

The Sustainable Community College

The Path We have
Followed at Grand
Rapids Community
College

Where we started:

- The Environmental Center (1970's-2001) – Wege Foundation grant funded
- Creation of a “Green Team” – 2001 (College President mandate)
- Transformed the Green Team into the Sustainability Council – 2005
- GRCC Sustainability web page
<http://www.grcc.edu/sustainability>

How we've developed:

- Yearly reports to the Provost
- Quarterly meetings with the President
- Monthly meetings with the Associate Provost
- Biannual update to the College Leadership Council
- Creation of the Sustainability Director position
- Creation of a Sustainability Plan
[143928 Sustainability Plan.pdf](#)
- The first Sustainability Plan report: 2006-2007
[Sustainability_Plan_Report Out 10-17-07.doc](#)

Where We Are Today:

- Annual participation in College Planning Council retreat
- College hires an Energy Officer - 2008
- Our first Green Roof
 - Dedicated October, 2008
- Our Sustainability Office
 - Located next to our Academic Service Learning Center
- Our Sustainability Council
 - Cross Campus representation
 - One campus/One book – Blessed Unrest 2007
 - Faculty, Administrators, Staff, Students, Community Representatives
 - Grand Rapids Sustainability Manager
 - Director of West Michigan Environmental Action Council



Where we're Going Next

- STARS pilot
- American College and University President's Climate Commitment
- Partnerships
 1. Community Sustainability Partners
 2. Economicology Group
 3. West Michigan Clean Cities Initiative (6 counties)
- Wind energy – Windmill grant(?)
- Solar energy – ATC and Ford Fieldhouse
- Hydroelectric district – Northeast corner of downtown Grand Rapids

