



Welcome back, Peacocks! As you know, this is no ordinary fall semester. This is the beginning of Saint Peter's 150th anniversary celebration, and the Sustainability Council is very glad to be back on campus and to be a part of this special academic year.

Over the summer, we put the final touches on our Council's updated mission & vision statement, and we look forward to engaging the entire campus community in bringing this to life!

- *Our Vision: The Sustainability Council supports a broad, holistic vision of sustainability, framing our work in pluralism and integrating the right of well-being today to that of future generations.*
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The Sustainability Council is seeking new student members for the new academic year. If you're interested in joining, please contact Dr. Eileen Poiani epoiani@saintpeters.edu.



Photo by Dr. Kathy Wydner of a Spotted Sandpiper, taken at Liberty State Park

September Events: Save the Date


- September 12, 19, and 26 (multiple sites around the city) from 10am to 1pm: [Jersey City Neighborhood Cleanups](#). Click on the link to volunteer for any one of these local Jersey City clean-up events. Trash bags and pickers will be provided.
- Tuesday, September 14 from 6 to 8pm: [Jersey City Environmental Commission virtual meeting](#)





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Jersey City
Cleanup


Date	Location
Sunday, Sep. 12th	Audubon Park
Sunday, Sep. 19th	Lincoln Park / Olean Ave
Sunday, Sep. 26th	Lexington Ave / Ege St / Union St
Sunday, Oct. 3rd	Boyd-McGuinness Park / Fairview
Sunday, Oct. 10th	/ Fairmount / Bergen Ave Broadway / Marion

All cleanups are scheduled from **10am - 1pm**



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or any other cleanup by
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Our Favorite Hikes

Hudson River Waterfront Walk At Liberty State Park

By Dr. Kathy Wydner, Professor of Biology



This is really a walk, not a hike, on a level paved path along the Hudson River. The Hudson River Waterfront Walkway actually extends from the George Washington Bridge to Bayonne, but my favorite section lies in Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Parking is free in the lots by the Liberty State Park Maintenance Office at 200 Morris Pesin Drive. If you start your walk at the Flag Plaza picnic area, you'll have great views of the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, and Governor's Island in the distance. As you walk south with the river on your left, you'll be walking along several spits of land that jut out into the water – these were once part of a weapons depot that was destroyed by [an act of sabotage](#) at the start of World War I. Continue walking along this path which curves to the left as it reaches the LSP Boat Launch and Liberty National Golf Course. Keep walking until you reach Constitution Way and the Port Liberty housing development. The Hudson River Waterfront Walkway continues on, but this is a good place to turn around so that your total walking distance will be about 2.5 miles roundtrip. The area along here is a sheltered and shallow part of the Hudson, part of the Hudson River Estuary. Bring your camera and binoculars if you have a pair, because there are lots of birds along this tidal section of the river. The species of birds you see will vary according to the time of year, but when I walked along here in late July, I saw over 30 species of birds, including Great Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Spotted Sandpipers, a Glossy Ibis, as well as lots of gulls, terns, and songbirds. Enjoy!!

What We're Reading & Watching

Here are some media recommendations from Council Members:

- [How Healthy Is The Soil On Your Farm? 'Soil Your Undies' To Find Out](#)
 - [The Fungus & Bacteria Tackling Plastic Waste](#)
 - [How School Food Can Service a Climate Solution](#)
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Feature Article: **PSEG ISS Internship Experience**

By Stephanie Martinez, Class of 2022



As reports on flash floods, hurricanes, extreme heat waves, and wildfires increasingly dominate the news, I started to get more and more impatient. This Summer 2021, the PSEG Institute of Sustainability Studies Green Team Internship had students from 42 different majors and 33 different universities who brought a sense of urgency to the climate crisis. Being part of this internship made me realize that sustainability does not only focus on the environmental issues, but it's a combination of the environmental, the social, and the economic aspect of it.

My Green Team served the City of Newark, one of NJ's major air, shipping, and rail hubs and home to one of the busiest seaports on the East Coast. While working with Newark's Office of Sustainability I learned about the importance of Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) certifications and completed Newark's Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). These certifications ensure transparency between Newark and its residents over their sustainability efforts. Climate reporting can also give governments reasons to take action which can bring benefits to the local population and economy. The majority of Newark's population is Hispanic,

Latinx, and Black. As we know, low-income communities and people of color are disproportionately impacted by climate risks and are more exposed to pollution linked to adverse health effects. That is why sustainability tracking and reporting standardizes best practices to create benchmarks for what cities like Newark have achieved and what it should strive to achieve next.

It is true that time is running out, but internship programs like PSEG ISS at Montclair State University gives students a chance to be more knowledgeable and we can use our impatience to push real ambitious change for generations to come. I highly encourage SPU students from any major who are also impatient for change to apply for this amazing paid internship for Summer 2022! [The 2022 Green Teams Corporate/Agency Applications](#)

Here is a link to 2021 Green Teams & Deliverables: <https://youtu.be/ZqEnPxvLjMA>

If you have any questions you can reach me at stemartinez18@saintpeters.edu.

A thought to leave you with.....

"The question is, are we happy to suppose that our grandchildren may never be able to see an elephant except in a picture book?"

-Sir David Attenborough

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Your feedback, photos, event notices, and story ideas are always welcome. Please email them to skeller1@saintpeter.edu

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