

Student Presentations on Borough Sustainability

Please join us for a series of student presentations on sustainability initiatives in the Borough of State College. The students, in Penn State Geography 30 (Geographic Perspectives on Sustainability and Human-Environment Systems), have been working with the Borough throughout the semester on several different aspects of sustainability in the Borough. Now, the students are presenting their findings and their recommendations to the Borough and the public.

There are four sessions, each covering a different topic:

Energy: Tuesday, December 1, 5-7pm

Land Use: Tuesday, December 1, 7-9pm

Transportation: Thursday, December 3, 5-7pm

Waste: Thursday, December 3, 7-9pm

The presentations will take place in the **Borough Hall Community Room (243 South Allen St., Room 201)**. For each of the four topics, there will be eight short presentations followed by opportunity for questions.

For more information, please contact Seth Baum (the course instructor) at sbaum@psu.edu.

Specific topics discussed in each session include:

Energy:

Energy usage and indoor temperature in buildings
Wind, geothermal, and solar energy sources
Parking garage lighting efficiency
Borough carbon tax

Land Use:

Community gardens for college students
Green roof placement and incentives
Cistern for excess storm water
Sidewalk rain gardens

Transportation:

Bicycle lanes, sharing, and promotion
Parking spaces for efficient vehicles
Downtown pedestrian mall
Rail and bus transit

Waste:

Composting programs for stores and the Borough
Recycling in off-campus apartment buildings
Waste management in restaurants
Fraternity house recycling