

# sustainability



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## UNH First New England Land Grant to Commit to Climate Neutrality

On February 15th, UNH Interim President J. Bonnie Newman signed the American College & University President's Climate Commitment, adding UNH to a leadership group of over 100 schools that have committed to achieving the goal of climate neutrality.

"Signing the President's Climate Commitment naturally stems from our broader commitment to sustainability," said President Newman. "It is part of our mission as an institution of higher education not only to engage in world-class research on such pressing issues as

climate change - and to educate our students about these issues so they are prepared to engage in solutions - but also to lead by example."

Presidents signing the Commitment pledge to eliminate their campuses' greenhouse gas emissions over time and ultimately to achieving climate neutrality by creating an institutional structure to guide the process, completing an emissions inventory, setting a target date and interim milestones for becoming climate neutral, taking immediate steps to

reduce emissions, and integrating sustainability into the curriculum. For more information on the President's Climate Commitment, visit [presidentsclimatecommitment.org](http://presidentsclimatecommitment.org).

### Did you know?

UNH's signing of the Presidents Climate Commitment is part of its Climate Education Initiative and commitment to being a *Climate Protection Campus*.

Learn more at [www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/climate\\_ed/index.html](http://www.sustainableunh.unh.edu/climate_ed/index.html).



### Tip of the Month

## Lose 10,000 pounds!

The New Hampshire Carbon Challenge (NHCC) is a UNH initiative to encourage New Hampshire residents to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by 10,000 pounds per year - a small fraction of what a typical New Hampshire family emits in one year. NHCC helps New Hampshire residents implement local and practical solutions to the global problem of climate change. Learn more at [carbonchallenge.sr.unh.edu](http://carbonchallenge.sr.unh.edu).

## Upcoming Events

March 20 - April 17  
Student Energy Waste Watch Challenge for Spring 2007

Contact: Chris Skoglund,  
[www.unh.edu/ef/challenge.html](http://www.unh.edu/ef/challenge.html)

April 18  
Cultural Excursion  
Boston Symphony Orchestra  
\$40/person includes ticket & roundtrip bus transportation from Durham to Boston

Contact: El Farrell, 862-5040,  
[el.farrell@unh.edu](mailto:el.farrell@unh.edu)

April 1 (Weather Permitting)  
Cat Cycles Available!  
Borrow a bike for free with your UNH ID!

Contact: 862-2328 or [www.unh.edu/transportation/programs/bikeprogram.html](http://www.unh.edu/transportation/programs/bikeprogram.html)

April 20  
Earth Day Events at UNH

1 - 4:30 PM, Murkland Courtyard: UNH fair showcasing local sustainability  
3 - 4:30 PM, Dimond Library Hubbard Reading Room: a forum on carbon reduction

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April 4  
"The Boycott" - Written & performed by Kathryn Blume  
7:00 PM, 115 Murkland Hall  
Free, limited seating

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April 22  
SolarFest!  
11 AM - Sunset  
UNH Durham Campus

Contact: James Anderson,  
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## Profile in Sustainability



*John McLean,  
Manager of  
UNH's  
Woodman  
Farm*

Woodman Farm is a unique 155-acre horticultural research farm on the western edge of the UNH Durham campus. What research is conducted there?

Woodman Farm is focused on agricultural research that helps farmers reduce their inputs (water, labor, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.), while still maintaining high quality for their agricultural products. The farm is also known for its vegetable breeding program and season extension work.

In addition to your role as manager of Woodman Farm, you're also an advisor for the UNH Organic Garden Club. What interests you personally about the club and their projects?

The Organic Garden Club is a source of tremendous energy and new ideas. The students bring many different approaches to an age-old process. The

club also helps us evaluate the feasibility of organic practices on a larger scale.

*What personally motivates you to be involved in sustainable agriculture at UNH?*

I've always thought that we have an obligation to be good stewards of our environment and working at UNH has enabled me to work toward that goal.

*For more information on Woodman Farm, call 603-868-2345.*

### Join Us for Earth Day!

Come to the UNH Durham campus for not one but TWO Earth Day celebrations!

On April 20, UNH will be showcasing University and local sustainability efforts at a fair from 1-4:30 PM in Murkland Courtyard. At 3 PM, join us in Dimond Library's Hubbard Reading Room for the public forum "Take the Challenge: A Forum on Carbon Reduction." (Please note that if it rains the fair will be cancelled, but the forum goes on rain or shine!)

On April 22, come back to campus at 11 AM for SolarFest - a day of solar-powered music, food, and fun sponsored by the UNH Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC)!



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