

Sustainability Newsletter
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Welcome to the second issue of the NKU Sustainability newsletter! Please help us spread the word by telling everyone you think would be interested in receiving this newsletter to sign up for our listserv by clicking [here](#). Thank you for all your support!

Office Supply Swap!

The next Office Supply Swap will be held on **Wed, Aug 9th from 11 AM to 1 PM** in UC 135. Participation in this event is free and you are not required to bring items in order to partake in the swap. Everyone is encouraged to come visit us and "shop" for all the supplies that you need! Click [here](#) to learn more about the office swap, how it works, what you can bring, and how to help out!

Talk-N-Walk Nature Series



Join the talented NKU biology faculty and other science enthusiasts for the Talk-N-Walk nature series each Wednesday from now through Early August. The sessions are all unique and cover various biological themes from fungi to invasive plants and fairy gardens. The next session is this Wednesday, July 5th, at 6:00 PM, with the theme "Milkweed Plants & Their Visitors".

About REFS (Research and Education Field Station)

"The Research and Education Field Station (REFS) is located adjacent to and facilitates the use of 155 acres of St. Anne Woods and Wetlands Natural Area, a conservation easement on and near the Ohio River. REFS is within the Outer Bluegrass Ecoregion, and includes both open and closed canopy wetlands in the lowland and mixed mesophytic forest and open grassland in upland natural areas. There is also substantial old growth forest, primarily dominated by

beech."

To find out more about REFS, visit their webpage [here](#).

2017 Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit

On June 8th, the Office of Sustainability attended the 2017 Midwest Regional Sustainability Summit at Xavier University in Cincinnati. Keynote speaker Van Jones discussed the relationship between social justice and sustainability. Breakout sessions explored topics such as equal access to alternative transportation, the upcoming Green Cincinnati plan, and prioritizing reuse over recycling. The lunchtime award ceremony celebrated local businesses that are advancing sustainability. The full program can be found [here](#).

MEP Recycling Pilot Program



NKU has recently implemented a new recycling program! Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from PepsiCo, seven new recycling stations have been installed in the MEP building. MEP was chosen as a pilot for this project because it most accurately reflects the majority of buildings on campus, containing a mix of classrooms and offices. The program aims to increase waste diversion rates and make students, staff, and faculty more aware of what can and cannot be recycled on campus. To help reach this goal, recycling in MEP has now become single-stream, meaning sorting recyclables such as aluminum, paper, glass, and plastic will no longer be necessary—all recyclables can now be placed in the same bin. To find out more about the program, click [here](#).