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# Building a Sustainable Macalester: Strategic Planning 2008-2009

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Macalester's Sustainability Office is working to engage the diverse stakeholders of the College's community in thinking strategically about sustainability by launching a campus-wide, participatory planning process. This project will create a vision of sustainability for Macalester and develop concrete short- and long-term priorities. The backbone of the Macalester College Sustainability Plan will also be formed through this process.

### How does sustainability advance the core mission of Macalester College?

Whitepaper: What does sustainability mean to Macalester College? (October 13, 2008)

Practical Vision: What do we want to see in place at Macalester College in the next 2-3 years to advance our vision of sustainability? What prevents us from achieving this practical vision? (December 2008)

Strategic Directions: What are innovative, substantial actions that we can commit to eliminate the obstacles and advance our practical vision? (February 2008)

Environmental Studies Dept. Senior Seminar Recommendations: Benchmarks and Climate Neutrality Climate Neutrality Date Announced

Sustainability Plan Finalized





Milestones

#### Whitepaper: Presentation Campus Sustainability Day and Feedback October 13 October 22





December 2008

2009

Global Warming

February 5

Focus the Nation:

Directions

Strategic

February 2009

September 2009

September 24

**EXCO:** Participatory Leadership Class begins

#### September

- · Planning Team directs Advisory Committee launch meeting
- Communications Plan launched
- · Facilitation Team trained

#### November

- · Advisory Committee reviews Whitepaper, Practical Vision & Obstacles
- Data Team begins analyzing trends
- Facilitation Team: stakeholder data synthesis

#### February 15

Revised Whitepaper Released

#### February

 Planning Team reviews trends data and stakeholder input.

#### February-September

- · Leadership establishes short- and long-term priorities
- · Facilitation Team launches Implementation Cycle
- Advisory Committee emerges from Planning Team
- · Whitepaper and Sustainability Plan are finalized



Roots and Seeds



