



Hello Lynx Sustainability Community!

The purpose of this newsletter is to engage and foster our CU Denver sustainability community by keeping folks informed about the progression of sustainability efforts at CU Denver, sharing ways to get involved and facilitating connection and collaboration. Read on to learn more! Know a colleague or fellow student that would be interested in receiving this newsletter? Forward this along and have them fill out [this form](#) to be added to the distribution list. Would you no longer like to receive this newsletter? Shoot me an [email](#) to let me know and I will remove you (no hard feelings, I promise).



Check out CU Denver's [sustainability webpage](#)! Learn more about our sustainability efforts, focus areas, and [ways to get involved](#).

Updates

Institutional Climate Goal: In April, the Chancellor's Cabinet endorsed two institutional climate goals: 1) to reduce building-related greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 (from a 2019 baseline) and 2) to strive to meet or exceed state-established energy use intensity (EUI) targets for the seven buildings that CU Denver owns. To learn more about CU Denver's sustainability goals and focus areas, [click here](#).



Energy Management: CU Denver is officially participating in Xcel Energy's [Strategic Energy Management Program](#). This program will help CU Denver identify and pursue building energy efficiency opportunities to reduce electrical consumption at the Business School, Student Commons, the CU Denver Building and City Heights Dormitory and Learning Commons. We are currently reviewing a Phase I assessment report from Xcel Energy and developing a register of project opportunities (such as building recommissioning, equipment retrofits, and identifying and fixing faults in our building automation system).



Lighting Retrofit: Our Facilities Management team has been working hard to pursue an LED lighting retrofit of remaining non-LED lighting fixtures (aka incandescent, fluorescent or halogen) on campus. In full, the project will replace 10,087 lighting fixtures and is estimated to reduce electricity consumption by over 700,000 kWh (over 5% of CU Denver's total annual electricity use), as well as reduce carbon emissions by over 600,000 lbs.

The project will take place in the Business School, Lawrence Street Center, the CU Building and Student Commons, and will likely occur in phases based on funding and rebate availability.

Auraria Climate Action Plan: The Auraria Board of Directors (comprised of leadership from all three academic institutions) officially approved a new Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the tri-institutional campus! This plan establishes a goal of reducing carbon emissions 50% by 2030 and outlines proposed strategies for achieving this goal across the emissions categories of buildings, transportation and waste. [See Auraria's Facebook announcement post](#) and check out the [CAP on the ASCP website](#).



Engagement Opportunities



Sustainability Champion: Do you know someone working to advance sustainability in some way – large or small - in their corner of campus? Nominate them as a sustainability champion so we can celebrate our collective efforts. Simply send me [an email](#) with their name and a little information about their efforts.

Furniture and Equipment Swap: Did you know that CU Denver has a [Teams channel](#) dedicated to rehoming furniture and equipment (instead of sending it to the landfill)? Here you can post items that you would like to give away, exchange or request from anyone in other departments and buildings on the CU Denver campus. Please invite your coworkers/friends to help us grow the network!



E-Waste Recycling Event: Monday 10/13/25, 10 AM – 3 PM, North Classroom: OIT and ISS are hosting an e-waste recycling event for university-owned equipment. No personal devices will be accepted at this event. Accepted Devices: Monitors, Keyboards, Tablets, Laptops, Computer towers, Hard drives. Email iss-endpointmanagement@cuanschutz.edu for more information.