Earlham College Sustainability Map and Tour

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Earlham’s Green Initiatives

1. Center for Environmental Action: The Center for Environmental Action is located in the Landrum Bolling Center on the 3rd floor. The Center aims to enhance teaching and learning at Earlham related to the environment.

2. Environmental Studies Program: The Environmental Studies program offers students an interdisciplinary program of study on environmental issues and problem solving focusing on humanities and social science perspectives.

3. Bonner Center for Service and Vocation: The Bonner Center houses a service-scholarship program and engages students in long-term community driven service each year. Many students participate in environmentally focused service through the city, community gardens, and Cope Environmental Center.

4. Environmental Science Program: Environmental Science gives students breadth in the natural sciences, significant experience in the humanities and social sciences, and depth in a chosen scientific focus area of biology, chemistry, physics, or geology.

5. Sciences Building Renovation: Earlham’s first LEED certified building renovation will be completed in 2013. As an innovative space the new building will provide collaborative work spaces in a sustainably-designed new building.

6. Wind Turbine and Solar Array: Earlham students in computer sciences working group installed these renewable energy technologies for demonstration and study on the roof of Dennis Hall.

7. Real Time Energy Monitoring: Computer science students developed a method for monitoring campus-wide electricity use and installed an interactive display monitor in the Dennis Hall Green Zone to encourage energy conservation.

8. Tyler Hall: The completed renovation of Tyler Hall (Fall 2013) will result in a LEED-certified welcome center in the heart of campus.

9. Earlham Environmental Action Coalition: The Earlham student environmental club sponsors environmental service projects and events and is a strong student voice for sustainability on campus. Students in EEAC attend regional and national sustainability conferences like Powershift.

10. Gurney House (Environmental Theme House): This environmentally themed student residence houses students each year who live out sustainable goals in community, including eating as locally as possible and developing a library of environmental texts for study and discussion.

11. Bike Co-op: The Earlham Bike Co-op is a student run organization that teaches bike maintenance, encourages biking as transportation and supports cyclists at Earlham. The Co-op organizes monthly critical mass rides through Richmond.

12. Rose City Coffee Cooperative: The student-run coffee co-op operates through consensual governance and serves sustainably harvested, fair trade coffees and teas daily. A gathering spot for students, the co-op frequently hosts open mic nights and concerts.

13. Facilities Office and Recycling Area: Facilities staff members are instrumental in implementing energy saving projects on campus and coordinating college recycling efforts. The centralized recycling area can be found behind the facilities offices.

14. Earlham Scholars Environmental Semester and Sustainable Science Semester: First year living and learning communities around environmental studies and sustainable science are housed in the first year residence halls Bundy and Barrett. Students in these programs enroll in sustainability focused courses together and enjoy co-curricular experiences around their study areas.

15. Outdoor Education Center (OEC): The OEC is the hub of outdoors activity at Earlham with equipment rentals that are affordable for students and knowledgeable staff to help you plan your next outdoor adventure.

16. Rain Garden: Located just to the west of the Athletics and Wellness Center, the college Rain Garden features native plants and is situated purposefully to direct rain water into the soil.

17. Dining Services: Earlham’s food provider, Sodexo, strives for sustainability with trayless dining, food composting, ample vegetarian and vegan options, and a growing commitment to local foods.

18. Green Plumbing projects: Runyan Center and Earlham Hall contain several exciting sustainable plumbing projects including dual flush toilets, waterless urinals, and low flush toilets. Check them out next time you’ve got to go!

19. Visual and Performing Arts Center: This new facility, slated to be completed in construction in 2013 and open in 2014, will be LEED certified and will support all areas of the fine arts at the College.

20. Co-op Hall: Students living in this intentional community focused housing area located in Wilson Hall strive to live sustainably in community – cooking together, participating in a CSA share, doing their own cleaning, and creating a supportive relational living environment.

21. Miller Farm: A unique, residential college farm, Miller Farm houses 9 students each year with strong interests in and commitment to intentional community and learning about sustainable agriculture. In 2012 the farm planted a new organic orchard for fruit production and harvesting.

22. Back Campus: This special wooded area behind Earlham’s campus and is home to several ponds, miles of trails, superb birding, a semi-managed prairie, and endless ways to engage with nature.

23. Tree Plantation for Carbon Sequestration: Currently in development, this plantation is a project of the environmental science program and will be a purposeful carbon sink planted with 10,000 hardwood trees to be harvested and used for future buildings, as well as to offset college greenhouse gas emissions.

24. Roseview Transit Bus Stops: Roving and public transport system serves the Earlham community with two bus stops on campus.