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### Summary

UMass Boston is Boston’s only public university with a leading role in sustainability over the past decade. As the only public university in Massachusetts to sign the international Talloires declaration in the early 1990s, it was one of the first campuses in the UMass system and one of few nationally to have a sustainability program in the early 2000s. Sustainability is now one of the guiding principles in campus Master Planning and sustainable practices are increasingly being adopted in all aspects of campus operations.

In 2004, UMass Boston was awarded the “Sustainable University of the Year” award by the Massachusetts State Sustainability Program. In 2007 it signed the national ACUPCC Climate Commitment introducing its Climate Action Plan. In 2011 and 2012 UMass Boston was recognized as a Leader for Excellence in Commuting Options by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and was selected by Princeton Review as one of the 311 Greenest Colleges in the nation, second year in a row.

The campus sustainability program UMBe Green and related campus departments work with numerous campus departments, academic, students, pre-collegiate programs and partners at the local, state and national and international level to reduce its environmental footprint and engage the broader community in sustainability – many of which are highlighted in this poster.

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### Award-winning commuter options

- Hybrid shuttle buses, bike racks
- Community Food Recovery partnerships with Campus Kitchens and Greater Boston Food Bank
- Student sustainability organizations and clubs
- Green Careers Conference Support
- Comprehensive recycling including e-waste
- Green Conferences at the Campus Center
- Energy and water conservation retrofits
- Eco-friendly products at the bookstore, community discount days
- Support of marine education with marine operations and greening the harbor
- Hybrid cars for Public Safety office
- Green Tours for Boston schools and out-of-state visiting for campus greening tours
- NESEA Green buildings open house tours
- Tree Planting at UMB City of Boston’s 100,000 trees by 2020 plan