




# THE VCU LEAFLET

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## We've Moved!

203 N. Belvidere Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23220  
Conveniently next to Ram Bikes!

Make sure to checkout our revamped website at:  
[www.sustainability.vcu.edu](http://www.sustainability.vcu.edu)



**VCU Campus Sustainability Day** - Campus Sustainability Day (CSD) is a national celebration of sustainability in higher education. The goal of the event is to spread awareness about the steps VCU is taking to create a more sustainable campus and contribute to a healthy environment through our aggressive recycling efforts, adopting LEED green building standards and reducing electricity and water usage. Campus Sustainability Day is a great way to see the breadth of sustainability initiatives at VCU all in one place.

VCU celebrated our inaugural Campus Sustainability Day in 2010, and identified four campus sustainability themes: energy, mobility, food and waste. Campus Sustainability Day 2015 will be held on October 23rd from 10am - 2pm in the VCU Student Commons Plaza. This years theme is Eat Green with a focus on healthy, local food at VCU and in the Richmond Community. The Byrd House Market, VCU Learning Gardens Program, Wellness Resource Center, VCU RamPantry, Green Unity, and the VCU Police for bicycle registration are just a few of the exhibitors that we will be hosting.



**The Learning Gardens** - The VCU Learning Gardens program aims to educate volunteers, while simultaneously providing fresh, healthy, produce to those in need in our community. Located on the MCV Campus, the VCU Learning Garden welcomes all VCU staff, faculty, and students to rent their own plot for growing food and flowers. Produce from many of these beds are grown for donation to the VCU Ram Pantry. This fall, the new Monroe Park Campus Learning Garden will be built and begin operation in production of healthy fruits and vegetables for donation to the VCU Ram Pantry and the Center for High Blood Pressure.

Although plots will not be available for rent, there will be ample learning opportunities through volunteering and workshops. Getting involved is an excellent way to learn about growing produce in an urban environment. Keep an eye out for news about the coming garden by liking us on Facebook at VCU Learning Gardens.

Questions? Email us at: [learninggarden@vcu.edu](mailto:learninggarden@vcu.edu)

## Help Us GROW!

The Green Recognition for Offices & Workspaces program is designed to assist departments in evaluating their operations while providing recognition for their sustainable practices.

### Benefits Include:

- Staff support & resources to develop sustainable operations where needed.
- A certificate to proudly display in your office and workspaces.
- Recognition of certification on the VCU Sustainability website.

We look forward to providing assistance to VCU departments to become certified.

Contact us by email:  
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For additional information visit:  
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## Welcome Wyatt!

Wyatt Carpenter completed his undergraduate studies in 2014 at VCU with a Bachelors of Science in both Environmental Studies, and Urban and Regional Studies. Currently, Wyatt is pursuing a Masters of Sciences in Environmental Studies with a research focus on the relationship between land use patterns and habitat quality.

As a Sustainability Projects and Program Coordinator for the Office of Sustainability, Wyatt is interested in building meaningful partnerships between VCU and the Richmond community in order to create positive change for the City. Outside of school and work, Wyatt's many interests include being outdoors, running, design, architecture, and spending what is arguably too much time fussing over houseplants.

## Save the Dates

- 9/28 - **Bike Urbanism Symposium**, see more info here: <https://www.vcualumni.org/Calendar/Details/8615>
- 9/29
- 10/2 • **RamBikes Grand Re-Opening/Office of Sustainability Open House:** from 11am-2pm
- 10/23 • **Campus Sustainability Day:** from 11am-2pm
- 10/24 • **Fall Bazaar:** from 1pm-5pm
- TBA • **Kombucha & Cooking Beyond Limits Workshops:** check our social media for more info soon to come

