

Cape Cod Community College
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Cape Cod Community College embraces its place among the earliest supporters and adopters of the ACUPCC as a fundamental element of its mission. It is positioned nationally as an authoritative center of experience and expertise, and over the past year played many different roles, earning local, regional, and national recognition.

Over the past year, ACUPCC-based actions ranged from day-to-day to national, regional and state-wide impact. At the state level, The Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs honored CCCC as a “Leading By Example Innovation Award” winner for its “low-mow/no-mow” initiative that has returned intensively groomed lawn spaces to natural meadow environments that encourage native plants, wildlife and beneficial insects.

With strong CCCC encouragement, the state-model CONNECT partnership created a Sustainability Task Force and hosted a statewide symposium attended by over 200 representatives of all Massachusetts state colleges and universities. Keynoted by Dr. Anthony Cortese, the event focused on specific actions supporting Climate Commitment goals.

CCCC moved to the national stage as President Kathleen Schatzberg spoke at the National Press Club during the ACUPCC’s Leadership Summit. The College’s passionate advocacy was recognized by the ACUPCC’s leadership team with the “Schatzberg Challenge,” reaching out to institutions across the country to join the initiative. Massachusetts was the first state in the nation in which all public institutions of higher learning became signatories to the ACUPCC.

On campus the College has increased its recycling efforts to include all bottles, glass, and metals, and now recycles mixed paper along with cardboard. By policy, it now purchases only “EnergyStar” rated devices/appliances, and makes energy conservation/reduction a key component in all purchase/management decisions. And, its plans for wind turbine operation moved dramatically forward with site approval realized, specifications approved, bids received.