

## Sustainability Newsletter

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**Fact of the month:** According to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a television for three hours!



Campus Sustainability Month is upon us! Join NKU in celebrating environmental sustainability at our university by attending one of the following events we have planned:

#### **Oct. 7th: Asbury Garden Clean Up Day, 12 pm-3 pm**

- Join us in pulling weeds and beautifying the garden after the long growing season. This event will take place at Asbury Community Garden, at the intersection of Johns Hill Road and US-27, and is open to anyone willing to dig in the dirt to help beautify the garden. If you are interested, you can RSVP [here](#) via email.

#### **Oct. 10th: Screening of Look & See, 6:45 pm-8:45 pm, Griffin Hall Digitorium**

- *Look and See*, a documentary by Kentucky poet Wendell Berry, focuses on the difficult choices we all must make that shape our relationship with land and community. To RSVP, click [here](#).

#### **Oct. 18th: NKU FUSE Meeting, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, SU 109**

- Open to all students, staff, and faculty, NKU FUSE (Forum for University Sustainability and the Environment) is a roundtable discussion that seeks to provide a community space to learn from each other, address environmental concerns, and continue moving NKU in a sustainable path to carbon neutrality by 2050.

#### **Oct. 24th: Climate Choices Environmental Issues Forum, 10:00 am- 12:00 pm, SU 302**

- The purpose of this forum is to engage members of the campus community in meaningful and productive discussions about climate change and other issues that affect the environment and communities. To RSVP, click [here](#).

**Oct. 26th: Thrift Shop, 10:00 am, SU 2nd floor**

- The thrift shop is always one of the most popular activities that we plan. The purpose of the event is to prioritize reuse over recycle and to keep materials out of the landfill. To participate in the event, you only need to bring two of your own items to donate to the thrift shop, then you may shop at your leisure.

**Oct. 28th: Trail Clearing Volunteer Day, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Cincinnati Nature Center**

- A new student organization, the NKU Hiking Club, is coordinating a volunteer trail clearing day with the Cincinnati Nature Center. This is a great way to get involved in nature and support an organization dedicated to the preservation of the natural environment. If you are interested in this event, RSVP [here](#) via email.

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**NKU FUSE (Forum for Sustainability and the Environment)**

On September 26th, NKU FUSE kicked off with its first inaugural meeting. The focus of these events is to provide a community space for campus stakeholders (faculty, staff, and students) to share their thoughts and opinions on the state of sustainability on campus and to learn about environmental issues.

In this meeting, we focused on goal one of the 2017 Sustainability Strategy: demonstrate responsible stewardship of natural resources. The collective feedback received from those who attended was instrumental and will help us further expand our reach of responsible stewardship.

The next meeting of NKU FUSE will happen on Oct. 18th from 11:30 am-12:30 pm in SU 109.

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**Ecological Stewardship Institute Grant**

According to Sue Ott Rowlands, Provost & Executive VP for Academic Affairs, The Ecological Stewardship Institute was awarded a \$40,000 grant to support a program called "**Strategic Depaving**", which aims to connect students, area stakeholders, and community members to design and produce greening interventions that will help with improving water quality and caring for and designating more greenspace in Newport. Stay tuned for more information about this project!