

2024-2025 Sustainability Priorities

Priorities adapted from actions proposed in the *Ithaca Forever* Climate Action Report



**IC a
Sustainable
Future**

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Goals and Proposed Actions from 2009 Climate Action Plan

2050

Ithaca College will achieve Climate Neutrality by 2050.

25%

25% reduction in **GHG emissions** by **2015**, and another 25% reduction by **2025**.



Facilities

Upgrade controls, retro-commission all facilities, and switch to more benign fuels where feasible



Transportation

Create a coordinated travel-demand management program (TDM); Reduce the carbon-intensity of IC's vehicles; Provide distance-learning, web conferencing tools, and training & support.



Understanding

Gain a better understanding of emissions by collecting and creating a comprehensive inventory



Wind Power

Develop and present proposals surrounding wind power and use of renewable energy



Policy

Develop, test, and evaluate program and policy changes that support emissions-reducing behaviors

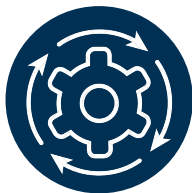
What are priorities for the 2024–2025 academic year?

Based on guidance from representative students, faculty and staff the following 10 actions were adapted from *Ithaca Forever* Climate Action Report and placed into the following 4 categories.



Decarbonization

- ACTION 1 - Continue geothermal feasibility studies for campus buildings and identify potential funding opportunities for project implementation (Lead - Office of Facilities).
- ACTION 2 - Plan, install and market added on campus electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to help support electrification of the IC fleet as well as support EV use by students, faculty, staff and visitors. Further, explore ways to support added alternative transportation measures like e-bike/bike storage and improved bus access (Lead - Office of Facilities).



Operations

- ACTION 3 - Draft a framework for improving campus water conservation efforts (Lead - Office of Facilities).
- ACTION 4 - Investigate ways to reduce single-use packaging and opportunities for reusable retail packaging in IC Retail Dining locations (Lead - Dining Services).



Governance

- ACTION 5 - Review existing purchasing policy through an environmental lens to see if there are opportunities to reduce waste while also saving costs (Lead - IC Eco Reps).
- ACTION 6 - Investigate a system for tracking students, faculty and staff engaged in local environmental and climate justice organizations, boards and committees to help support community engagement efforts (Lead - IC Government, Community and Constituent Relations).



Research and Learning

- ACTION 7 – Integrate climate and sustainability programming into Orientation, Convocation and First Year Seminars (Leads - New Student and Transition Programs/First Year Seminar).
- ACTION 8 - Continue the *IC Sustainability Awards* in connection with IC’s annual spring Sustainability Week and seek added opportunities to recognize students, faculty, and staff for sustainability work (Lead - IC Sustainability Week Planning Committee).
- ACTION 9 - Formalize the *Ithaca College Fund for a Sustainable Future* to advance campus sustainability priorities and strengthen sustainability storytelling through IC’s “living campus lab” (Lead - Division of Advancement).
- ACTION 10 - Develop and publicize a list of sustainability course offerings across all Schools and explore ways to increase environmental and climate justice academic offerings through “sustainability curriculum mini-grants”; Strengthen diverse climate justice connections with communities throughout the Finger Lakes (Lead - Office of the Provost, Center for Faculty Excellence).

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Added IC Energy & Sustainability Resources

Visit the Office of Energy Management & Sustainability website for IC sustainability resources.

<https://www.ithaca.edu/sustainability-ithaca>

