



# THE GREEN SCENE

## HOW LOCALS ARE SHAPING—AND SAVING—OUR ENVIRONMENT

Sustainable efforts are sprouting up all over St. Louis, thanks to many concerned citizens and groups—farmers, architects, entrepreneurs, universities, nonprofits.

Yet plenty of work remains. Here's a peek at how our community is looking out for the land.

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# CAMPUS KUDOS

Five lessons to be learned from Wash. U.'s efforts *By Margaret Bauer*



## A GREEN HOME

Looking for ways to go green around the house? Pick up the July/August issue of *St. Louis Magazine's* AT HOME.

When looking to go green, it's tough to know where to begin. These Washington University initiatives demonstrate the three basic commandments of sustainability: reduce, recycle, and reuse.

**1. REDUCE ENERGY CONSUMPTION.** Since 1992, says assistant vice chancellor for campus sustainability Matthew Malten, the university has gone green (and lowered costs) by reducing its per-square-foot consumption between 40 and 50 percent. Take similar steps by adding home insulation, using low-energy lighting, and unplugging items not in use.

**2. USE ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION.** Free U-Passes grant every Wash. U. student and faculty member access to Metro transit. On campus, several Enterprise WeCars can be reserved.

**3. PLANT A GARDEN.** The Danforth University Center features an herb garden that campus chefs use for meals, and students recently created the on-campus Burning Kumquat farm.

**4. DRINK FROM THE TAP.** Wash. U. recently became the first college campus to ban sales of bottled water, encouraging people to fill up from the tap. The initiative may save money on recycling and drinks—and set the tone for green reforms to come.

**5. DONATE OR RESELL USED FURNITURE.** TKE fraternity established its annual furniture drive to benefit Operation Food Search. Now SWAP (Sharing With a Purpose), a student-run nonprofit, will sell collected furniture back to students—with proceeds going to Lydia's House. Keeping usable items out of landfills + charitable giving = a program worth adopting.

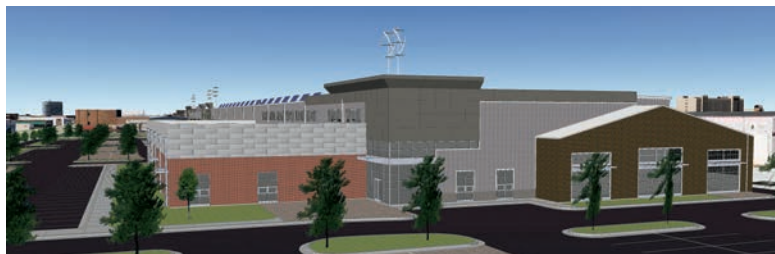
## LEEDING THE WAY

Eco-friendly projects in the works

**1. CHOUTEAU CROSSING** Clayton-based Green Street Properties is transforming a commercial property at 2301 Chouteau, known as Chouteau Crossing, into a sustainable space. With a LEED-registered shell, the renovated building will feature wind turbines and photovoltaic-powered lighting in the parking lot.

**2. ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S HARRISON EDUCATION CENTER** St. Louis Community College's new Harrison Education Center, a \$7.5 million project in north St. Louis aiming to receive LEED Gold certification, is set for completion next May. The 30,000-square-foot building will boast daylight views for 90 percent of the space.

**3. DAVE MUNGENAST LEXUS OF ST. LOUIS** Our fair city will likely soon boast the state's first LEED-certified car dealership and the first green Lexus dealer in the country. Dave Mungenast Lexus of St. Louis' new building will reduce potable water by 30 percent and use around 20 percent less energy, making it a dealership in the driver's seat. —J. M.



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