

Ecological Economics



In light of the accelerated pace of economic expansion, our focus is on cultivating creative approaches that integrate natural ecosystem services into the economic framework of our campus community. This initiative aims to foster consciousness regarding ecological economics. Through the practice of sensible resource utilization and the reassessment of material necessity, we strive to mitigate waste generation and limit environmental exploitation. The goal is to acquire goods and services in a manner that aligns with sustainability principles, thereby promoting environmental preservation and equitable labor practices.

Desired Outcome:

Invest in ecological and sustainable initiatives

Strategic Actions:

- Compare solar panel projects in terms of financial investment and project scale
- Replace paper towels with hand dryers in restrooms
- Procure fair trade coffee and tea for events and meetings
- Enhance data-driven insights to accurately measure and manage the campus's carbon footprint
- Explore a large-scale composting partnership to manage and sustain the volume of food waste generated on campus
- Convert to an ecological pond management approach, reducing reliance on synthetic maintenance inputs

Enhance long-term economic efficiency and reduce waste management costs

- Develop a guideline for sustainable procurement
- Transition Styrofoam to non-single use, or compostable, when necessary
- Engage in bulk purchasing, where appointed, to minimize waste as part of an ecological investment strategy