# The Sustainable University

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### **Commitments Signed**

 American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) - signed February 22, 2008



 Illinois Campus Sustainability Compact - second five-year commitment signed August 27, 2010

### Why a Climate Action Plan

#### It makes fiscal sense

- High Energy Costs \$77.4 million last year
- $\circ\,$  It is good stewardship

#### It supports State's goals

- State goals for utilities are 2% annual energy conservation and 25% renewables (ILRPS) by 2025
- iCAP is a requirement of the ACUPCC

### Climate Change is Real



Arctic Ice Volume is at a new minimum
Ice extent may well fall below the 2007 record this year

### There's No Time to Waste!

- Seventeen of the twenty warmest years have been since 1990
- 2010 had the warmest January-June in history
- June 2010
  - the warmest on record
  - 16.2 C (61.1 F); 0.68 C (1.22 F) above the 20<sup>th</sup> century average of 15.5 C (59.9 F)
  - Previous record for June set in 2005.
  - The fourth consecutive warmest month on record
    - March, April & May 2010 were also the warmest on record
  - The 304<sup>th</sup> consecutive month with global temperatures above the 20<sup>th</sup> century average.
    - The last month with below-average temperature was February 1985.

#### **Temperature is just the symptom**

# Big Ten Energy Use 2008

University	Total Energy Use (MMBTU)	MMBTU Energy Use Per 1000 sq. ft.	MMBTU Energy Use Per Student
Illinois	5730016	284.9	142.9
Indiana	4511319	289	106.5
Iowa	3516320	214.4	115.9
Michigan	6400287	205.3	156
Mich State	6813950	298.3	144.7
Ohio State	4965355	225.9	90.3
Penn State	3233368	167.5	73.5
Purdue	2710161	234.3	68.3
Wisconsin	4440000	222	111.2

# **Carbon Emissions Footprint**

#### 570,000 MTE of CO2 in 2008

- •More than 85% due to buildings
  - *and carbonized fuel use at Abbott Power Plant*
- A relatively low transportation footprint



# **Unconstrained Projections**



### Student Involvement

- Active student involvement
  - participated in authorship
  - critical to plan adoption
- Passed Student Green Fee Increase
  - demonstrated strong student commitment to sustainability
- Students lobbied for a strong Climate Action Plan
  - collected signatures
  - attended public forums
  - met with Chancellor
- Students adopted "Beyond Coal" in 2010 and built an alliance with the Sierra Club



#### Plan Development

- Strategies for Campus Sustainability discussed by Chancellor's Sustainable Operations Task Force
- $\circ$  Significant data collection and interview process
  - Finding content experts
  - getting information
  - Two open public workshops to collect input from campus and community
- First Draft of Plan Generated over Winter Break
- Plan Developed by one Faculty Member, one Student and one Staff Member, in their "spare" time
- Strategies Presented to Chancellor's Sustainability Council
- Draft Finalized during end-March / early-April
- Targets Negotiated in late-April / early-May

# iCAP: A Climate Action Plan

- 1. Energy Conservation
- 2. Financing
- 3. Eliminate Coal Use
- 4. Use Renewables
- 5. Transportation Improvements
- 6. Building Standards
- 7. Land & Space Conservation Policies
- 8. Procurement & Waste Reduction
- 9. Water Conservation
- 10. Planning
- 11. Follow Through



### Net Zero Mitigation Wedges



## Major Campus Commitments

- Reduction in Building Energy Use and Carbon Emissions by 40% by 2025
- Elimination of on-campus coal use by 2017
- 25% Renewable Energy Generation Target for 2025
- "No Net Increase in Space" Policy after currently planned construction is complete
- Other Commitments on Potable Water Use, Local Foods Purchasing, Active Transportation, Methane Capture, Life-Cycle Costing etc.
- Net Effect of reducing total emissions by over 55% by 2025
- And NET ZERO by 2050!

### **Energy Conservation**



5	Weatherization	of	existing	campus	buildinas
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- 6 Fume Hoods Reduction
- 7 Fume Hoods Conversion from CAV to VAV
- 8 Fume Hoods Education
- 9 Update standards for new construction, major
- 10 Insulation of Hot Water Tanks
- 11 Recovered Heat
- 12 Temperature Setbacks Energy Use Policy
- 15 Lighting Retrofit Project Completion
- 16 Lighting Sensors Project
- 17 Steam System Maintenance
- 18 Retrocomissioning Strategic Plan
- 20 Green Roof Feasibility Study
- 22 Energy Chargeback System
- 23 Update Maintenance Procedures
- 38 2012 Campus Energy Study
- 54 Space Marketplace
- 55 Net Energy Neutral Buildings by 2025
- 58 Reduce Campus Square Footage
- 61 No Net Increase in Campus Space

# Progress



### Use Renewable Energy

#### • Renewables Targets

- 25% by 2025
- 17.5% by 2020
- 5% by 2015
- 40 Burning Biomass at Abbott Power Plant
- 41 Wind Turbine
- 42 Solar Power on Campus Parking decks
- 43 Campus Power Contracts for Renewables
- 44 Methane Capture Pilot Project at Beef and Sheep
- 45 Miscanthus Boiler
- 47 5% Renewable Sources



# Eliminate Coal Use

- o 2017 targeted
- Generation inventory
  - 3 coal boilers
  - 3 gas boilers
  - 2 gas turbines
- Generate steam
  - Electricity is a by-product
- Conservation
  - Steam demand down ~27% in past 3 years
  - Objective to reduce steam use another ~10-20% so the gas capacity is sufficient to supply total steam load

# The U of I burned 94,000 tons of coal in FY09 and 66,000 tons in FY10



### **Green Building Standards**

#### • LEED

- Gold as Building Standard
- Platinum by 2015
- No Net Increase in Building Space
  - After currently planned construction is complete



 Any Campus Construction post 2025 must be netzero Emissions

# Some Challenges

- $\circ$  Transportation
  - Need better information about current faculty, staff, and student commuting patterns
- o Food
  - 30% of campus food purchasing from within 100 miles by 2015
- o Waste
  - Waste Diversion Rate from current 50% to 75% by 2020



### iCAP Implementation

Commitment	#	iCAP recommendations	F&S contacts	Tasks	First Step	Notes
1. Energy Conservation	1.1	Educate building occupants + public through real-time energy displays in buildings and electronic media. Publish a website that shows this data for campus buildings, use a computer science class to create it.	temperature control, Guy Grant, John Prince, RCx also	Publish a website that shows real-time energy usage for campus buildings - set up a physical display in a highly visible location.	reach out to someone in CS or ECE senior design, see if they will take this on as a project for the fall.	what kind of data can you put on the site. Meters are manually read in most cases - some are smart meters with a lot more data. Display - can show campus has used XX amount, but with real-time data - need to pilot it with something that is not too difficult, likeAbbott Power Plant used XX energy yesterday, and with a building that has a smart meter
1. Energy Conservation	1.1	Use F&S Energy liaisons and various campus sustainability committees as grassroots contacts for campus initiatives. Encourage departments to seek reasonable temperature settings in the buildings they occupy. Repeat awareness of Energy Use Policy.	Andy Blacker, also need this at the student level too	Use the Liaisons more - pilot a Eco-reps program for Housing	talk to RCx folks about their conversations with building occupants	how can this be enforced? Whistle blowers? Students? The energy liaisons can do the enforcement for us. Suhail is working with Laura Haber at Housing with students to set up Eco- reps. Can do it with a departments' students, but the res halls have a lot more info. So students in some locations, and liaisons for other locations, with some overlap
1. Energy Conservation	1.1	Larger-scale renovations or replacements of the existing building stock. "Green Buildings" with new low-energy building standards.	Fred Hahn, Engineering		talk to Doris - get access to VFA list	need to have a plan to replace ancient buildings with green buildings and design. As they look at the VFA list, the priorities change and the reasons behind the changes - can the goals for improved sustainability influence the AFMFA spending choices?
1. Energy Conservation	1.1	Improve Envelopes in buildings, Replace windows, inprove insulation levels, retro-fit entry ways via renovation projects	Fred Hahn and Doris Reeser	Update standards for major renovations	change the standards	more about renovations - change standards
1. Energy Conservation	1.1	Tighten building infiltration and exfiltration. Basic simple weatherization of campus buildings, via maintenance	Fred Hahn and Carl Wegel	Assess leaks with thermal imaging camera to prioritize weatherization	form teams and a plan, change the standards	improve weatherization - small stuff - thermal cameras with students - there are probably some at F&S, work the Energy Liaisons to form teams - have a pilot program created, if it works, get grant funding, show results to fund with savings. Are their building standards about building infiltration and exfiltration - how are they enforced? need to understand the point where it needs to be a major renovation
1. Energy Conservation	1.1	Reduce the number of fume hoods in operation by 20-25%.	Jeremy Neighbors			

### iCAP Assignments

#### iCAP Assignments:Curt Taylor

8/4/2010

Energy Liai	Energy Liaisons - Presentations in Individual Buildings						
5/1/2011	Behavior Change	Andy Blacker					
iCAP Commitment							
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Project Description	1						
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posters, examples, and data about the specific building, to effect behavior change on campus							
with regards to sustainability (energy usage, recycling, water use)							

#### iCAP Assignments



810 South Wright Street





# 2 iCAP iCAP Commitment Use F&S Energy liaisons and various campus sustainability committees **Assignment** as grassroots contacts for initiatives. Encourage departments to seek reasonable temperature settings in the buildings they occupy. Repeat Deadline awareness of Energy Use Policy. 5/1/2011 Project Name Energy Liaisons - Presentations in Individual Buildings Results Desired Behavior Change Contact Info Andy Blacker Facilities & Services Project Description Train and support Energy Liaisons to set up and staff a display in various buildings with posters, examples, and data about the specific building, to effect behavior change on campus with regards to sustainability (energy usage, recycling, water use) To do list 1) Estimate resources needed (CRC time, Energy Liaison time, display materials, etc). 2) Create the plan for presentations/displays, with schedule planned by September 2010. 3) Start with the presentations during Sustainability Week. Oct 25-29. 4) Assist with set up and staff the displays with Energy Liaison and possibly other departmental/student volunteers, for 12 buildings by May 15, 2011. Notes This will require working with the Energy Liaisons to help their building occupants/users reduce energy usage both on and off campus. To change the behavior, go to specific buildings. Start with big buildings. For example, at the English Building a display should be at the NW entrance in the hallway for a few hours. It should have a table, with easels, displays, maybe even a laptop. Displays should include the energy that building used last year, and a recommendation for what

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they should have used (needs to be determined). They should share knowledge about light bulbs, water use, even residential info. Needs to include a repeat of the Energy Use Policy, and needs to prepare them for temperature setbacks. Let's include the climate action plans items as well. Will need an exhibit booth or something like it.

We should develop a pledge for people to sign, and a handout for them to keep in their wallets after they have signed on.

We need to foster champions, through Energy Liaisons and students.

#### Metrics

# of displays shown

# of people who signed onto the pledge % reduction in energy and water use in time period shortly after presentation, compared to similar time period historically.

Next step due date

#### iCAP Resource Estimate

#### iCAP #2 Assignment Resource Estimate August 16, 2010

This resource estimate is based upon starting up the program and conducting the first display/presentation in one building. Once the initial materials and templates have been created, additional building presentations will become more cost effective. The display and primary handouts will need to be tailored to each building and each liaison will need to be trained.

Material	Detail	Content	One Time	Recurring
Display	Trifold Foam Core display	Details of building energy usage,		\$180
Board	printed and mounted	campus usage, current conservation		
		efforts, tips and suggestions		
Table	Table and chairs for the display	Rented, delivered and returned by F&S		\$75-
	area	Crews		\$100
Primary	Large trifold brochure; full-color	Details of specific building energy		\$140 -
Handout	produced by Printing Department	usage, recommended usage, Energy		\$230
		Policy and iCAP goals, tips and		depending
		suggestions		upon
				quantity
				(100 or
				150) and
				design
Additional	Factsheets about	Include information about RCx,		\$26.00 per
Handouts	sustainable/energy saving	Lighting Retrofit, Recycling,		500 sheet
	activities – Produced in-house	Equipment Consumption, etc.		ream for
				premium
				recycled
				letter size
				paper

#### **Material Requirements**

#### MAIN LIBRARY



#### ACES LIBRARY



#### GRAINGER LIBRARY



#### OAK STREET FACILITY



#### UNDERGRADUATE LIBRARY





#### ENERGY SAVING ACTIVITIES & PROJECTS

Automatic Computer Shut Down Process

Designed by in-house professionals, the library has an automated system which shuts down staff workstations at the end of the day and restarts them in the mornings.

#### Reduction in the Number of Printers

Consolidated printers in centrally located areas rather than having individual printers at workstations. Replaced printers with multifunctional machines which print, copy, fax and scan in order to reduce the amount of office equipment.

#### Upgraded Monitors for Efficiency

Older CRT (cathode ray tube) monitors were replaced with more energy efficient Flat/LCD (liquid crystal display) monitors. The library has been purchasing ENERGY STAR rated computers and monitors.

Protecting Against Heat Loss

New perforated blinds have been installed on windows to help with heat transfer causing energy loss.

Utilizing Campus Surplus

The library is reusing more by searching Campus Surplus for needed items such as equipment and furniture before buying new.



Increasing System Efficiency

commissioned.

programs.

Reducing the Footprint

of their space and resources.

The Undergrad Library and the ACES Library

were visited by the F&S Retrocommissioning

made to sensors, and boxes and coils were

The University Library turns over discarded,

damaged and outdated volumes to the Better

World Books program which resells or recycles

them. A portion of the proceeds benefit literacy

From reducing and vacating space to the use

of compact, high-density shelving, the Library is

reducing their footprint on the campus. With an

iCAP goal of "no net increase in space" by 2012,

the Library is making a difference by better usage

schedules were implemented, repairs

Reusing and Recycling Volumes

Team to increase the efficiency of the buildings

and to reduce energy consumption. Occupancy

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS LIBRARY

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the proud home of one of the largest and richest public research library collections in North America. Our 24 million items, the vast manuscripts, large collections of incunabula and early printed books, literary manuscripts, maps and atlases, prints, and all sizes and types of printed books and other paper objects. The sizes and types of printed books and once paper of the source of the sustaining and enhancing its capacity to treat and protect its important paper-based collections, with the majority of conservation and preservationotherwise valuable objects.

#### LIBRARY TIPS

- Avoid using automatic doors, except when necessary. They allow more conditioned air to escape which wastes energy
- · Turn off lights in study rooms and restrooms when not occupied
- · Recycle paper and other materials whenever possible
- · Close shades in the summer and open them in the winter to conserve energy needed for heating and coolina
- · Walk, Bike or take the bus to the library
- · Think before you print. Save paper by proofreading on your screen before printing, Print double-sided when possible and only the pages that you need.
- · Take the stairs instead of the elevator if possible

#### ENERGY USE POLICY

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

#### **Campus Energy Goals**

- I. Reduce energy consumption and cost by eliminating waste and increasing energy efficiency in buildings, electrical equipment used in offices and labs, and campus transportation systems.
- II. Shift to renewable energy resources by systematically shifting our reliance on fossil fuels to an appropriate balance of energy conservation and alternative and renewable energy sources.
- III. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from energy generation, agricultural operations, and transportation.



### **Funding Options**

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- Energy Service Companies (ESCOs)
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Improved Fundraising efforts (U of I Foundation involvement)
- Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Assessment (AFMFA)
- Student Sustainability Committee
- Energy Billing Savings
- Corporate Partnerships
- Public/Private Partnerships.

#### Possibilities

**Create a revolving climate loan fund.** A revolving loan fund is an effective way to initiate and sustain key components of the iCAP. A successful revolving loan fund will require initial capitalization, strategic loans, effective cost tracking, and verification to confirm projected cost savings and GHG reduction benefits are realized. The loan fund would provide capital for high-performance, energy efficient campus design, operations, maintenance, and occupant behavior projects.

**Pursue grants that reduce GHG emissions.** An area of specific interest is grant opportunities for implementing iCAP goals associated with building projects, and for reducing peak campus steam demand.

**Faculty and staff green commitment.** This fee would help the University achieve ambitious climate action goals and also give faculty and staff a sense of parity and shared commitment with students. Create an internal donations strategy and process for faculty and staff to contribute to the student green fee or centralized pool.

#### Possibilities

**Develop an integrated donations strategy.** Moving to a low GHG economy is swiftly emerging as the defining issue of this time. Donors will want to support iCAP efforts especially if they see the University taking a leadership role. Involving the U of I Foundation is essential to ensure clear messaging and a comprehensive, integrated approach. Furthermore, campus needs to establish a priority list of sustainability projects and assign a high-level liaison to support fundraising and implementation of such projects.

**UI green marketing.** Establishing the University as a leader in climate response and implementation has significant marketing value that should not be overlooked. Money follows good projects that are visible and easily understood. Sustainability is becoming a core value of the institution and continuing to build this reputation, supported by a good marketing program, is key to gaining financial support for this effort.

### **Questions?**

