

SKIDMORE



The inaugural Saratoga Sustainability Fair brought together 30 community groups at the exhibitor hall and over 300 attendees.



Harvest Dinner Continues to Feed Spirit of Community



Skidmore Hosts Sustainability Fair



2018-19 Sustainability Report and Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Campus News

Ongoing Trail Work in North Woods

The North Woods stewards have been working tirelessly to improve the trail conditions in the North Woods. This summer, Abby Grayburn '20 and Katie Maffett '20, tackled trail erosion issues along the Orange Trail and dedicated several days to repairing existing boardwalks and rebuilding water bars to keep our trails dry. The summer stewards also built a new bridge to help hikers safely cross a consistently wet area of trail. Our fall steward, Jacob Adams '20, led volunteers during an afternoon work party to extend the Blue Trail boardwalk an additional 60 feet, and continued maintenance along the Orange Trail until the snow began to fly.

Breaking Veggie Records in the Community Garden

Ella Long '20, the 2019 Community Garden manager, led the most productive year in the garden's history. The garden produced over 1,400 pounds of fruits and vegetables, most of which were sold to the Murray-Aikins Dining Hall. The garden continues to expand its burgeoning permaculture plot, with newly planted Paw Paw trees (a native North American species bearing tropical-like fruit) taking root. We also followed a Native American companion planting technique by inter-planting the three sisters (corn, beans, and squash), a strategy that provides mutually beneficial services and growing conditions for each plant.

New Community Partners for Give + Go

Give + Go, our end of the year move-out donation collection program, is a fantastic opportunity to work with organizations that support people in our community. For over a decade, we have enjoyed partnering with the Backstretch Employee Service Team, a health and wellness service group for race track workers here in Saratoga County. In 2019, we began partnering with two Albany-based organizations, Trinity Alliance, which specializes in family and housing programs, and Capital City Rescue Mission, which provides homelessness services and recovery programs.

Southern Palmertown Conservation Project

Skidmore joined the Southern Palmertown Project Guidance Committee, a group of eleven local municipalities, government agencies, and community organizations, to support the visionary community conservation project. The initiative will connect Saratoga Springs to Moreau Lake State Park via a multi-modal trail system surrounded by thousands of acres of conserved land. Saratoga PLAN and Open Space Institute continue to provide instrumental leadership and coordination for this initiative. Learn more about the project [here](#).

EV Charging Station

Last summer, Skidmore installed three additional electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to meet increasing demand from EV drivers. The college now has five EV charging stations across campus. The stations are connected to the ChargePoint network, the largest global network of EV charging stations. This project was made possible with funding from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and National Grid.

Upcoming Events

Big Green Scream

Saturday, February 15, 2 p.m. Women's Game & 4 p.m. Men's Game

Williamson Sports Center

For the third year in a row, Skidmore will participate in the Recyclmania Game Day Challenge, a national program that mobilizes colleges and universities to reduce or eliminate waste. Our Sustainability student staff will help guests compost and recycle to produce "zero" landfill-bound waste from the event.

Sustainability Careers Panel

Tuesday, March 17, 5 p.m.

Davis Auditorium

Career Development Center presents a panel discussion between sustainability professionals from various sectors.

Saratoga Sustainability Fair

Saturday, April 4

Case Center at Skidmore College

Skidmore is partnering with Sustainable Saratoga to host the second annual Saratoga Sustainability Fair. This community-oriented event will include a keynote address, an expo hall with community organizations, government agencies, local businesses, and clubs, workshops and presentations, a student-led maker-space, and more. [Find more information on Sustainable Saratoga's website.](#)

Give + Go, Move-out Donation Collection

Residence Halls: Monday, May 4 – Saturday, May 9

Apartment Villages: Sunday, May 10 – Sunday, May 17

Our annual end-of-year move out donation collection will be available in common areas of Residence Halls May 4-9 and by apartment laundry rooms May 10-17. For more information on donations and dates, [please visit our Give + Go website.](#)

When making a gift to the Sustainable Skidmore Fund, you help to fund sustainability initiatives at the College. These initiatives include programs such as the Sustainability Rep Program, which provides leadership opportunities for student educators; the student North Woods Stewards program, which supports the ongoing maintenance and conservation of the North Woods; the Skidmore composting program in the Northwoods and Sussman Village apartments; sustainable food initiatives; and many others.

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