation options, such as
 - a. Purchasing hybrid and flex-fuel vehicles whenever practical
 - b. Using renewable fuels for our campus fleet
 - c. Establishing successful car-sharing and carpooling programs on campus
- Reduce carbon emissions on campus and look into joining a greenhouse gas emission reduction and trading system
- Reduce water usage on campus by at least 15 percent
- Complete at least one stormwater management project, such as
 - a. Installing permeable pavement in a parking lot on campus
 - b. Creating a rain garden to reduce damage from campus flooding
 - c. Incorporating swales into landscaping to improve drainage and reduce erosion
- Increase the amount of overall waste recycled on campus by at least 15 percent
- Purchase non-toxic cleaning products whenever practical
- Purchase at least 25 percent of the food served in our dining facilities from local farms and vendors
- Compost at least 5,000 cubic yards of the organic waste produced on campus
- Reduce pesticide use by establishing integrated pest management practices at all facilities on campus

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