“The NCCU Purchasing Department has been conscious of, and working on, environmental concerns for over twenty years. The one thing that has remained constant is our sense of urgency. The Purchasing Department sees itself as a steward of the earth – not its inheritor – and believes it is the duty of each succeeding generation to try to nurture its resources for the future.

We have sponsored Vendor Fairs showcasing “green” products. We, in conjunction with other purchasing organization within the UNC System, have advocated to have products that are designed, manufactured, and disposable in a way that is environmentally sensitive. We have worked with administrators and student organizations at NCCU on initiatives like recycling programs, sustainable buildings, and operational efficiencies that will minimize NCCU’s carbon footprint.

It was not always easy: it is sometimes hard to maintain momentum when student bodies and University personnel change so often, but the NCCU Purchasing Department has been a stable advocate for environmental causes over many years, many administrations, and many academic terms. However, to paraphrase Theodore Parker and Martin Luther King: The arc of history is long, but it bends toward sustainability.”
Partnering with the Durham Farmer’s Market

http://www.durhamfarmersmarket.com/

Market Schedule
Saturdays 8am to noon, April through November
Saturdays 10am to noon, December through March
Wednesdays 3:30 to 6:30pm, April 20 through September

The Green Team at North Carolina Central University and the Durham Farmer’s Market (DFM) has launched a partnership to address diversity-related concerns in the community. Specifically, the collaboration aims to target the number of African Americans/Blacks who patronize the market in an effort to increase participation. The first meeting was held on July 19th at the Parker and Otis Restaurant in downtown Durham.

Through a research survey conducted by the Durham Farmer’s Market, data was collected regarding the diversity of their clientele. The survey indicated that African Americans do not frequent the market in proportion to their representation in Durham. African Americans represent 36% of the population in Durham but have only 9% representation at the farmer’s market.

Building the working relationship between the Green Team and the DFM has allowed both entities to reflect on their approaches to inclusion, growth and change. Below are a few reasons that emerged on why the African Americans within the city of Durham may not patronize the market:

- Food is perceived to be more costly
- Distance to the market
- Lack of time to attend for only a portion of the food that the family needs
- Limited hours—early hours for the Saturday market are likely a barrier for college students (and others?)
- Lack of awareness
- Not necessarily perceived of as a “black thing”
- Inconvenience of taking public transportation to the market

Currently there are two specific projects in the planning stages. There will be more information provided on the projects listed below in the next issue of the Green Gazette.

1. Student Internship Opportunity
   1. Point of Contact: Jahmal Williams
2. College Day
   1. Point of Contact: Christopher Medley

Have you ever been to the Durham Farmer’s Market? Why or Why Not? We want to hear from you!
E-mail your commentary to greenteam@nccu.edu
A Plan in the making…

- The NCCU community garden has been an aspiration of the university for quite some time. An initiative supported by the following partners, the community garden started as just an idea but flourished into so much more:
  - EEGS
  - School of Education
  - Facilities
  - Community Service Office
  - Student-run Community Garden organization
  - The Green Team
  - Habitat for Humanity of Durham
  - Purchasing

Where are we now?

- Pictured at the left are several photos of the community garden being cared for by the NCCU community. These individuals dedicated tireless hours to making the garden a success.
- The student-run support organization for the garden has been formed and is consistently working to make the garden a success. The organization was founded on the principles of agriculture, entrepreneurship, and education. The organization meets every Monday at 5pm in Baynes Hall. Interested individuals can reach out to Kebreeya Lewis at klewis39@eagles.nccu.edu.

Where are we going in the future?

- The community garden will be hosting harvest days where vegetables grown in the garden will be available for sale to staff and students. Some items include collard greens and broccoli.
- The first Harvest Day will be Monday, November 26, 2012 at 5pm. Announced Harvest Days will occur as the crops grow and announcements will be made.
RHA Campus Clean up = SUCCESS!!!

The Community Clean-up hosted by the Residence Hall Association (RHA) held during the month of November was a great success. There were a number of NCCU students that showed their support for the cause. The clean-up consisted of 500 blocks through 700 blocks of Burlington, Martha, and Cecil streets. A large thank you goes out to RHA and this community service initiative!

Being Green in the classroom: EEGS Course

*Per EEGS Faculty, Yolanda B. Anderson*

The course is being developed by Dr. John Bang, a faculty member in EEGS. It will address sustainability from four perspectives: global health, environmental issues, business, and green technology. A couple of weeks ago, NCCU signed an agreement with Bayer Crop Science which will allow us to use their online module – “Five Big Ideas on the Business Power of Sustainability”. A statement in the draft press release prepared by Bayer reads: “Through an online training module titled “Five Big Ideas on the Business Power of Sustainability,” Bayer Crop Science will equip students with the tools they need to develop critical thinking skills and plans of action for sustainability in their own lives.”

Chidley North hitting the News Stand!

Review the online version of University Business and see Chidley North included in the article on residence halls. The link is below.

Online version:

Sustainability Defined
Sustainability is about policies and actions that allow us to meet society’s present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It involves taking the well-being of the natural world into account when we make decisions and respecting the finiteness of our natural resources. It’s all about taking into account people, profits, and planet.

Welcome 2012-2013 Green Team Members

Ashley Roberts
Brenda Roberts
Christopher Medley
Daja Carr
Deborah Bailey
Donte Guess
Eric Frazier
Gladys Robinson
Hervey Graham
Jahmal Williams
Jamie Gainey

Janice Guess
Jelani Brown
Jennifer Wilder
Lora Humphrey
Louis Velez
Meghann Martinez
Tuy Tran
Tyrone Robeson
Vanda Davis
Yolanda Anderson
If you are interested in the Green Team, please contact Christopher Medley or Whitney Watkins at greenteam@nccu.edu

The Green Team would like to welcome Whitney Watkins on board as the new Co-Chair for the University Green Team. Whitney is a Community Director with the Department of Residential Life here at NCCU and she is excited about joining the team!

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Green Team Learning Outcomes

- Each community member will be able to define sustainability.
- Each community member will be able to utilize their knowledge of sustainability and apply it to change their daily habits and consumer mentality.
- Each community member will be able to explain how sustainability relates to their lives and their values, and how their actions impact issues of sustainability.
- Each community member will strive to serve as a change agent and facilitate an understanding of sustainability from a global perspective.

Committee Meeting Date/Time:
Student Services Building - Residential Life
G07 Conference Room
Friday (Bi-weekly) at 1:00 p.m.

No Waste Left Behind