



### [Get involved with the Sustainability Council!](#)

Are you interested in getting more involved with sustainability on our campus? If so, the you should attend the **sustainability council meetings every first Wednesday at 3pm in the Tutt Science lecture hall**. The office of sustainability, professors, staff, and community members come together to discuss sustainability issues on campus and work to make significant changes. So far this year we have created a proposal for the installation of solar panels on the senior housing complex, drafted a document that will set guidelines for building sustainability, and have continued our collaborative work with the investment club to encourage green investments.

### [Composting for everybody!](#)

In the United States, more food reaches landfills than any other single waste material. When food is disposed into a landfill, it becomes a significant source of methane - a greenhouse gas with 21 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide. However, when food is processed in a compost facility it is sold to farmers as fertilizer and sometimes the methane is even used to produce energy! This is why compost bins are present in nearly every building on campus and in every bathroom. In hopes of further improving our waste diversion practices, The Office of Sustainability is increasing student engagement in composting. **Starting this semester, every on-campus apartment can get a bin for food compost.**

[Contact RLC Apollo](#) or visit his office in downstairs Bemis to receive a free compost bin and start minimizing waste! **Additionally, off-campus students can get their compost picked up weekly by Enact volunteers!**

Contact [Sierra](#) for more information about off campus composting.

### [Recycle Mania is Here!](#)

Each year Colorado College takes part in an eight week nation-wide competition in an effort to reduce waste on college campuses. We will be measuring the weight of our daily waste, compost, and recycling and posting the results in Worner campus center. With the installment of new trash bins and improved signage we hope that our waste will be considerable lower than last year!

Contact [Zoe](#) for more information.



### [Xeriscaping Project](#)

Office of sustainability interns and volunteers have begun a campus [xeriscape](#) plan with senior Phil Babbit and horticulturist Cecilia Gonzales. **This project will reduce irrigation needs for periphery areas on campus by replacing water intensive grass with indigenous and drought resistant plants.** The office of Sustainability hopes that the project will also increase awareness and education for local landscapes further promoting a sense of place at Colorado College. The gardens surrounding Tutt science, Cornerstone, and the Southwest Studies house are representations of current xeriscapes. Thanks to the Sustainable Guidelines Document spearheaded by Cory Page, all future projects will be encouraged to xeriscape. **Anyone with interest taking part in this project through design, art, sustainability, or communications, may email Annabelle O'Neill!** We are currently building the team and looking for those willing to commit regular time.

### [Sustainability Installment in Worner!](#)

Next time you are in Worner, make sure to check out the Sustainability wall by the main doorway! **The touch screen provides you with access to the office webpage, information about campus energy usage, current sustainability initiatives, upcoming events, and so much more!** This wall will be a hub for all things sustainable

at CC including updates from the environmental science department, Enact, The Crunchy Grind, State of the Rockies and The Food Coalition. If your club is interested in promoting on this wall, contact [Kelsey.maxwell@cc.edu](mailto:Kelsey.maxwell@cc.edu).



### Food Coalition is back!

The food coalition works to enact environmental and social justice through individual and institutional changes to the food system. **Understanding food production, distribution, consumption is critical to addressing public health issues, poverty, climate change, and many more institutional problems in America.** By the end of the year the club will complete a food audit at CC in conjunction with the Real Food Challenge calculator, which will provide comprehensive data on the state of campus food consumption and purchasing. If you are interested in getting involved **come to the next meeting on Friday at noon in upstairs Worner.**

### Sustainable Investing

The Sustainability Council has been collaborating with the Investment Club in hopes of encouraging sustainable choices and increasing the conversation around green investments among students on campus. They plan to work with Portfolio 21, which CC's only socially responsible investment fund containing \$16,000 worth of alumni donations. **Together they hope to prove that green investments can be lucrative and comparable to our current investments in unsustainable corporations.** Check out [this fact sheet](#) for more information on our endowment and stay tuned for more information and updates on this initiative!

