

CSUDH Annual Sustainability Report

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Executive Summary



Figure 1- Teddy Toro and a student event-goer at the first in-person Earth Day Festival celebration in two years (since 2019).

Campus Sustainability Highlights:

In the 2021-22 fiscal year (FY), California State University Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) made several important strides towards supporting sustainability on campus. A few prominent accomplishments include:

Awards/Accomplishments:

- Formal chartering of the campus-wide University Sustainability Committee in February 2022 which serves in an advisory capacity to the President.
- Earned national Tree Campus USA recognition for the fourth year in a row for CSUDH's 2021 activities.

Projects:

- Continued to conduct comprehensive upgrades of lighting, HVAC, and Central Plant assets which increased the energy efficiency of the campus as a whole. In particular, from April to July 2021, the entire SBS building was retrofitted with LED lighting and smart lighting controls as well as converted from pneumatic to DDC HVAC controls for greater energy efficiency throughout the building.
- To support zero waste efforts and compliance with new waste regulations, the Office of Sustainability expanded its campus-wide rollout of three-stream interior and exterior bins featuring landfill, mixed recycling, and compost

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collection to add over 100 new locations to accommodate returning Toros. The Office of Sustainability also expanded its Clean City Network pilot to a total of 65 locations to provide real-time fill-level data on campus dumpsters.

- Welcomed the in-person return of the weekly CSUDH Farmers Market in spring 2022.
- Installed eight new directional signs to the existing campus walking trail to encourage healthy living and carbon-free modes of transit.

Engagement:

- Reached 2,038 people via sustainability events and campus outreach. These efforts included weekly programming during particular months throughout the academic year including September (Eco-Living Workshops), October (Sustainability Month), November (Farm Urban Gardening Workshops), and March (Race to Reduce Month) as well as the in-person Earth Day Festival on April 19, 2022.
- Hosted US Congressmembers as well as a local high school at the Campus Urban Farm in spring 2022.

“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

-UN World Commission on Environment and Development, 1987

Sustainability Staffing & Institutionalization

Sustainability Institutionalization:

Sustainability Staffing:

During the course of the 2021-22 FY, the Office of Sustainability was supported by a team of three full-time staff members: the Sustainability Manager, the Zero Waste Coordinator, and a full-time Americorps VISTA member.

- During the summer of 2021, the Office of Sustainability was also awarded a full-time California Climate Action Fellow funded to work over the course of that summer. The position was awarded to a CSUDH student who then was able to transition this to a student internship position with the Office of Sustainability after the grant term ended in September 2021.

Building Student & Employee Leadership/Involvement in Sustainability:

Goal: Create avenues for students and employees to engage with sustainability activities in a non-formal employment capacity and develop independent leadership in sustainability initiatives.

- In the 2021-22 academic year, the Office of Sustainability worked with paid student interns to continue facilitating engagement opportunities through the Sustainability Club. Club activities were designed to provide weekly activities oriented around paid intern activities and projects.
- In February 2022, the Office of Sustainability launched the second cohort for the Sustainability Star Program designed to engage faculty and staff in sustainability leadership. Nine staff and faculty members from various departments including Facilities Services, Psychology, Philosophy, Public Administration and Public Policy, the Faculty Development Center, Graduate Studies and Research, HR, IT, and Extended Education. All members successfully completed all the graduation requirements including attendance at all three training workshops and completion of a pre/post survey. The three workshops educated participants on deeper-level concepts around going zero waste at home and while on campus.

Sustainability Staffing & Institutionalization

- In February 2022, the revised charter for the University Sustainability Committee was approved and began official monthly meetings. This committee is charged with formally representing the university in determining campus-wide recommendations for furthering sustainability at CSUDH. Their list of annual recommendations was submitted to Cabinet in time for the new fiscal year prior to July 1, 2022.

Utilities & Services

Utilities include energy, water, and trash/recycling services. Annual consumption is reported for the 2021 fiscal year (unless otherwise stated) below.

Utility Consumption & Greenhouse Gas Impact



Figure 2- CSUDH has been a signatory of the Carbon Commitment to carbon neutrality and member of the national Climate Leadership Network since March 2021.

Energy

Net Zero Energy & Carbon Neutrality:

Goal: Improve the energy efficiency of campus facilities and increase renewable energy generation with the goal of achieving a net zero energy bill and scope 1-3 carbon neutrality for the campus by 2045.

- Progress:
 - In March 2021, President Parham signed the President's Climate Commitment to formally pledge CSUDH to net carbon neutrality for scopes 1-3 by 2045. In support of this commitment, the Office of Sustainability prepared a baseline greenhouse gas inventory for the campus for the 2019-20 FY (pre-COVID 19 pandemic baseline) as well as an updated annual inventory for the 2020-21 FY and developed a draft Climate Action Plan. The draft plan was submitted to Presidential Cabinet for approval at the end of the spring 2022 semester.
 - The campus returned to full in-person instruction in fall 2021. However, staff were on a limited return until spring 2021 which meant that occupancy fluctuated greatly between fall and spring semesters/making meaningful analysis of greenhouse gas emissions during this time difficult. For the 2021 fiscal year:
 - Scope 1 emissions were 1,524.91 tons

- Scope 2 emissions were 3,606.37 tons
- Scope 3 emissions were 16,696.33 tons
- Electricity consumption for the 2021 fiscal year was 15,229,661 kWh.
- Natural gas consumption for the 2021 fiscal year was 263,022 therms.

- 2021-22 FY Initiatives:
 - Despite the addition of major buildings on campus as well as accommodating the full in-person return of academic instruction during the 2021-22 FY, Central Plant continued to be pro-active about saving energy, implementing continued measures to:
 - Custom tailor campus HVAC and lighting schedules to match new occupancy levels.
 - Leveraging the new state of the art lighting and building monitoring technologies installed in previous years to dive down to the office level to ensure only occupied spaces were serviced where possible.
 - During the fiscal year, CSUDH continued to holistically improve the energy efficiency of campus buildings, supporting ongoing rollouts of LED lighting and smart lighting controls as well as converted from pneumatic to DDC HVAC controls for greater energy efficiency throughout campus buildings.
 - This also extended to an aggressive LED upgrade of exterior light poles on the major streetways lining the south of campus



Figure 2- Example of one of the new interior three-stream bins rolled out to every campus building in support of the Zero Waste Initiative.

Waste Management

Net Zero Waste:

Goal: Striving for the highest possible diversion rate to non-landfill sources with the goal of becoming a zero waste campus (90%+ landfill diversion rate) before 2045. Reducing waste volume overall by integrating source reduction approaches into campus.

- Progress:
 - Waste hauling services were increased due to the return of full in-person instruction, though with an accompanying significant increase in the types of recycling services available to the campus (including organics). This resulted in only 479.25 tons being sent to the landfill during the 2021 calendar year (per CalRecycle reporting).
 - The Office of Sustainability continued rollout of the campus zero waste program, adding more than double the original zero waste locations to accommodate returning campus users. The rollout efforts also included supporting Housing and the Loker Student Union in adopting similarly compliant zero waste programs and bins to ensure campus-wide consistency.
- 2021-22 FY Initiatives:
 - Although CSUDH had been one of the first CSU campuses to mobilize to fully comply with the new requirements AB 827 and SB 1383 legislation that went into effect on July 1, 2020, the fall 2021 semester was the first full return of faculty and students since the program was implemented. As a result, the Office of Sustainability worked to more than double the amount of zero waste stations available to the campus as users returned. Over 100 new zero waste “stations” were rolled out over the course of the fiscal year.
 - The Office of Sustainability’s existing utilization of Clean City Networks technology, which provides real-time fill levels on 65 waste bins began baseline tracking in September 2021. This will enable ongoing fill data analysis on all campus dumpsters to ensure adequate servicing and “right-sizing” for future hauls.
 - Continuing the Pop Up Thrift Initiative originally funded through the President’s Challenge grant, the Office of Sustainability began hosting regular, semi-annual Pop Up Thrift events to reduce waste caused by disposal of good condition items while simultaneously assisting in-need students in meeting their basic needs:
 - Back to School Pop Up Thrift (January 2022): Coinciding with the return of the in-person weekly Farmers Market, the Office of Sustainability held its first “Back to School” Pop Up Thrift event to distribute free office and school supplies donated from the campus throughout the year. The event was highly successful (reaching 160 Toros) and has now become a consistent programming event.
 - Housing Pop Up Thrift (August 2021 and May 2022): In August 2021, the Office of Sustainability offered a Pop Up Thrift booth to distribute free items donated by previous residents during move-out a few months before. To also help prevent dumping of useful items during move-out, the Office of Sustainability provided collection points for Phase III and a regularly staffed table in

Phase I/II in May 2022 to provide an option for donating items from residents moving out for distribution at future events.

- With the full return of in-person laboratory classes, the Office of Sustainability began piloting a free glove recycling program as part of its Green Labs Program. Several labs opted to participate, and are now regularly receiving free pick-up and drop off of Terracycle nitrile glove boxes to support recycling of this high volume material.

Water

Net Zero Water:

Goal: Only consuming water, regardless of source, equal to the amount that would be delivered to the same area based on natural precipitation by 2045.

- Progress:
 - Despite a significant increase in on-campus population in comparison to the 2020 calendar year, potable (indoor) water consumption actually decreased, with only 7,370 CCF (vs. 7,842 in 2020) consumed during this time frame.
 - With the addition of new buildings/correlated landscape, as well as rehabilitation of under-maintained landscaped areas in anticipation of the in-person return, reclaimed/outdoor water use increased to 70,546CCF (up from 57,091 51,038) during the 2021 calendar year.
 - Per the [CSUDH Water Action Plan](#), this combined consumption still meets the overall net zero water balance goal listed above.
- 2021-22 FY Initiatives:
 - The Sustainable Landscape Committee continued to review landscaping plans for Capital Projects for compliance with Model Water Ordinance (MWELo) standards to ensure efficient irrigation and low-water using plantings and in accordance with the Sustainable Landscape Plan approved plant palette.
 - Grounds has continued efforts to manage the CalSense irrigation control system for the campus to maximize efficiency and hired an Irrigation Controls Specialist to continue identifying leaks and efficiency opportunities in landscaping.
 - In fall 2021, the campus returned to a certified LEED Platinum Science building as well as witnessed the opening of a LEED Gold Innovation and Instruction building, both of which were equipped with highly efficient water fixtures throughout per CalGreen code.

Sustainable Landscaping

The Sustainable Landscape Committee continued to meet periodically via Zoom during the 2021-22 FY to provide guidance and support for sustainable landscaping on campus.

- In recognition of the Sustainable Landscape Committee's comprehensive and coordinated approach to tree management, the Arbor Day Foundation once again awarded CSUDH national Tree Campus USA recognition for its 2021 calendar year activities.
- Over the course of the 2021 calendar year, 244 new trees were planted on campus. This included the planting of three new fruit trees in Housing as part of a tree celebration event held during October Sustainability Month.
- In spring 2022, the Office of Sustainability promoted the annual online Green Graduation Pledge, where students from the graduating classes of 2020-2025 are encouraged to pledge to consider the environment when making future career decisions. Facilities Services offered to provide \$1 towards campus tree planting efforts for every student who took the pledge during their graduating year. As a result, 19 students took the pledge resulting in a new fruit tree scheduled to be planted in fall 2022 as a result.



Figure 3- CSUDH is a recognized Tree Campus through the Arbor Day Foundation for its comprehensive landscape management efforts.

CSUDH Walking Trail

Walking is great for your health as well as the environment, so please enjoy this free resource for the community.

This walking path loop extends approximately 2 miles around the CSUDH campus.

SCAN TO VIEW MAP ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

WALK RECOMMENDATION

REMEMBER TO STAY HYDRATED

WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES

PARTNER UP AND INVITE A FRIEND!

BE AWARE OF CAR TRAFFIC

Figure 4- Graphic of the central display map sign that was added to the existing campus walking trail.

Transportation

As a commuter campus, CSUDH continues to make efforts to reduce the environmental impact of transportation by CSUDH students, staff, faculty, and visitors.

- Proposed measures and policies to support implementation of the 2021 CSU Transportation and Parking Policy, fill the Rideshare Coordinator position, and greater support for alternative transportation and electric vehicle charging were included in the draft Climate Action Plan as part of the strategy for achieving Scope 3 carbon neutrality.
- As part of a CalFresh Healthy Living grant, the Office of Sustainability collaborated with Basic Needs to support an active living project to better encourage walking and biking as healthier, carbon-free transportation modes. This entailed mapping the existing, under-utilized campus walking trail and developing trail signage to better promote this resource.
 - Based on this proposal, the Office of Sustainability was able to receive grant funding to install eight trail marker signs as well as a large welcome map to the campus walking trail over the summer of 2021. This new resource was announced to the campus in fall 2021.

Procurement & Sustainable Food



Figure 5- The weekly CSUDH Farmers Market returned in spring 2022, resuming its offerings of fresh produce, EBT services, and Market Match funds for in-need students.

As an entity with significant purchasing power, the campus has great influence over the embedded environmental impacts from the items it buys. By supporting and utilizing suppliers and vendors that incorporate waste reduction, recycled materials, and/or other environmentally friendly materials and practices, the university can support sustainability on a

much larger scale. The campus also has an economic and environmental responsibility to attempt to encourage re-use as well as the use of recycled content in its purchases.

Food in terms of production, distribution, and disposal has a massive environmental impact that needs to be part of campus sustainability planning efforts. To that end, in the 2021-22 fiscal year, the campus pursued the following initiatives:

- In January 2022, the weekly CSUDH Farmers Market was invited to return for the spring semester after being limited to pop-up distributions since spring of 2020. The in-person market resumed its original service offerings including fresh produce and CalFresh and EBT/Market Match benefits for students.
- With students allowed to return in fall 2021, the Camps Urban Farm went through significant rehabilitation efforts. Despite the return, opportunities to distribute produce were also limited which resulted in the Farm donating just 48.5 pounds of produce to the affinity centers that had sufficient visitors to accommodate drop offs.
- Continuing this annual programming tradition, the Office of Sustainability organized an educational series in September to engage students in crafting workshops to support eco-friendly living. The workshops were designed to feature crafts and lifestyle tips to help students live a more eco-friendly lifestyle, but also save money and live healthier lifestyles. This year, the eco-living workshops (conducted via Zoom) engaged 191 participants in budget-friendly zero waste craft projects, green cleaning techniques, cooking healthy on a budget, and much more.

Academics/Green Workforce Development

Courses

Integrating sustainability concepts into the curriculum and supporting sustainability courses is critical in ensuring students graduate with a strong understanding of their role as global citizens.

Goal: Host at least one event per semester focused on engaging faculty members in support of integrating sustainability into curriculum.

Office of Sustainability Academic Infusion Initiatives

The Office of Sustainability worked with several faculty members during the academic year to help integrate sustainability principles and projects into coursework. This ranged from guest-lecturing particular courses, leading classes on tours of sustainability features, to arranging sustainability activities for students as part of their coursework and class projects.

Description	Date	Students	Class Code
Lissa McCullough- tour of Campus Farm	9/27/2021	7	UNLV 101-14
Paul Dinh- class presentation on sustainability	10/18/2021	20	BIO 103L
John Menary- class presentation on sustainability	10/21/2021	20	UNV 101
Lissa McCullough- class presentation on sustainability	11/23/2021	26	PHI 102-33
Jenney Hall- full class participation in weekly Eco-Living Workshops (September), October Sustainability Month events, and November Farm Workshops	Fall Semester	45	UNV 101 IDS 210
Tia Koonse- class presentation on sustainability	3/10/2022	30	LBR 200
John Menary- class presentation on sustainability	4/11/2022	10	UNV 101

- The University Sustainability Committee formed an academic working group, co-chaired by the committee representatives for the Academic Senate that met monthly from the inception of the University Sustainability Committee in February 2021 through to the end of that spring semester. This working group developed several recommendations related to academic initiatives to support sustainability in curriculum that were included in the annual recommendations report to Cabinet.

Internships & Service Learning

In addition to having coursework related to sustainability, students can greatly enhance their understanding of sustainability through hands-on service learning and internships working on sustainability projects.

Academics/Green Workforce Development

Goal: Support paid and voluntary internships for at least 3 CSUDH students per semester.

The Office of Sustainability works collaboratively with several departments to support a variety of paid and voluntary internships:

- Sustainability Internships: The Office of Sustainability supported a team of five paid student interns throughout the 2021-22 FY.
- For-Credit Interns: Internships performed in exchange for academic credit are important elements of a robust internship program. This fiscal year, the Office of Sustainability supported three volunteer/for-credit interns from Earth Sciences and one from Marketing. Two of the Earth Sciences students utilize the for-credit internship towards their ENV 596 requirement while the third chose to pursue the opportunity on a purely volunteer basis. The undergraduate student from Marketing was able to apply the internship towards a COMM 496 course and her graduation requirements.

Green Workforce Development

In addition to educating employees and students on the importance of sustainability, the campus can also take a role in encouraging the development of workforce skills in the green jobs industry.

Goal: Provide support for at least one green workforce event per semester.

To that end, the Office of Sustainability collaborated with the campus Career Center and other campus groups to host two events over the course of the year specifically designed to encourage the development of the green workforce:

- Hosted a Green Career Panel event and cross-promoted with Alumni Relations on October 13, 2021 to introduce 53 students to three CSUDH alumni successfully working in green careers as part of October Sustainability Month.

Campus Urban Farm

Founded in February 2018 after approval by Presidential Cabinet, the CSUDH Campus Urban Farm (Farm) is an outdoor classroom, lab, and garden that uses a multi-disciplinary approach to address student food insecurity, urban agriculture, and sustainability. A venue for faculty-led research and experiential learning for students, the Farm is now the site for experiments with composting, solar, permaculture, and water-wise techniques.

The Farm occupies approximately .11 acres with 30'x 80' of available growing space. It also houses a large nursery shed, and an adjoining space that is used as an outdoor classroom. Once the site of a campus nursery, the Farm is fully enclosed with a gate and has a sidewalk encircling the main growing area which now consists of 15 raised planter beds, three solar-powered hydroponic towers, and several demonstration growing areas/exhibits.

Mission

The Farm has a strong educational mission, and not only provides fresh produce to food-insecure students, but supports the study of urban agriculture, sustainability, and other faculty-led research projects. By weaving sustainability training and education into the farm experience, CSUDH is preparing environmentally-responsible community members who understand the importance of reducing their energy, water, and waste, as well as understanding the impacts that urban agriculture can have on a community.

The mission of the Farm is to serve as a resource for:

- Providing free and/or affordable produce to food-insecure students.
- Providing a living laboratory space for faculty and students to integrate sustainability into their coursework and research.
- Providing an outdoor classroom space and event venue to support relationship-building in the community, both on-campus and off.
- Piloting a campus composting program to support efforts to keep campus green waste on-site.

Summary Metrics

To ensure the Farm is supporting its mission, it maintains metrics on several key performance indicators. The summary of those metrics is listed here:



Figure 6- Teddy Toro in front of the raised beds at the Campus Urban Farm which stayed operational throughout the pandemic.

Academics/Green Workforce Development

Fiscal Year	Pounds of Food Distributed to Campus	Volunteers Engaged	Classes Engaged
2017-18 Fiscal Year (February-June)	0 (construction)	140	2
2018-19 Fiscal Year (July-June)	104	291	7
2019-20 Fiscal Year (July-June)	259.4	371	3
2020-21 Fiscal Year (July-June)	108.63	14	3
2021-22 Fiscal Year (July-June)	48.5	62	3

2021-22 FY Highlights

Despite a challenging third year due to the CSUDH campus remaining mostly virtual for the 2020-21 academic year, and in compliance with health and safety requirements around COVID-19, the Campus Urban Farm continued to grow produce for the campus with a minimal staffing model of pre-approved student interns and Farm docents. While produce was regularly available, food for in-need students was only distributed once a month at socially-distanced drive-up events hosted by the Basic Needs Office which limited the amount of produce the Farm was able to hand out at once. However, what produce was handed out was greatly appreciated as a valuable supplement to the non-perishable goods and prepared meals going out via the distribution events.

Funding/Engagement

Shell Oil generously donated \$2,500 in early 2021 to support at least three community workshops around urban farming with the goal of engaging at least 75 people. These workshops were scheduled for fall 2021.

As part of Shell Oil's 2021 CY donation, the Farm hosted three in-person workshops at the Farm as well as three online Zoom workshops on topics related to urban gardening.

- **Crop Maintenance & Pest Management Workshop:**



Figure 7. Workshop participants engaging in hands-on activities at the Campus Urban Farm

Academics/Green Workforce Development

- In-person on November 2nd, 2021- 3 attendees
- Virtual workshop on November 3rd, 2021- 38 attendees
- **Companion Planting & Pollinators & Native Plants Workshop:**
 - In-person on November 9th, 2021- 4 attendees
 - Virtual workshop on November 10th, 2021- 37 attendees
- **Soil & Composting Workshop:**
 - In-person on November 16th, 2021- 2 attendees
 - Virtual workshop on November 17th, 2021- 33 attendees



Figure 3- Congressmembers Schiff and Barragán with CSUDH staff and students from Basic Needs and the Office of Sustainability

In addition to the hybrid workshops offered above, the Farm began to host class tours once again in addition to volunteering by regular classes. Some other highlights included:

- As part of an ongoing CalRecycle grant, nonprofit LA Compost provided collateral and technical guidance to support the composting program at the Farm. This culminated in an in-person training hosted by their technical experts on February 18th, 2022 that involved 9 student interns and volunteers from the Campus Urban Farm and the Office of Sustainability.

Academics/Green Workforce Development

- Hosting of a Basic Needs round-table event on March 4th, 2022 at the Farm which involved US Congressmembers Adam Schiff and Nanette Barragán who met with CSUDH students and staff from the Office of Sustainability and Basic Needs to discuss food and housing insecurity issues.¹
- On March 18th, 2022 the Farm hosted 25 students from Dominguez High School as part of a GearUp workshop. During the half day workshop, Farm and sustainability interns conducted a variety of sustainability activities around urban gardening to engage these students.

Academics

With the return of in-person instruction in Fall 2021, two IDS classes taught by Campus Urban Farm faculty co-sponsor Jenney Hall visited weekly to rehabilitate the Farm and support growing operations. Additionally the Farm supported an in-person class tour for Philosophy professor Lissa McCullough's UNV 101 course of 7 students in September 2021 (the first since the pandemic started in March 2020).

Contact Us

For more information, please visit our website at: www.csudh.edu/sustainability/campus-urban-farm/
The CSUDH Campus Urban Farm regularly posts to Instagram [@dhurbanfarm](https://www.instagram.com/dhurbanfarm) and can be reached directly at dhurbanfarm@gmail.com

¹ <https://news.csudh.edu/food-for-thought/>

Engagement



Figure 4- Flyer of October Sustainability Month events which featured a mix of virtual and in-person events.

Outreach Campaigns

In order to support the sustainability goals of the campus, the Office of Sustainability supports educational programming to encourage sustainable user-behavior change on a variety of topics.

Goal: Reach at least 10% of the FTE campus population every fiscal year through direct interactions via outreach events and campaigns.

- Progress:
 - The 2021 fall FTE was 13,679 which means outreach efforts would need to reach 1,368 students to represent 10%. This fiscal year’s outreach campaigns reached 2,038 people total, exceeding this target.
- 2021-22 FY Initiatives:
 - **Academic Infusion Engagement:** As mentioned in previous sections of this report, the Office of Sustainability conducted general academic programming that collectively reached 158 students.
 - **Welcome Events:**

- **New Student Orientation Events:** In order to orient incoming transfer students to sustainability concepts and services, the Office of Sustainability presented at the virtual Transfer Students Orientation Involvement Panel on July 30, 2021 which reached 64 new students.
- **Eco-Living Workshops** were conducted weekly during the month of September and provided virtual workshops featuring hands-on crafting activities and tips to help students live a more eco-friendly lifestyle. 196 people were reached through this campaign.
- **October Sustainability Month** was a four-week effort to rally the campus around National Campus Sustainability Month through a series of virtual workshops related to sustainability. 234 people were reached through this campaign. The activities included:
 - Week 1- Zero Waste Workshop to support campus zero waste program celebrating campus sustainability accomplishments.
 - Week 2- Green career panel consisting of three CSUDH alums working in sustainability-related fields to discuss tips and recommendations for entering the green workforce as well as open Q&A by students attending.
 - Week 3- Virtual Tree Planting Party and Town Hall Event to view video of trees being planted at in student Housing Phase II as well as celebrate benefits of urban trees and the campus' sustainability accomplishments.
 - Week 4- Virtual and in-person tour options of Central Plant as well as overview of different energy technologies utilized by the campus.
- **November Farm Workshops** featured weekly virtual and in-person workshops focused on urban gardening. 108 live attendees tuned into the workshops and 9 attended in person.
- The **March Race to Reduce campaign** placed a larger emphasis on engaging the campus in sustainability activities designed to reduce campus resource consumption. This was intended as a four-week campaign just before spring break as a lead up to Earth Day that ultimately engaged 159 people in weekly workshops featuring sustainability and zero waste crafting activities as well as a one-time Climate Teach-In event via Zoom during the spring break.

Additional Campus Outreach

In addition to formal campaigns, the Office of Sustainability supported additional ad-hoc outreach efforts to further sustainability education to the campus:

- The Office of Sustainability continued supporting other campus entities by participating in their respective tabling events, conducting as-needed presentations on zero waste and sustainability for staff departments as well as classes, and resumed weekly tabling with the return of the CSUDH Farmers Market in spring 2022.



Figure 5- Volunteers returning from the in-person “plogging” activity hosted at the 2022 Earth Day Festival.

Community Outreach

The largest sustainability event catered to reaching the outside community specifically is the annual Earth Day Festival. The 2022 annual festival returned to an in-person format on April 19, 2022 after two years of virtual engagement:

- On the day, the Earth Day committee and Office of Sustainability collaborated to feature a variety of guest lecturers and speakers who hosted a Facilities Services project showcase attended by 12 students. 4 students also participated in the voluntary “plogging” activity (trash pick-up around the campus), and 71 people participated in the booth bingo activity that involved interacting with the 30+ organizations that tabled at Earth Day.

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Information on the Office of Sustainability

California State University, Dominguez Hills and other state institutions are major consumers of energy and natural resources. The university has a responsibility to be a wise steward of scarce resources by reducing the use of non-renewable resources, increasing energy efficiency, and as part of the larger CSU system, promoting continued economic and ecological viability in California. CSU Dominguez Hills is on the cutting edge of sustainability efforts by an urban campus, and is actively providing leadership in engaging faculty, students and staff in on-campus sustainability efforts. We are looking at ways to increase partnerships and funding to support the educational, research, and public service missions of the university as they relate to sustainability.



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