SUSTAINABLE SKIDMORE
by the numbers

- 30 student internships offered
- 165 acres of the North Woods
- 30 geothermal buildings on campus
- 36% of Skidmore’s heating and cooling needs are met with geothermal energy
- 14,000 lbs of food waste saved by Skidmore’s composting project since 2010
- 20% reduction in food waste due to trayless dining
- 2,100 lbs of produce from student garden sold to the dining hall since 2009
- 6,218 kWh of energy saved during 2013 Skidmore Unplugged competition

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LEGEND

1. Student Garden
2. Zankel Music Center
3. Arts Quad
4. Lucy Scribner Library
5. Case Student Center
6. CDTA Bus Stop
7. Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
8. Jonsson Tower Herb Garden
9. North Woods Kiosk
10. Harder Hall

Yellow indicates geothermal buildings

SUSTAINABLE SKIDMORE
Tour of Sustainability Initiatives at Skidmore College
**Stop One: Skidmore Student Garden**
The garden took root in 2009 and produced over 1,000 pounds of vegetables for the dining hall during its first growing season.

**Stop Seven: Murray-Aikins Dining Hall**
Skidmore became a pioneer in trayless dining in 2006, reducing food waste by about 20%. In the absence of trays, we also save water and electricity. Local foods in the dining hall help reduce greenhouse gases from transportation while enhancing local economies and partnerships. Skidmore composts coffee grounds from the Dining Hall and cafes on campus, as well as food scraps from the Northwoods apartments. The composting project has prevented 14,000 pounds of food scraps from entering landfills, and composting is expanding at Skidmore.

**Stop Two: The Arthur Zankel Music Center**
This is one of several buildings that feature sustainable construction at Skidmore. It includes geothermal heating and cooling, energy-efficient lighting and windows, low-flow water fixtures, increased insulation, heat recovery wheels, and efficiency and occupancy sensors.

**Stop Three: The Arts Quad**
The entire Arts Quad is also geothermal, as well as the dining hall and most residence halls.

**Stop Four: The Library**
Here, students use their Skid ID to check out a bike from the Bike Share program.

**Stop Six: CDTA Bus Stop**
The CDTA bus line is free to anyone with a Skidmore ID, with an easily accessible stop in front of Case Center. The electronic student rideshare board and faculty & staff commuter map also help carpoolers connect.

**Stop Five: Case Center**
In Burgess Café, you can find Skidmore’s Take a Mug, Leave a Mug program, which debuted Spring 2013. Students receive a discount when they choose reusable mugs at the three cafes on campus. When empty, the mugs can be returned to collection bins to be washed.

**Stop Nine: Skidmore’s North Woods**
The North Woods is approximately 150 acres used by Skidmore and the Saratoga community to connect with nature through hiking and running. It also serves as an outdoor classroom for more than 30 courses across many disciplines.

**Stop Eight: Jonsson Tower**
The herb garden near Jonsson Tower was a student initiative that is now managed by the Skidmore Student Garden with help from the dining hall. The herbs and vegetables grown here are harvested and used in meals.

**Stop Ten: Harder Hall**
The Sustainable Skidmore Office offers experiential learning and leadership opportunities and is an outlet for students to apply concepts learned in the classroom to help create sustainable change.

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**At Sustainable Skidmore**
we create and foster connections; encourage, support, and develop experiential sustainability programs; and influence structures and behaviors to drive change for sustainability for a more ecologically sound, just, and connected campus community.

**DID YOU KNOW?**
Skidmore has over 80 student groups, one of the largest being the **Environmental Action Club (EAC)**. Members of EAC organize Earth Day festivities, the Bike Share program, plan the student garden, and much more.

**The Sustainability Representative**, or S-Rep, program develops student leaders who incorporate sustainable choices into everyday life in the residence halls.

During student move-out, Skidmore’s **Give+Go program** collects used goods that students leave behind and donates them to local nonprofit organizations. From this program Skidmore donated 2,500 pieces of furniture to the Institutional Recycling Network in 2013.

Each Friday **Saratoga Apple** comes to Case Center to offer fresh local products to the Skidmore community. You’ll see a long line for apples, apple cider doughnuts, cheese, vegetables, and more.

**The Big Green Screen**, a sustainability-themed home basketball game, allows fans to learn more about various initiatives on campus through sustainability trivia questions, relay races, and more sustainable food options at the concession stand.