

Reducing the Carbon Footprint at Bowie State University

Climate Commitment Coordinating Committee (C4)

- **Chair (VP Administration and Finance)**
- **13 Faculty**
- **5 Staff**
- **2 Students**

C4 Activities

- **Earth Day 2008: With great fanfare, recycle bins were taken from the student center to buildings across campus and participants did a campus cleanup.**
- **Recyclemania Kickoff in February 2009: BSU's first annual participation in Recyclemania was an 8-week contest among Residence Halls to recycle the most pounds per resident.**
- **Earth Day 2009: After Provost Newson emphasized individual commitment in his opening remarks, Debra Weller, of the Prince George's County Department of Environmental Resources, outlined efforts of her agency to reduce air and water pollution. She called on citizens to be responsible at home, to report observed pollution, and participate in community efforts such as rain garden construction and ReLeaf grants. She noted that careers in her field can involve any desired combination of outdoor and indoor work. Speaker Kendall James, of the National Urban League's Black Executive Exchange Program, urged aspiring business students to study the green economy; he pointed out that much of current consulting efforts concern environmental issues and sustainability. Recyclemania winners were awarded; Kennard Hall won first place with an average of 43 pounds per student recycled.**
- **Carbon Inventory: The first detailed report, for 2007, was completed. (Turn over for the chart.)**
- **Reducing Emissions**
- **Reduce Purchased Electricity Consumption**
- **Increase Recycling: Work toward having a recycling container wherever there is a trash container.**
- **Improve Awareness**
 - **Education and publicity**
 - **Integration with curriculum: General Education courses include climate change/green awareness assignment.**

