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Emory New Waste Management System to Begin January 2017
By: Kimber Williams, Emory Report

When Emory crafted its current Sustainability Vision, one of the university’s most transformative — and ambitious — goals was a commitment to divert 95 percent of campus waste from municipal landfills by 2025, effectively a zero-waste policy.

To achieve that, Emory's Office of Sustainability and Division of Campus Services have partnered to introduce a new waste management policy that engages the entire campus in the push to enhance recycling efforts.

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On November 15, Emory partnered with Clifton Corridor neighbors Emory Point and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for a community recycling drive. In 7 hours, the team collected:
- 5,000 pounds of hard-to-recycle materials
- 7,144 pounds of e-waste
- 11,274 pounds of regular recyclables

Waste Video Competition Winners Announced
By: Emory Report

This October, the Office of Sustainability Initiatives (OSI) invited Emory students, faculty and staff to submit a 2-minute video that creatively and effectively educated about the importance of landfill waste diversion, including the social and environmental impacts of landfills, as part of Emory’s new zero landfill waste campaign. Congratulations to the Waste Video Competition winners:

- First Place: Meggie Stewart, ’18C
- Second Place: Halsey Quinn, ’18C
- Third Place: Dawn Francis-Chewing, LITS

Emory Honored in Atlanta Better Building Challenge
By: Emory Report

Pictured: Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed, Emory Director of
Sustainability Initiatives Ciannat Howett, Senior Director of Energy and Utilities Joan Kowal, Associate VP for Facilities Management Todd Kerzie, and Assistant Director of Sustainability Kelly O’Day Weisinger

Emory University has been recognized by the City of Atlanta for its commitment to energy and water conservation through the 2016-2017 Atlanta Better Buildings Challenge.

The Atlanta Better Buildings Challenge invites participating building owners — both commercial businesses and nonprofits — to commit to a 20 percent reduction in energy and water use by year 2020.

Organizations that commit to the challenge work collaboratively, creating public-private partnerships and sharing implementation models to help the market adopt higher efficiency standards at a quicker pace.

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Planned Trail to Offer New Options for Cyclists, Pedestrians

By: Kimber Williams, Emory Report

Plans to develop a new bicycle/pedestrian trail that would link Emory’s Clairmont Campus to Mason Mill Park — and points beyond — are rolling forward, according to the PATH Foundation, an Atlanta nonprofit dedicated to
developing public greenway trails.

In fact, by this time next year, PATH Foundation Executive Director Ed McBrayer says he fully expects to see the trail completed, opening up new campus commute options to northeastern DeKalb County residents.

“We have a design done and have the plans in for permitting,” McBrayer says. “It looks promising that we will have a trail from Mason Mill Park to the Emory campus during 2018.”

Plans call for a 12-foot-wide trail to run from the Mason Mill Tennis Center and cross under busy Clairmont Road, ending just inside the front gate at Emory’s Clairmont Campus. Cyclists and pedestrians would then be able to follow traffic-restricted Starvine Way onto Emory’s main campus.

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**Farmer's Market Reduces Waste, Increases Options**

By: Olivia Morgan, Emory Report

The Emory Farmers Market has been a staple of the community since 2008 when it opened on the campus with its original seven vendors. The market was envisioned as part of Emory’s Sustainable Food Initiative, bringing the Emory community the opportunity to build relationships with farmers and producers who grow and make their food.
Now heading into its 10th year and under the management of Taylor Spicer, programs coordinator for the Office of Sustainability Initiatives, and Mark Seals, the new assistant director of Emory Dining, the market hosts over 20 vendors that sell a variety of produce and products to satisfy all taste buds.

12th Annual Sustainable Food Fair
By: Emory Report

This year marked the 12th annual Sustainable Food Fair, offering tasty treats and tips for sustainable practices.

The student-led event ran from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Asbury Circle and on the Cox Hall Bridge. More than 30 vendors were on hand, selling local produce and offering samples from Atlanta restaurants that are committed to sustainability.

Student-run tables were also available to discuss topics related to sustainable foods, such as emphasizing local food and consuming more food with a lower carbon footprint.

“By attending this fair, members of our community are joining in a celebration of Atlanta's growing and thriving sustainable food movement,” says Angela Jiang, a junior majoring in environmental sciences who is the teaching
assistant and co-organizer for this year’s fair. “We hope that our community will spend their Friday looking at food through a lens that is more thoughtful, enlightened and, of course, delicious.”

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**Donated Student Goods Support Charitable Non-profit**

By: Kimber Williams, Emory Report

*Pictured: Lisa Wise (center), Executive Director of Re:Loom, accepts a donation check from Jonathan Cooper and Amanda Voegel from Emory’s Housing Facilities and Operations*

Emory students participating in the “Don’t Dump It — Donate It” recycling program as they moved out of residence halls last month turned their used books, clothing, furniture and housewares into support for a local charitable non-profit, re:loom.

By donating used items, students also helped keep hundreds of thousands of pounds of discarded material out of local landfills, which supports Emory’s new waste diversion goal of 95 percent by 2025, says Deena Keeler, assistant director of auxiliary services for facilities.
assistant director of auxiliary services for facilities management in the Division of Campus Services.

Green Roofs Take Root at Emory
By Kimber Williams, Emory Report

Last fall, Emory senior Rebecca Park looked across a sprawling field of shallow plastic trays carpeting a flat, open-air swath of rooftop on the Math and Science Center and saw real estate ripe for rebirth.

Originally installed in October 2008, the project was part of a student-led pilot study exploring the benefits of green roofs — vegetative roof coverings used in place of tiles or shingles to help disperse summer heat and absorb stormwater run-off.

But almost a decade later, the low-maintenance project had seen better days.

Drought cycles had taken a toll on the succulent plants, which appeared patchy and struggling.