

The College received recognition from the local chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council for its Workforce Development and Technology Center



The proposed Renewable Energy and STEM Center is drawing support from the region's many communities.

Green Initiatives. SCCC students, faculty and staff continue to participation in environmental activities including: paperless programs, online communications, reduced publications, paper and ink-jet cartridge recycling, earth day/earth week and campus-based student environmental clubs.

In September, the College was awarded a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification from the Long Island Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for the construction and design of the Workforce Development and Technology Center on the Michael J. Grant Campus. It is the College's first LEED-certified building.

This past year, the College created a new video to promote a proposed Renewable Energy and STEM Center, a state-of-the-art 25,000 square-foot facility that will allow Long Island's best and brightest minds to apply their knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) toward the development of tomorrow's most promising renewable energy solutions, as well as the hands-on training of students and workers in these new applications. This animated video can be viewed at SCCC's YouTube Channel or at www.sunysuffolk.edu/StemCenter.

In February, the College hosted New York State Senator Kenneth LaValle's Environmental Roundtable. An audience of approximately 100 people engaged in discussion centered on groundwater protection.

The College was invited to enter into discussions with Suffolk County regarding the installation of solar photovoltaic generating facilities in several College parking lots. The agreement did not proceed, but in reviewing the feedback received from the college community, it was evident that our students and faculty generally support green energy options. There was clear support for the College's commitment to environmental sustainability, green buildings and renewable energy initiatives. There was also support for the possible tie-in solar structures might bring to our existing renewable energy-based curriculum, integrating solar photovoltaic, wind and other green energy technologies that have applications for both the College's academic and workforce training initiatives.

While the end result is that we will not be installing the proposed carports, it is clear that the installation of solar photovoltaic arrays on college campuses is a growing trend across the country. I anticipate that we will continue to consider the future installation of solar arrays at the College.

In May, Dr. Michael Mann, Professor and Director of the Earth System Science Center at Pennsylvania State University and Nobel laureate, presented two public lectures at the College on the topic of global warming.

With respect to College operations, there will be an emphasis on 'green' decision-making, both as a viable strategy to reduce future operating costs and to emphasize the College's strong commitment to sustainable design and operations as evidenced in the current building and design strategies.

Office of Grants Development. During 2010-2011, Suffolk County Community College and its associated non-profits were awarded $4.42 million in grants, contracts and subcontracts. As was the case in 2009-2010, the College received additional federal funds (approximately $1.2 million) as a consequence of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) workforce training initiatives.