

THE GREENWAY

ABOUT THE GREENWAY

"The Greenway recognizes the importance of the Amherst landscape and builds upon our tradition of rigorous academics balanced by quality of place."

—Biddy Martin (Past President)

The Greenway covers 12 acres across campus from the Beneski Museum to the Greenway residence halls. With spaces such as the Rain Garden, the Orchard, and Amphitheater, the Greenway is an excellent space for classes and individuals to explore.

The newest residence halls on campus, the Greenway residence halls were designed to be the most sustainable residence halls on campus, using significantly less energy and water, while promoting student connection.

The Greenway buildings use radiant heating which requires less electricity and provides better air quality than other forms of heating. Rainwater is also harvested and pumped to 75 toilets throughout the residence hall buildings, which reduces potable water use by about 200,000 gallons/year.

The more energy efficient shower water system in the Greenway buildings reduces hot water energy consumption by 40%.

The Greenway space and buildings provide Amherst with beautiful living and learning environments as we strive towards a more sustainable college.



IDEAS FOR CLASS

- Energy audit of the residence halls
 - compare Greenways to other residence halls and assess the impact of added sustainability features
- Create a guide for Greenway residents on the sustainability features of the building and how to use/optimize them
- Host a sustainable cooking event or workshop in the Ford Hall kitchen
- Make a plan for sustainable events in the Ford event space and other campus venues
- Assess social and community sustainability on campus - discuss ways to improve the Amherst student experience
- utilize the outdoor space for class

Who to contact:

Contact the Office of Sustainability if interested in brainstorming options for engaging with the Greenway spaces!

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