

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COE)  
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Tim Bryson, Chair

COE's charge is to review capital projects for their environmental impact and to make policy recommendations. Our goals for this year were the following.

1. Ensure that environmental values are represented in the new strategic plans and policies.
2. Embed environmental standards in individual capital projects and processes.
3. Improve communications with campus and surrounding communities.

Here is a brief record of activities on these goals over the past several months.

**1. Strategic Planning and Policies.**

- a. COE helped produce Emory's first **Land Use Map**, which applies one of the following categories to every piece of land in the Druid Hills campus: Restricted, Preserved, Conserved, Managed, Buildable.
  - b. Campus Planning has not yet had time to work with us on a **stormwater management plan**, a **forest management plan**, a **campus landscape plan** update or a **pedestrian/cyclist access plan**.
  - c. Campus Planning has recently promised to bring to us soon their "**precinct studies**" which will show likely capital projects on the buildable sites on campus.
  - d. We have begun reviewing with other principals in Facilities Management **tree removal and replacement policies and procedures** that are followed outside of major capital projects.
  - e. We plan to review with FM as well their policies and procedures for **greening their official vehicles**.
2. **Green Building** (LEED) standards have recently been added by Robin Smith, campus commissioning coordinator, to campus design standards. COE made specific recommendations for the following capital project proposals:
- a. Candler School of Theology new building
  - b. Sorority Complex on Fraternity Row (Earthcraft certification)
  - c. School of Medicine complex
  - d. Office Building at Harwood
  - e. Emory Inn renovation

**3. Communications**

- a. COE and members of FM meet monthly outside of regular COE meetings to discuss current issues.
- b. We have members serving with (and cross-pollinating) the following entities
  - i. Campus Planning office
  - ii. Emory Village board
  - iii. CCTMA Transportation Study
  - iv. Two surrounding neighborhood civic association boards
  - v. Piedmont Project faculty lunches
  - vi. Friends of Emory Forest
  - vii. Ad Hoc Committee for Environmental Stewardship
  - viii. ECOSEAC
- c. We requested the publication in Emory Report of an announcement about the removal of the historic water oaks from the site of the new school of medicine and plans are underway for a more extensive write-up on campus trees.