



Workshop

Solutions Module Boot-Camp:

Using the Campus Carbon Calculator™ for your Climate Action Planning

April 9, 2010 | River Falls, Wisconsin

8:00 am – 12:30 pm

Description: If you are trying to figure out how to get started evaluating specific mitigation strategies, or are curious about how other schools have developed their reduction numbers and set their targets, this workshop is for you.

The climate action planning process can quickly become overwhelming, but the new Solutions Module of CA-CP's Campus Carbon Calculator™ can help you evaluate the potential carbon reduction efficacy of different initiatives and construct scenarios for meeting possible targets and timetables given your funding and institutional constraints.

For institutions that are developing their climate action plan, the first step is always the same: determine the campus's greenhouse gas footprint so you can create the best plan for how to tackle it. The majority of the campuses pledging to become "carbon neutral" under the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) base their drive-to-zero on footprint analysis done using Clean Air-Cool Planet's (CA-CP's) Campus Carbon Calculator™. The Campus Carbon Calculator's results allow a campus to gauge its energy efficiency, identify opportunities and priorities for emissions reductions, note emissions trends and, if undertaken annually, mark progress. New modules available in Version 6 of the Calculator also assist campuses in the next step -- evaluating and strategically bundling their emissions reduction options, based on quantitative analyses of the financial and emissions-related impact of potential policies and projects.

Audience: This workshop is for colleges and universities that have completed their greenhouse gas inventory but have not yet completed their climate action plan or who are ready to make their general plans more specific and actionable. Attendees should have already completed a greenhouse gas inventory using the Campus Carbon Calculator, which would also ensure all attendees are familiar with Excel. If the participants used an earlier version of the Calculator for their inventories, they should look over the inventory portion of version 6.4 before attending the workshop.

Attendance: Limited to 30 participants.

Location and Date: The workshop will be held at the Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability Conference on April 9, 2010 in River Falls, Wisconsin.

Workshop Leaders: Jennifer Andrews, Director of Program Planning and Coordination, Clean Air-Cool Planet, and Claire Roby, Carbon Accounting Coordinator, Clean Air-Cool Planet

Cost: \$125 *Please note this is a special, one time reduced price for the UMACS conference.

Requirements/needed items: Participants will need to bring their own computer, loaded with version 6.4 of the Campus Carbon Calculator™. As part of the workshop preparation, participants will be asked to send their GHG inventory summaries and examples of at least three mitigation strategies under consideration to CA- CP one week in advance of the workshop, and to bring these to the workshop as well.

Agenda

8:00 – 8:30 Introduction

- Welcome, introduction of facilitators, agenda, participant introductions
- Overview of the Campus Carbon Calculator, its background, explanation of the 3 modules and that we are focusing on the Projection and Solutions Modules

8:30 – 10:05 Projections Module: Modeling business-as-usual

- Go through the Projection Module together focusing on the concepts involved
- Go through the Projection Module in teams using the actual spreadsheets and looking at the resulting graphs.
- Questions on the Projection Module

10:05 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 12:05 Solutions Module: Modeling carbon reduction investments and results

- Go through the Solutions Module together focusing on the concepts involved and the example graphs
- Go through the Solutions Module in teams using actual spreadsheets and a selection of example graphs
- Questions on the Solutions Module

12:05 – 12:30 Putting it all together as an actionable CAP

- Zoom out, how does all of this fit in the broader CAP process of setting targets and timetables
- Closing and next steps

Outcomes:

- Participants will leave the workshop with a thorough understanding of the Campus Carbon Calculator Projection and Solutions Module Tools
- Participants will go into depth on how to set targets, prioritize and compare reduction projects, and incorporate this information into the climate action plan.
- Participants will learn how to get specific about reduction targets and timelines

Registration and Payment: Attendance is limited to the first 30 registrations. Please register for this workshop at the UMACS conference website: <http://www.umacs.org>

Cancellation Policy: Payment is required at the time of registration. Notice of cancellation must be received two weeks in advance of the workshop date. Please note cancellations made fewer than 14 days before the workshop are nonrefundable.

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