

Waste Minimization and Recycling

Goal: Minimize waste and increase recycling and composting as much as possible across the college

Alkaline Battery Recycling Boxes are replaced when full. A total of 1350 lbs of batteries and E-waste have been recycled since 2011 using the Big Green Boxes

Williams and Cohen Hall Lynch paper towel compost pilot is ongoing. 3.49 tons have been composted at these locations
SAS has hosted 9 Zero-Waste Events of different scales. A total of 0.2 tons have been composted

Bin Inventories have been completed in DRL and McNeil to update trash and recycling bins needs

Three Cohen and Williams loading dock follow up waste audits have taken place

Dual compactor was installed at the Lynch Loading dock for Trash and Recycling

To date the DRL recycling compactor has compacted 96.9 tons of material

Physical Environment

Goal: Create and maintain a sustainable built environment on campus

The SAS Sustainability Website now has a desk-side recycling bin and compost bin (for events) request form.

SAS has ongoing furniture recycling program. 3.5 tons has been reused through SAS and nonprofits; 3.75 tons has been recycled with Revolution Recovery (79% diversion rate)

Academics

Goal: Engage and educate students in sustainability

Silfen Cafe students were taken to Dirt Factory in Fall 2013 to learn about composting

NBS rainwater garden is being incorporated into Ecology 240 in 2016

Communications

Goal: Communicate with the Penn community to keep them informed of Sustainability goals and progress

Website

SAS sustainability website is updated every month with event news and resources. Since the start of an audience baseline tracking system in February 2014 there has been an increase of 80% for new visitors

Facebook

156 people like the SAS Sustainability Page

Outreach and Engagement

Goal: Engage the Penn community in Sustainability initiatives.

For 2015 Earth Day faculty and staff visited the Big Green Block in Northern Liberties.