



# THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY





# Building on Community

- ❑ COS is an administrative structure that taps into the academic strengths and tradition of service at W&M.
- ❑ COS emphasizes transparency, flexibility and responsiveness.
- ❑ COS seeks the full engagement of faculty, students and staff through participation in task driven working groups.
- ❑ COS taps the intellectual capital of faculty, students and staff.
- ❑ COS reports directly to the President of the College and includes key senior administrators.



# Organization

- ▣ President of the College
  - COS Steering Committee
    - ▣ Co-Directors
      - Sustainability Fellow
    - ▣ Chairs of STAC, OPS and PEDS
    - ▣ 2 Undergraduate Students
    - ▣ 1 Graduate Student
    - ▣ Ex Officio VPs for Finance, Administration and Student Affairs
  - STAC: Science and Technology Sub-Committee
    - ▣ Working Groups
  - OPS: Operations Sub-Committee
    - ▣ Working Groups
  - PEDS: Programs and Education Sub-Committee
    - ▣ Working Groups



## The COS Mission

- ❑ Promoting a culture of sustainability through the College community by engaging the powerful education, research and service traditions of the College;
- ❑ Promoting sustainable practices that recognize the need to manage human interactions with ecosystems to minimize impacts of use, conserve the regenerative capacity of the natural environment, and promote its ecological integrity;
- ❑ Serving as a faithful steward of the Student Green Fee through prudent management of those fees to maximize their impact on sustainability;
- ❑ Building an operational model that ensures the long-term future of the College's commitment to sustainability; and
- ❑ Implementing and promoting the President's Policy on Sustainability through full engagement of faculty, students and staff.



## Resources

- ▣ Student Green Fee of \$15 per semester generates approximately \$200K each year.
  - Allocation of \$40K to Green Endowment, \$20K to student summer internships, and the remainder to research grants and project initiatives.
  - No expenditures for salaries.
- ▣ Private gifts and Foundation grants.
  - Planning for fund raising to support special projects.
  - Supports the Sustainability Fellowship to support and coordinate COS activities.



# Planning

- ▣ Annual: COS begins each year by planning for areas of concentration in sustainability activities and project funding. Each COS Sub-Committee has areas of emphasis, e.g. STAC currently is focused on GHG reduction and stormwater management design.
- ▣ Strategic: COS has had direct inputs into the College Strategic Planning and is currently represented by Co-Director Butler.

# Engaging and Educating the College and Community

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## Sustainability



Committee on Sustainability

Initiatives

Progress

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## Sustainability at W&M

### Hark Upon the Green.

William & Mary's 315-year tradition of academic excellence, unparalleled community engagement, and creative interdisciplinary partnerships have prepared the College well for meeting the challenges of a sustainable future.

Drawing upon the strengths, passions, and expertise of its faculty, students, and staff, William & Mary is creating a new model of sustainability for higher education. From faculty/student research and student internships to innovative community partnerships and widespread volunteerism, the College is promoting sustainability by producing leaders for tomorrow's world who understand both the challenge and the opportunity in a sustainable future.



## EVENTS

Currently there are no featured events scheduled.

## NEWS

Fall 2009 Call for Project Proposals ▶

Fall 2009 campus sustainability projects announced ▶

ChAP scientists comment on benefits of algal biofuel ▶

Students research green roof possibilities for W&M campus ▶

Sustainability summer interns save thousands ▶



## Successes

- ▣ In its first year, COS proved itself through broad volunteer participation and significant sustainability impacts.
  - Made possible funding for Sustainability Fellow.
  - Achieved partnership with Aramark to promote food sustainability.
- ▣ Over three semesters COS has awarded \$300K for projects, research and internships.
- ▣ The approach to project funding emphasizes cost reduction, energy savings and cost savings.
  - Recycling Internships resulted in \$40K in annual savings.