

# **Sustainability at Western Illinois University**

## **Affiliations & Compacts**

*Signatory of the Tallories Declaration*

*Member of Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
(AASHE)*

*Member of American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE)*

*Signed Lt. Governor's Illinois Sustainable University Compact*

*Joined US Environmental Protection Agency – Energy Star Partnership*

## **Goals & Objectives**

*Design New Buildings and Renovations to Silver LEED Criteria  
(Multicultural Facility, Performing Arts Center, Quad Cities)*

*Implement Energy Management Strategies*

*Continued Evaluation of Wind Power for WIU Electrical Portfolio*

*Promote Sustainable Transportation Options  
(10 hybrids and E85 Sedan Fleet)*

*Established a Goal to Increase Recycling by 15%  
(Recyclemania and Fall Semester Competitions)*

*Improve Campus Composting Practices  
(Installed a new Earth Tub Composter)*

*Adopted Campus Green Purchasing Guidelines*

*Support and Participate in Environmental Summits*

*Utilize Illinois Native Plants and Prairie Restorations*

*Continue Use of Integrated Pest Management Practices*

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## **Strategic Actions Taken**

*Sustainability is made Integral to the WIU Strategic Plan*

*Multi Discipline Campus Sustainability Committee formed June 2006 with  
Subcommittees formed in 2008*

*Energy Management Strategy Adopted by the Board of Trustees March 9, 2007*

## **Accomplishments**

*Energy Efficient Lighting Completed in Stipes, Morgan and Horrabin*

*Presentations at National AASHE Convention in Raleigh NC, Dec. 2008*

*\$249,000 in Lighting Grants in 2007 for Malpass Library*

*\$136,000 in Sustainability Grants for Multicultural Facility*

*Named a Sustainable Best Practices Institution Second Year in a Row by the  
Illinois Board of Higher Education*

*Required Energy Star Certified Refrigeration Vending Machines*

*Sodexo and WIU Students Voluntarily Option for Biodegradable Take-out Food  
Containers and Utensils at a Higher First-cost*

*Pilot to Integrate Food Wastes with Composting Operations*

*Apply for Green Solutions Rain Garden Grant*

*Using Permanent Improvement Funds for Sustainable Equipment including LED  
Exit Signs, Occupancy Sensors and Low Flow Toilets*

*Use of Recycled Content in New WIU benches and Trash Receptacles*

*Eliminated nearly all Duplications of Monthly Physical Plant Professional  
Journals*