

Sustainability  
at Suffolk





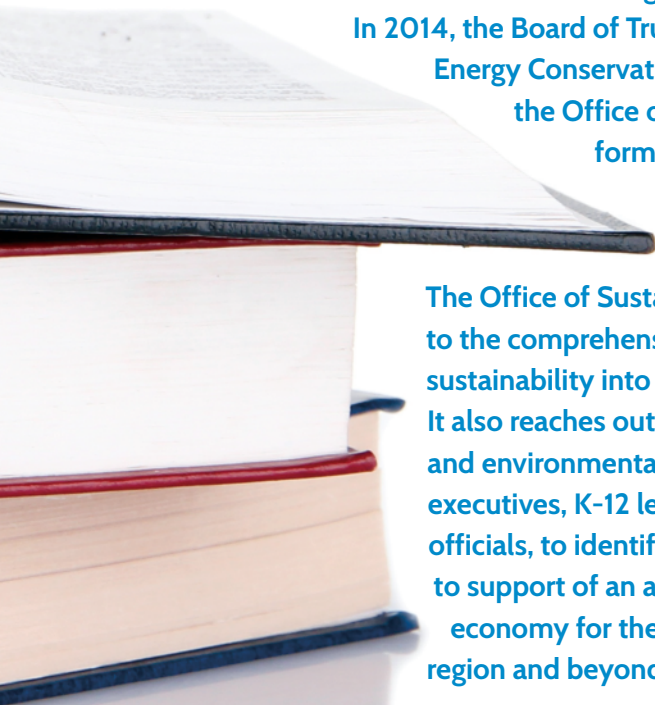
Suffolk County Community College is one of the 64 colleges and universities that make up the State University of New York (SUNY) system. With an enrollment of approximately 27,000 students, it is the largest community college in New York State. As a premier, learning-centered institution, the College offers more than 100 degree and certificate options on three campuses in Brentwood, Selden and Riverhead and two downtown centers in Sayville and Riverhead.

The College's mission is to promote intellectual discovery, physical development, social and ethical awareness, and economic opportunities for all through an education that transforms lives, builds communities, and improves society.

At Suffolk, sustainability and civic responsibility to the communities it serves has long been a core value.

In 2014, the Board of Trustees adopted an Energy Conservation Policy. At that time, the Office of Sustainability was formed to uphold Suffolk's commitment to the environment.

The Office of Sustainability is dedicated to the comprehensive integration of sustainability into the College's operations. It also reaches out to Long Island's civic and environmental leaders, business executives, K-12 leaders, and government officials, to identify mutual interests and to support of an agenda of a sustainable economy for the local community, the region and beyond.



# Campus Sustainability Projects

Suffolk seeks to make sustainable living a part of the day-to-day college experience for students, faculty and staff. The College offers opportunities for student action and involvement in sustainability initiatives and exposure to sustainability-related careers. The following highlights some of the College's successful initiatives:



## Green Your Commute:

Transportation is an integral element of a commuter college student's experience. Suffolk partnered with 511 NY Ride Share and Suffolk County Transit, to reduce the College's carbon footprint and offer innovative ways to encourage greener transportation for students and staff. More than 2,000 students registered for the program.

Suffolk is also a proud partner of the Clean Air New York Program.

**Plug In:** Suffolk offers 12 free electric vehicle charging stations across its three campuses for use by students, faculty and staff.

The College continues to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for supporting their Workplace Charging Challenge Program. The College's charging stations have saved more than 4,500 gallons of gasoline.





### Reusable Beverage Container Program:

Suffolk-branded, reusable drink containers are available at College as an alternative to disposable single-use options. Refill costs are discounted for participants at college-wide dining locations.

**Hydration Stations:** Free, filtered water is available at 33 bottle filling stations on all three campuses. Collectively, the stations have helped keep more than 600,000 plastic bottles out of area landfills.



**Greener Grad:** May 2018 marked the first commencement that Suffolk graduates wore eco-friendly gowns made from 100% recycled plastic bottles. An average of 25 plastic bottles was used to make each gown.

**Tree Campus USA:** Each campus was recognized as a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, honoring the College for effective urban forest



management and engaging staff and students in the spirit of conservation.





# Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy Sources



Through a partnership with Cenergistic, a national leader in energy conservation, the College actively manages its energy consumption, which produced in aggregate approximately \$2 million in avoided energy costs in the first two years of the program, along with a significant reduction in the institutional environmental impact.

The College is actively exploring new renewable energy sources. Suffolk became an organizational partner of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance and the College is working with developers to support workforce needs and encourage this clean tech industry in the region.



The College also secured grant funding from the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation to construct a green roof on each campus. These rooftops help reduce energy use in buildings, both in summer cooling and winter heating. They also help retain and filter rainwater runoff before it flows through to our sole-source aquifer.

Suffolk is actively pursuing deployment of solar generation. Solar panels installed at the College currently generate approximately 151,000 kWh of electricity.

In line with its commitment to sustainability, the College utilizes Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards and also implements elements of environmentally sustainable design in its new and retrofitted buildings.

For more information about sustainability at Suffolk County Community College, please visit [sunysuffolk.edu/sustainability](http://sunysuffolk.edu/sustainability).





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