

# SUSTAINABILITY

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The Sustainability Vision affirms that “Concordia College will embrace a concern for sustainability that is rooted in the responsibility to ensure the environmental, economic, and social health of the college and of our global community.” Concordia is a recent signatory of the President’s Climate Commitment, a systems-based approach for working toward carbon neutrality and community resilience. Concordia College is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and of the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS), a comprehensive self reporting framework for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance.

There are numerous avenues for students to get involved with sustainability at Concordia, including coursework, events, service-learning, capstone opportunities, and through internships both on and off campus, including summer internships with Concordia’s organic garden.

The EcoHouse is a living-learning home for students dedicated to innovation and exploration. Residents work collaboratively with campus, neighborhood, and community members to explore and showcase sustainable living.

Eco-Representatives is a program of Residence Life that seeks to support student leaders, and to invite all students to engage with issues related to sustainability and practice it together in the residence halls.

Cornucopia organic garden is located in green space east of the campus townhouses and provides a diverse selection of vegetables and herbs for farmers markets and the community. It serves as a model for urban gardening projects, providing education for both Concordia students and the community – including local children and schools. Recently a solar air-heated high tunnel was constructed to enhance and extend the growing season of the campus garden.

COBBikes, the campus bike share program, is operated from the Library. Students may check out bikes for use on campus and in the Fargo-Moorhead area. For more information, visit [www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/sustainability](http://www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/sustainability) (<http://www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/sustainability/>).