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## Unveiled: Strategic Plan for Sustainable Operations



Washington University in St. Louis has a history of responsibly investing resources to increase the efficiency of our operations and decrease our impact on the environment. In 2010, a collaboration between students, faculty, staff, and the Office of Sustainability culminated in Washington University in St. Louis' first strategic plan for sustainable operations. In 2015, a new plan was developed, building on the framework established by the original plan and outlining actionable strategies to achieve new goals set for the next five years. Over 100 stakeholders participated in the evaluation of progress against the 2010 baseline and envisioning the steps necessary for visionary progress.

The 2015 plan targets eight key areas: **energy reduction, green building, alternative transportation,**

**food systems, landscape, waste, culture, and water.** Each section of the plan outlines progress since 2010, followed by an aggressive set of goals and strategies to guide implementation and decision making.

We invite the community at Washington University and beyond to view the [2015 - 2020 Strategic Plan for Sustainable Operations](#). Let us all celebrate our many achievements while committing to dedicate time, energy, and resources to carrying out the strategies within the plan - an even more sustainable future awaits!

## News



### 2016 Health Happenings Fair

The 2016 WUSM Health Happening Fair featured representatives from WUSM departments and local businesses, who answered questions and shared information on a variety of health-related topics. [More >>](#)



### SAT Meeting: March 22

Jim Biggs from the EarthWays Center of Missouri Botanical Garden will provide information on environmentally-friendly household cleaners at the spring Sustainability Action Team (SAT) meeting. [More >>](#)



### Winter Metro Commuting Tips

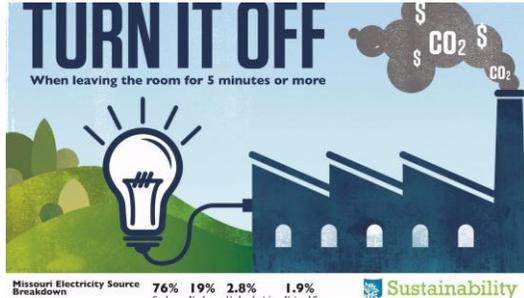
Has the February weather chilled you through



### Staff Spotlight: Cassandra Hage

Hage joined the Office of Sustainability as

and through? Don't let it stop you from your bus or train commute! Increase your comfort with these practical tips to deal with cold and inclement weather. [More >>](#)



### Energy Reduction Competition

During the 6th annual Green Cup competition, the WUSM Student Sustainability Committee is championing education and outreach for the School of Medicine league, including Olin dorm and FLTC. [More >>](#)

Sustainability Manager in the fall. Since then, she has immersed herself in the sustainability culture at WashU and is eager to contribute to the ongoing efforts across campus... [More >>](#)



### RecycleMania is Back!

Every year, WashU participates in this competition among nearly 400 colleges to see who is the best at reducing and recycling waste. Help us rise in the ranks by recruiting your colleagues to recycle every day! [More >>](#)

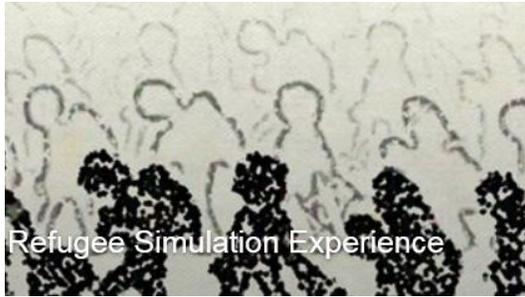
### I-CARES: Funding Available

This annual grant program is open to tenured and tenure-track Washington University faculty proposing research in the areas of energy, the environment and sustainability. Letters of intent are due Friday, February 19. [More >>](#)

### Now Hiring

Alternative Transportation Coordinator will be responsible for marketing and promoting the alternative transportation programs to faculty, staff, and students to reduce the demand for parking on University campuses. [More >>](#)





### Refugee Simulation

**Date:** Monday, March 7, 6p

**Location:** Washington University School of Law

You have heard about the refugee crisis, but have you thought about what decisions refugees have to make every moment of their journey? Sign-up by February 21 to participate in this eye-opening experience. [More >>](#)



### Sustainable Energy Conference

**Date:** April 13-14

**Location:** SLU (reception at WashU)

This knowledge-sharing event brings together leaders from industry, academia, and government to open the dialogue about sustainability and our energy future. Join us to be a part of the conversation. [More >>](#)

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