SUSTAINABLE SKIDMORE
by the numbers

15 student internships offered
165 acres of the North Woods
12% of Skidmore’s electricity needs are met with solar energy

6,218 kWh of energy saved during 2013 Skidmore Unplugged

40% of Skidmore’s heating and cooling needs are met with geothermal energy

19,500 lbs of food waste saved by Skidmore’s composting project since 2010

20% reduction in food waste due to trayless dining

2,500 lbs of produce from student garden sold to the dining hall since 2009

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Tour of Sustainability Initiatives at Skidmore College

Legend
* Yellow indicates geothermal buildings

LEGEND
1. Zankel Music Center
2. Arts Quad
3. Case Walkway
4. Case Student Center
5. CDTA Bus Stop
6. Community Garden
7. Murray-Aikins Dining Hall
8. Jonsson Tower
9. Skidmore’s North Woods
10. Harder Hall

Sustainable Skidmore Office
Skidmore Compost
SUSTAINABLE SKIDMORE Walking Tour

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

Stop Three: Case walkway
Here, students and other community members can check out bikes from the bikeshare.

Stop Four: Case Center
Case Center is home to the coveted Skidmore Unplugged trophy. Skidmore Unplugged is a three-week electricity reduction competition that all of the residence halls compete in once a year.

Stop Five: 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 Six: Skidmore Community 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 North Woods apartments. The composting project has prevented 19,500 pounds of food scraps from entering landfills and composting is expanding at Skidmore.

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

Stop Nine: Skidmore’s North Woods
The North Woods is approximately 165 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 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 recently completed the installation of a two-megawatt solar array which will provide approximately 12 percent of Skidmore’s electricity usage in the years ahead.

The Sustainability Representative, or S-Rep, program develops student leaders who incorporate sustainable choices into everyday life by planning campus-wide events and creating educational campaigns.

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 2500 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.

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.