LEED Certified Buildings
Aquinas' green building policy requires that all new construction and major renovation projects must be LEED certified by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC). LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized green building certification system with third party verification.

Aquinas College currently has four LEED certified buildings on campus including:
- The Grace Hauenstein Library
- The Academic Building, 2nd Floor
- Ravine Apartment D
- Sturrus Sports & Fitness Center

Zero Waste Initiative
The Center for Sustainability and Students Striving for Sustainability (S3) are partnering to further Aquinas' commitment to sustainability by moving forward the goal to achieve campus-wide zero municipal solid waste by 2014. With collaboration of faculty, staff, and students, Aquinas will incrementally reduce our waste by 25% each semester for the next two years, by expanding campus composting and recycling efforts. With everyone working together, we can reach this aggressive goal and be a zero waste campus by 2014!

For more information on AQ’s Sustainability Initiative, please visit our website:
www.aquinas.edu/sustainability

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**Value Sustainability**

Sustainability is a way of living which embraces the limits of nature. It is meeting our needs today without compromising future generations’ ability to meet theirs.

Through the leadership of Dr. C. Edward Balog, Aquinas made a commitment to sustainability, first through dedicated education programs beginning in 2003.

- The Center for Sustainability was established to manage the campus’ sustainability initiative, and engage with community sustainability efforts. (2005)
- The Talloires Declaration was signed, pledging AQ to educate, implement, and live the principles of sustainability. (2007)
- Aquinas became a signatory of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, and set a future goal of carbon neutrality by 2040. (2008)

**Did You Know?**

Sustainability Committees are active among the staff, faculty, and student bodies. Submit your great idea/proposal to be explored, developed, voted on, and possibly implemented.

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**Reduce Your Waste**

- **Recycling Bins** - Blue bins can be found in centralized locations throughout campus. All bins are “single stream,” meaning that paper, plastic, tin cans and glass can be disposed of together in any of the available recycling bins.

- **Composting** - Green bins are located alongside the blue recycling bins throughout campus. Food scraps, cardboard, coffee grounds and filters, food-soiled paper products, and wax coated paper and cartons are accepted.

- **Electronic Waste** - Recycling is available in the Media Center, located in the Grace Hauenstein Library. Drop off all unwanted electronics (anything with a battery or a cord) to the Media service desk. Collected broken or unwanted electronic items are donated to Comprenew Environmental, a non-profit e-waste recycler who reprocesses all e-waste for resale or disassembles into component parts for reuse by suppliers.

- **Go Paperless** - Multifunction machines help to reduce the amount of copy and print jobs. Be sure to use the paperless document management option when possible.

- **Ink Cartridges** - Recycling for ink cartridges is located next to the recycling bins in Regina, St. Joe’s, Dominican, and Apartments A, B, C, and D. If you have larger ink cartridges to recycle that won’t fit in the designated cardboard boxes, please bring them to the ITS help desk (3rd floor AB).

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**Rethink Transportation**

- **Bus** - With an Aquinas ID, it costs only $0.40 cents to ride the Rapid Bus System and it is an effective way to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

- **Van** - The Rapid Vanpool Program is perfect for people with long commutes who are interested in “sharing the ride.” Aquinas employees who use the Rapid Vanpool Program, may seek reimbursement of up to $22 per month.

- **Ride Your Bike** - With over 60 bike racks on campus, there is no need to fret about secure parking for your bicycle.

- **Carpooling** - Riding with other Aquinas faculty or staff is a great way to reduce carbon emissions, decrease the on campus parking burden, and make your daily commute more enjoyable. Visit the sustainability section on the Moose and access the “rideshare” system to post or view carpooling requests.