

COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (COE)  
Annual Report, 2007-2008  
Chris Beck, Chair

COE's charge is to review capital projects for their environmental impact and to make policy recommendations. Our core goals are:

1. Ensure that environmental values are represented in our strategic plans and policies.
2. Embed environmental standards in individual capital projects and processes.
3. Improve communications with campus and surrounding communities.
4. Work with constituencies to develop management plans for the preserved areas on campus.

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

**1. Strategic Planning and Policies**

- a. Facilities Management is working with an outside contractor on implementation recommendations for a comprehensive stormwater management plan that was completed this year. Members of COE have been involved in consultation with the contractor.
  - b. Members of COE have commented on the urban design standards for the Clifton Corridor that are part of the strategic planning of the Clifton Community Partnership.
- 2. COE made specific environmental recommendations for the following **capital projects**, among others:**
- a. Yerkes Field Station
  - b. Turman parking deck
  - c. Emory Conference Center Hotel Expansion
  - d. Rollins School of Public Health Expansion
  - e. McDonough Field stage
  - f. Lullwater Recreational Trail
  - g. Freshman Hall 4

**3. Communication**

- a. We have members serving with the following entities
  - i. Campus Planning office
  - ii. Office of Sustainability Initiatives
  - iii. Alliance to Improve Emory Village
  - iv. Two surrounding neighborhood civic association boards
  - v. Piedmont Project
  - vi. Peavine Watershed Alliance
  - vii. Clifton Community Partnership
  - viii. Lullwater Committee
- b. We have specifically worked on the following community projects
  - i. Mixed Use development on Clifton Road

- ii. Graduate student housing on Briarcliff Road -- through the efforts of COE, the developer has agreed that the complex will be EarthCraft certified.
- 4. Management plans for preserved areas – due to the commitments of members of COE and staff in Facilities Management that are needed in this process, we were unable to begin this process. However, we hope to do so in the following year.