Center for Sustainability and Environmental Justice

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ON CAMPUS

Rooftop solar
Research solar panel
Solar charging station
Fruit trees
Heritage oaks

Occupancy sensors
Dumpster Project
Green study patio

Pollinator Garden
Greenhouse
Rain garden
Organic food garden
Bike parking

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HT is combating Climate Change

HT is working to integrate sustainable practices into all aspects of university planning and operations, focusing both on the current and future implications.

We are striving to design, build and operate a campus environment that minimizes its ecological footprint, contributing to the goal of climate neutrality.

Recent activities include:
- Charter Signatory to Second Nature Climate Commitment - Carbon and Resiliency
- 240kW rooftop solar array - first private HBCU with significant on-site solar.
- Environmental Defense Fund Climate Corps Fellowship Host (2014–2016)
- Green Sports Award Grand Prize Winner, small-school category (2016).
- TRACS Summit 2019 host institution
- HT campus is the host for the Earth Day Austin Festival

HT is committed to Environmental Justice

As an HBCU, HT has a strong commitment to social justice. Sustainability work must include environmental justice if it is to address and benefit everyone. We honor the long history and gravity of environmental justice work at HBCUs, and boldly move forward.

To empower students across the curriculum with awareness in sustainability issues and a capacity to contribute to the construction of sustainable societies:
- Environmental Justice Major
- Building Green Justice
- HBCU Climate Change Consortium

HT is connected to community

Award-winning Student group Green is the New Black, engages their peers and is involved in education and outreach initiatives that link HT’s sustainability efforts to environmental groups and schools throughout Austin.

The Dumpster Project is an innovative program turning a dumpster into a sustainable home. More broadly, the Dumpster is a way to engage and educate about sustainability and environmental awareness. We especially seek to increase environmental awareness and education among under-served groups.