



# CORNELL SUSTAINABILITY SNAPSHOT

## National Rankings

- **#1** greenest Ivy League school in AASHE's Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS)
- **#3** for sustainable dining in the Princeton Review's 2016 Guide
- Recognized as one of America's Greenest Universities by BestColleges.com

## Campus Impact

- Carbon emissions are down more than 33% since 2008
- More than 40,000 solar panels installed to power campus – providing 7% of campus electricity
- 45% of our food budget goes to purchasing locally and sustainably sourced food
- Composting rates have doubled in the last two years
- Annual water consumption has dropped by 800,000 gallons since 2005
- Senior leadership released a report exploring solutions for campus carbon neutral energy

## Academic Leadership

- 26% of all faculty are involved in sustainability research
- 10% of all courses include sustainability topics, spread across 79 departments
- 466 faculty fellows involved with sustainability through the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future
- \$6.7M of funding for sustainability research has been provided by the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future since 2013

## Campus Engagement

- 50 Green Offices and 12 Green Labs have been certified across campus
- Presidents Sustainable Campus Committee grew to over 150 staff, students and faculty
- Created faculty/staff/student steering committee to strengthen the *Think BIG, Live Green* program
- Human Resources' Management Academy Sustainability Course for staff is in its 3rd year
- 1000's of students engaged by *Leadership for Campus Sustainability* and *Green Revolving Fund* 3-credit service-learning sustainability courses focused on peer education and campus operations
- New Student Orientation events include sustainability and climate literacy
- Avoided over \$154,000 electricity cost during the 2016 Winter Setback Program leveraging [BuildingDashboard.cornell.edu](http://BuildingDashboard.cornell.edu)

## Planning for the Future

- Construction underway for a net-zero energy building at Cornell Tech
- Planning to explore Earth Source Heat, a new geothermal technology, to heat the campus
- Advancing 100% renewable electricity goal by supporting community solar and wind projects
- Senior Leaders Climate Action Group report recommends all students graduate with a basic literacy of climate change

