



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
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OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

UMB Sustainability

Nurturing our elm for years to come

News and Upcoming Events

Welcome to SEI Climate Corps Fellow Alex Skowron

Alex Skowron is a Sustainability Data Fellow through the SEI Climate Corps program. Alex is a recent environmental science and mathematics graduate of Washington and Jefferson College (W&J) in southwestern PA.

Alex will be working on several projects for his fellowship, including:

- Developing a sustainability progress dashboard
- Creating a campus tree inventory geodatabase

Welcome to UMB, Alex!





Self-Service Waste Model Comes to Four Campus Buildings

The School of Law (Floors 1-4), Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HSHSL), EHS Building, and Community Engagement Center have rolled out the self-service waste model in their buildings! Learn more about the initiative and an approximate schedule of when it will be coming to your building on the [EVS website](#).

Bike Workshop with Velocipede

Wed., Feb. 15
SMC Campus Center, Room 351
3 - 5pm

The Office of Sustainability will be hosting a Bike Maintenance Workshop taught by [Velocipede Bike Project](#). Learn how to remove and install wheels, change a tire/tube, lubricate a chain, and much more!

Sign up at: bit.ly/UMBBikeWorkshop



Waste Reduction Fellow Federal Work Study Position

The Office of Sustainability is seeking a Federal Work Study student to serve as a Waste Reduction Fellow. Responsibilities will include assisting UMB's Office of Sustainability in implementing its [Self-Service Waste Program](#) and a pilot community composting program in partnership with Baltimore City's Department of Public Works.

Learn more on the [Federal Work Study website](#), and please share with any potentially interested students.

Freezer Rebate Program Reminder

The Green Labs Freezer Rebate Program has \$20,000 worth of funding available on a first-come, first-serve basis for labs at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) who are looking to replace an old, inefficient ultra-low temperature (ULT) freezer with a new, more efficient model. **Applications will remain open until funding is depleted.** [For more information, visit the Green Labs webpage.](#)



If you are interested in participating, please email sustainability@umaryland.edu to confirm eligibility for the freezer you are planning to purchase through [BIORESCO](#).

The poster is split into two main sections. On the left, there are several slices of pizza with various toppings like mushrooms, peppers, and onions. On the right, there is a blue background with white and yellow text. At the top, it says 'NEW PILOT PROGRAM'. Below that, 'U Must Be HUNGRY' is written in large, bold letters. Underneath, it reads 'A food rescue initiative aiming to minimize food waste and feed hungry students'. There is a green box containing a QR code and the text 'SIGN UP TO RECEIVE FREE FOOD ALERTS:'. Below the QR code is the URL 'https://bit.ly/umbhungrysignup'. At the bottom, it says 'An initiative of UMB's Office of Sustainability'.

Reminder: Participate in UMB Hungry

UMB Hungry is a food rescue initiative aiming to minimize food waste and feed hungry students at UMB. The program is currently being piloted on campus.

Learn more about the program and how to participate [on the sustainability website](#).

Monthly Green Tip

Black History Month is celebrated during the month of February. This month, our green tip is about ways to support environmental justice

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

FEBRUARY GREEN TIP

HOW TO SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH, LEARN MORE ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT IT EACH DAY.

BE EDUCATED

Learn about the links between structural racism and environmental hazards

ELEVATE AND AMPLIFY VOICES OF IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Help raise the voices of advocates in your community, whether by donating your time or money, or sharing their resources through your platforms

HOLD ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE

Back candidates who support equitable conservation policies and prioritize marginalized communities

Sustainability Champions Series



We would like to recognize Giordana Segneri as a Sustainability Champion. Giordana is the assistant dean for marketing and communications at the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) who has helped to communicate various sustainability initiatives at UMSON. In her personal life, she has turned her home into a haven for monarch butterflies and a farm for composting worms.

[Read more about Giordana in The Elm.](#)

Resources

Sustainability Term of the Month

Environmental Justice: *the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.**



Environmental justice will be achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards, and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.

**This definition was taken from the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#).*



Specialty Recycling Collections

Curious how you can properly dispose of various specialty materials on UMB's campus? Visit the Specialty Recycling Collections page to get the lowdown on how to recycle batteries, electronics, ink cartridges, and more.

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

Join the UMBuy Nothing Team

This new Microsoft Team adopts the philosophy of a gift-economy and is a space for UMB members to come together and gift, request, or lend items and services. Items can be in new or used condition. [You can join the team here](#) or by searching for "UMBuy Nothing" on your Microsoft Teams app. Please note: If you are from the School of Medicine, send a request to join this team to sustainability@umaryland.edu.





February Environmental Dates

Find a cause in February to support!



2/18
2/27

[National Battery Day](#)
[International Polar Bear Day](#)

Additional Resources

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

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