



2015 SUSTAINABILITY SNAPSHOT

National Rankings

- **#1** greenest Ivy League school in the Sierra Club's national 2014 Cool Schools ranking
- **#6** in Princeton Review's Top 50 Green Schools ranking
- **Gold Certified** since 2011 - Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS)

Campus Impact

- Carbon emissions are down more than 30% since 2008
- Opened a 10 acre solar farm on Snyder Road to help power campus
- 27% of dining hall meals are sourced locally and sustainably, a 2% increase since 2013
- Increased recycling by 125 tons since 2013
- Annual water consumption has dropped by 800,000 gallons since 2005

Academic Leadership

- 26% of all faculty are involved in sustainability research, up 6% since 2013
- 10% of all courses include sustainability topics, spread across 79 departments
- Atkinson Center faculty fellows increased by 20% since 2013, a total of 431 faculty
- \$2.5M of funding for sustainability research was provided by the Atkinson Center's programs

Campus Engagement

- Certified 40 Green Offices and 9 Green Labs across campus in the new certification program
- Expanded the "Think **BIG**, Live Green" campaign to Human Ecology and North Campus
- Human Resources' Management Academy Sustainability Course for staff is in its 3rd year
- 4th year of the Cornell EcoReps program, a 3-credit service-learning residential sustainability course
- Sustainability at first year Orientation includes compost and recycling educators at events
- Distribution of over 3000 reusable Take Back the Tap water bottles to all new students

Planning for the Future

- New commitment to achieve carbon neutral campus operations by 2035
- Launched the development of a net-zero energy building at CornellNYC Tech
- Secured a contract to purchase up to 12MW of wind power from local and community-owned Black Oak Wind Farm
- Completed the 2013 Climate Action Plan update with a 2-year road map for action
- Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future released a 2013-2017 Strategic Plan
- Presidents Sustainable Campus Committee grew to over 150 staff, students, and faculty