

Grand Valley State University

Allendale, MI • Campus Sustainability Week • October 24-27, 2007

Sponsored by Grand Valley State University Sustainability

Highlights Included:

- Events were held Wednesday-Saturday, with daily themes of Environmental Stewardship, Economic Prosperity & Transportation, Social Responsibility, and Make a Difference Day
- Presentations on sustainability all over the world, from eco-friendly expeditions in Nicaragua to the effects of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana
- Presentations on other topics such as rain gardens, eco-conscious printing, green

Student Projects at GVSU

- The Sustainability Department at Grand Valley State assists with student projects that are focused on helping their environment, community, and university
 - ✓ Abby Wynne's Project E! is aimed at reducing paper waste by communicating and learning through the use of electronic documents. See her very funny website at www.abbywynne.com/projecte/index.html
 - ✓ Copies on Campus, by Meghan McDonough, is a completed blog on the number of environmental benefits that came about by GVSU switching from 10% recycled paper to 30% recycled. Check out www.gvsu.edu/sustainability for more information on these projects and the sustainability efforts at Grand Valley.

cleaning, economic policies and recycling efforts, fair housing, engaging urban gardening, sustainable agriculture, social justice and sustainability, and more

- A display of a "green dorm room," with organic bedding, toiletry products, food, recycled office supplies and all-natural clothing
- A display of hybrid vehicles and demonstrations on alternate fuels
- A student Iron Chef cooking competition!
- Sales of organic and environmentally friendly food, clothing, household products and more
- The culmination of the week was Saturday, October 27 or Make a Difference Day. It was celebrated by student-run volunteer projects throughout Western Michigan.

Sources: www.lanthorn.com/default.asp?strAction=GET-HST&intArticleKey=7770;
www.gvsu.edu/cms3/assets/1ACDDEF0-A15A-67B1-F268BE06B2416593/CSW_Invite_10_19.pdf

Theme It

At GVSU, the 2007 Campus Sustainability Week theme was "Make it ALL Count! Learn about how your actions affect the world."

Related Resources

- ▲ To make an organic residence hall room demonstration at your campus, go to www.gaiam.com to find organic bedding and clothes, www.tomsofmaine.com/toms for toiletries, and www.thegreenoffice.com for desk supplies.