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Building a Sustainable Macalester: Strategic Planning 2008-2009

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Macalester's Sustainability Office is working to engage the diverse stakeholders of the College's community in thinking strategically about sustainability by launching a campus-wide, participatory planning process. This project will create a vision of sustainability for Macalester and develop concrete short- and long-term priorities. The backbone of the Macalester College Sustainability Plan will also be formed through this process.

How does sustainability advance the core mission of Macalester College?

Whitepaper: What does sustainability mean to Macalester College?
(October 13, 2008)

Practical Vision: What do we want to see in place at Macalester College in the next 2–3 years to advance our vision of sustainability? What prevents us from achieving this practical vision?
(December 2008)

Strategic Directions: What are innovative, substantial actions that we can commit to eliminate the obstacles and advance our practical vision?
(February 2008)

Milestones

Whitepaper:
Presentation
and Feedback

Campus
Sustainability Day

Creating a Practical Vision and
Collecting Stakeholder Input

Focus the Nation:
Global Warming

Strategic
Directions

Environmental Studies Dept.
Senior Seminar Recommendations:
Benchmarks and Climate Neutrality

Climate Neutrality
Date Announced
Sustainability Plan
Finalized

IGC Building
Opening
(LEED Platinum eligible)

October 13

October 22

December 2008

2008

2009

February 5

February 2009

April 22

May 2009

September 2009

Roots and Seeds

September 24
EXCO: Participatory
Leadership Class begins

September

- Planning Team directs Advisory Committee launch meeting
- Communications Plan launched
- Facilitation Team trained

November

- Advisory Committee reviews Whitepaper, Practical Vision & Obstacles
- Data Team begins analyzing trends
- Facilitation Team: stakeholder data synthesis

February 15
Revised Whitepaper
Released

February

- Planning Team reviews trends data and stakeholder input.

February–September

- Leadership establishes short- and long-term priorities
- Facilitation Team launches Implementation Cycle
- Advisory Committee emerges from Planning Team
- Whitepaper and Sustainability Plan are finalized



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