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## UMB Sustainability

*Nurturing our elm for years to come*

### News and Upcoming Events



#### **Welcome to our Waste Reduction Fellow Olivia Rosser!**

Olivia Rosser is an MSW student at the School of Social Work. She is excited to join the Office of Sustainability as a waste reduction fellow, assisting with self-service waste rollouts, the creation of community compost drop-off sites, increasing learning opportunities about sustainability at UMB, and other waste reduction goals. Olivia is interested in the connection between sustainability practices, climate change, and marginalized communities. She also wants to reduce barriers to accessing outdoor spaces for communities of color. Olivia is from Abingdon, Maryland, and enjoys the performing arts, gardening, baking, finding new trails to hike, and exploring Baltimore City.

## UMB Landscape Ecology Tour

As part of the Nature600 Challenge, join us for a Landscape Ecology Tour of the campus led by UMB University Architect Anthony Consoli on Tuesday, May 2 from 12-1pm. [Learn more and register here.](#)



## UMB Landscape Ecology Tour

**WHEN** Tuesday, May 2, 2023  
12-1 pm

**WHERE** Meet at 620 W Lexington Street, Lobby

Get a lunchtime tour of natural features and ecological landscaping in practice on our urban campus given by University Architect Anthony Consoli.



This event is part of the 30-Day Nature Challenge, a collaboration between the Office of Sustainability and Launch Your Life.



Register at:  
[bit.ly/UMBecologytour](https://bit.ly/UMBecologytour)



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## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



[BikeToWorkMD.com](https://BikeToWorkMD.com)

## Bike to Work Week

**WHEN:** Mon. May 15 - Sun. May 21

[Baltimore Metropolitan Council](#) has partnered with local bike shops to celebrate Bike to Work Week. Register at their [Bike to Work Day page](#) to participate and receive some swag from one of the participating pit stops.

In addition, the UMB Office of Sustainability has created a [UMB Bike to Work Week Pit Stops map](#) for you to find the closest pit stop along your bike route, as well as bike racks on UMB's campus.

## Four UMB Laboratories Take Part in Green Labs Pilot

The UMB Office of Sustainability recognized four labs from across campus who participated in a Green Labs program pilot from fall 2022 to spring 2023. These labs have helped lay the groundwork and have provided feedback to build out a robust Green Labs program, which will in turn help other labs on campus improve the sustainability of their operations and lessen their environmental impact.

Read more about the Green Labs pilot [in The Elm](#).



## UMB Earns Tree Campus Higher Education Designation and Maryland DNR PLANT Award

UMB was recently recognized as a [Tree Campus Higher Education](#) campus through the Arbor Day Foundation. We also recently received the Maryland Department of Natural Resource's [People Loving and Nurturing Trees \(PLANT\) Award](#).

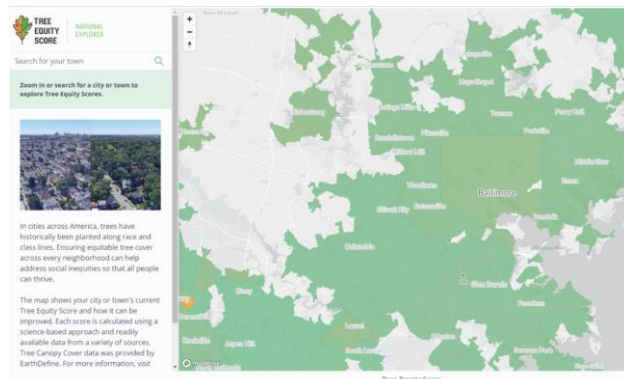
Pictured on the left is an April 12th planting event behind the Pratt Street

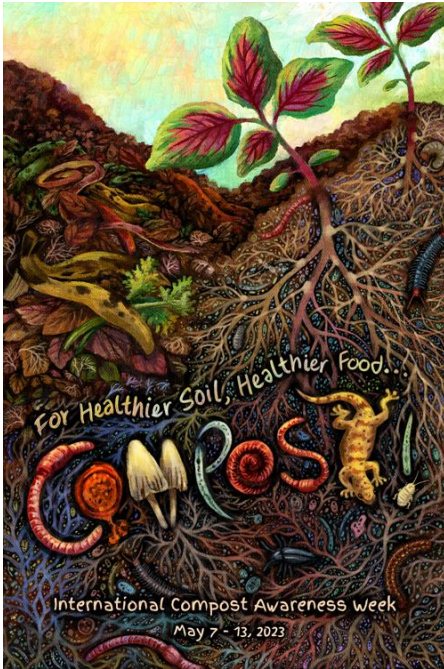
Garage where 3 trees were planted in celebration of Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 28).

## UMB Releases Tree Equity Map

To highlight issues surrounding environmental justice (EJ) in and around the University of Maryland, Baltimore's (UMB) campus and the city of Baltimore, the UMB Office of Sustainability would like to share a story map displaying tree inequity in the Baltimore area.

[See here for the most up-to-date version of the story map.](#)





## International Compost Awareness Week: May 7 - 13

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) will occur from May 7-13, 2023 and this year's theme is: For Healthier Soil, Healthier Food...Compost!. Check out the UMB Office of Sustainability's [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages, where we will highlight ways to get involved. We will share information on:

- The importance of soil health
- Small space composting methods
- Tips to reduce food waste
- Local composting resources

Visit the [Compost Research and Education Foundation website](#) for more information.

## Monthly Green Tip

Our May green tip is about celebrating Bike to Work Week!

Download the Green Tip graphic by [visiting our website.](#)

**BIKE TO WORK  
WEEK 2023**



**MON. MAY 15 - SUN. MAY 21**

Visit [bit.ly/bike2work23](https://bit.ly/bike2work23) or scan the QR code for more information about this year's Bike to Work Week!

*The closest stop to UMB's campus will be at the War Memorial Plaza (101 N. Gay St.)*



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## Get Involved Locally



### Kayaking with the Canton Kayak Club

Go kayaking in Central Maryland through the [Canton Kayak Club](#). Membership includes UNLIMITED use of shared kayaks, paddles, life jackets. The season runs from May to October. Dock locations include Annapolis, Edgewater, Dundalk, Essex, Baltimore (Locust Point and Fells Point), and more!

Members of the UMB community can save \$10 on membership by entering the coupon code **UMD10** when joining.

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## Resources

### Sustainability Term of the Month

**Carbon Sequestration:** *the process of capturing and storing atmospheric carbon dioxide. Carbon storage happens biologically in vegetation like forests and grasslands, as well as in soils and oceans.*

[Learn more about carbon sequestration here.](#)



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### Join a Sustainability Working Group

Looking for a way to get more involved with sustainability at UMB? Join one of our four sustainability working groups! Working groups are open to students, staff, and faculty. Working group meetings are held once every two months for a total of six meetings each year. Meetings last one hour, and some work outside of bimonthly meetings will be required.

If you are interested in joining any of the four working groups (**Reduction, Resiliency, Engagement & Education, and Green Labs**), please [fill out this form](#). For a brief summary of each working group, visit [this page](#).



### May Environmental Dates

Find a cause in May to support!



5/13	World Migratory Bird Day
5/19	Endangered Species Day
5/15 - 5/21	Bike to Work Week
5/20	World Bee Day
5/22	International Day for Biological Diversity
5/31	World No Tobacco Day

### Additional Resources

- [UMB Office of Sustainability Website](#)
- [Baltimore City Office of Sustainability](#)

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Have an upcoming event or opportunity related to sustainability, the environment, or social equity and justice? Tell us about it!

[Submit a Newsletter Item](#)

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