



February Newsletter



Happy February from Central Sustainability!

We hope you have been able to enjoy the transition into the new semester! January may have seemed like a quiet month, but CS has been busy coming up with all sorts of projects!

Look out for announcements about these events:

- Campus Race to Zero Waste
- CRZW Electronics Drive
- Earth Month

Join the Sustainability Leadership Committee!

Want to make CMU a more sustainable place but don't know where to start? Join the Sustainability Leadership Committee!

The CMU Sustainability Leadership Committee (SLC) was established as a forum where sustainability leaders around campus can communicate to share ideas, promote events, recruit volunteers, and work together towards community education and institutional change.

SLC meets monthly on Thursdays from 7 to 8 PM in Dow Science.

Those interested should reach out to the CS email sustainability@cmich.edu.

Here are a couple of other sustainability-related events to look out for this month:

SGA Clothing Swap

Jan 31st to Feb 14th | Student Involvement Center

Looking for a sustainable way to switch up your wardrobe? Participate in a clothing swap hosted by SGA! All donations will go towards a local thrift store. Here are some dates to look out for:

- Jan 31st - Feb 6: Drop off
- Feb 7 - 14: Pick up

Contact Genevieve Thomas (thoma3gl@cmich.edu) with questions.

Voice That Matter Panel

February 28th at 7 PM | Virtual

Central Sustainability and the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion are partnering to create an open dialogue surrounding environmental justice and its disproportionate effects on BIPOC communities.

All are welcome to join! A RSVP form will be sent out as the date approaches.

Campus Spotlight: CMich Outdoors

CMich Outdoors exists to promote stewardship and conservation of public lands, facilitate professional development and networking opportunities, and organize projects to benefit park and recreation organizations and students.

One trip CMich Outdoors takes is to the Huron-Manistee National Forest. On this trip, members work with a trail coordinator to safely construct trails. They also work with the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy to plant trees, remove invasive species, and clean up their nature preserves. Some recreational experiences involve hiking, skiing, rock climbing, & white water rafting.

CMich Outdoors practices sustainability in several ways. Many eboard members are certified to teach the 7 Leave No Trace Principles, which enables CMich Outdoors to protect the environment when partaking in their activities. This organization also uses reusable items, works with camp stoves instead of making fires, and filters water from nearby sources rather than relying on plastic bottles.

CMich Outdoors meets every other Tuesday at 5:30pm in Finch Fieldhouse Room 113. Their first meeting is scheduled for February 7th.

Those interested in joining CMich Outdoors should contact Liam Boldrey (boldr1lj@cmich.edu).



Topic of the Month: Campus Race to Zero Waste

Formerly known RecycleMania, Campus Race to Zero Waste has enabled hundreds of colleges and universities across the U.S. and Canada to recycle, donate, and compost more than 1,064 million pounds of waste and prevent the release of nearly 1.62 million metric tons of carbon emissions!

In 2022, Central Michigan University received high honors thanks to the efforts of our campus community. This year marks CMU's fifteenth year participating in Campus Race to Zero Waste.

With the help of students from Central Sustainability and Facilities Management, CMU will divert food and other reusable materials out of landfills through composting, recycling, and donating. We will also submit waste diversion rates to compete against over 200 other colleges and universities in Campus Race to Zero Waste.

“Although it seems insignificant to put a piece of paper in the recycling bin, the combined efforts of thousands of individuals, on campus alone, can significantly alleviate the burden on our strained landfills and our clouded air,” says Central Sustainability Lead Sustainability Coordinator Eric Urbaniak. “If we all work together to utilize the recycling, composting, and waste reduction systems already in place, then we have the ability to reduce the impacts of climate change as a community.”

Visit <https://campusracetozerowaste.org/> for more information.

Check out our Sustainable Living Guide & make the Pledge today!

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Any Questions? Contact Us!

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