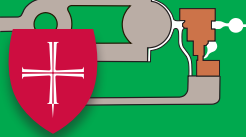
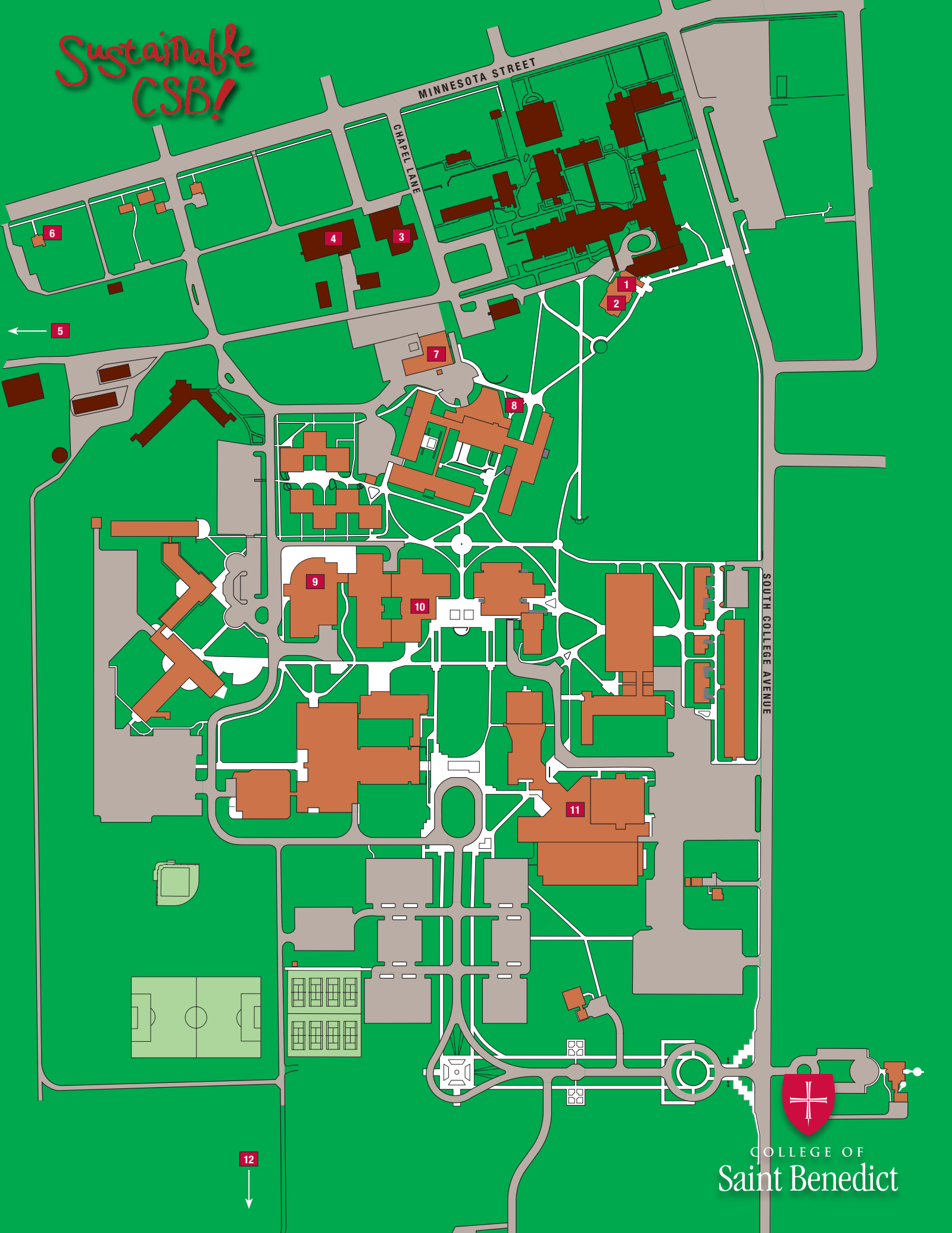


Sustainable CSB!



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1 President's Office

President MaryAnn Baenninger signed the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in 2007. This is a formal and public commitment by CSB to calculate our carbon footprint, develop and implement a plan to become carbon neutral (no net greenhouse gas emissions) by 2035 and make this information public.

2 Sustainability Office

Established in 2010, the mission of the Office of Sustainability is to support existing sustainability efforts on campus, develop and implement new programs, and serve as a clearinghouse of information for the College and the community. CSB is working to become carbon neutral (no net greenhouse gas emissions) by 2035.

3 Whitby Gift Shop

In the Whitby Gift Shop, the Sisters of the Monastery sell a variety of hand crafted items including beeswax candles, paintings, postcards, scarves, and greeting cards. Many of these items are made with recycled materials including beeswax, glass, and donated sewing materials.

4 Artisan Studio

The Artisan Studio is where the Sisters create their items for donating, for pleasure and for sale. Studios are also available for rent to artists in need of space to create.

5 Common Ground Garden

Common Ground Garden seeks to create and inspire a community that centers on producing a variety of chemical-free fruits and vegetables in a sustainable manner. This includes chemical-free production, crop rotation, and the use of compost and ground cover. Run by the St. Benedict's Monastery, shareholders receive a box of vegetables each week and extra produce is sold at the St. Joseph farmer's market.



6 Rainbow House

Students living in Rainbow House commit to practice sustainability in their day-to-day lives; through purchasing local and organic foods, keeping the thermostat set at 65, gardening and composting, unplugging appliances and using natural light instead of electricity when possible.



7 Power Plant

Heat and air conditioning on campus are electronically controlled by power plant operators in order to maximize energy efficiency. Heat output is lowered during the evening hours when the buildings are unoccupied and is programmed to turn off in the fall until there are three consecutive days where the high temperature is below 55 degrees. This facility also includes a waste water treatment plant that treats all of the water on campus.

8 CSB Bookstore

The bookstore carries recycled/environmentally friendly products such as canvas tote bags, BPA-free water bottles, and recycled t-shirts. They also offer used books and book rentals and buy-back books from students at the end of the semester. CSB Bookstore also partners with Better World Books to reuse and recycle books off campus by donating them to libraries and schools in need. Customers are encouraged not to use a plastic bag for purchases but if needed, the plastic bags provided are made from recycled bags.

Hydration Stations

In 2011, CSB adopted a policy banning the sale of plain, plastic bottled water on campus and the use of institutional funds to purchase plain, plastic bottled water. In support of this new policy, 31 Hydration stations were installed to make the use of reusable bottles easier.



9 Culinary Services

Culinary Services strives to be sustainable by purchasing local food and environmentally friendly dishwashing agents, turning off the lights in the dining area during the day, offering both healthy and vegetarian options, and recycling. Food waste is recycled into food for hogs.

10 Library

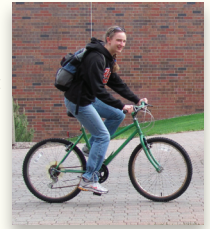
Sustainability efforts in the library include double sided printing, offering online resources to eliminate the need of fliers and paper brochures, and administering an interlibrary loan system so that books and documents not housed in the library can be borrowed.

11 O'Connell's Pub

In an effort to cut down on the use of plastic and paper cups, O'Connell's offers mugs to customers and encourages customers to buy their own mugs by offering a \$.25 discount to those who do, and also by providing "Bring Your Own Mug" challenges.

Green Bikes

Beginning in spring 2010, CSB Campus Recreation staff painted 33 refurbished bikes green. Students can check out bikes for free, and the bikes allow students to enjoy nature and appreciate conservation efforts around campus. This initiative is a huge success and creates a high demand for bikes.



The LINK

The LINK bus provides transportation to and from Saint John's University days, evenings and on weekends. To cut down on fossil fuel use and emissions, in 2010, the Link buses were outfitted with heaters which reduce idling time required at start up in the winter. Every year over 250,000 passengers use the LINK.



12 Monastery Woods

The Monastery Woods was first purchased in 1918, and has been expanded to about 90 acres. Two main trails run through the woods totaling 1.75 miles. The woods is home to prairies, cattail marshes, common animals of the area (whitetail deer, turkeys, foxes, and birds), and varieties of trees and vegetation (maple, oak, basswood, trillium, jack in the pulpit, and blood root). Some points of interest include a 200+ year old oak tree, Lake Sarah, and Walz prairie.

Recycling

The recycling program began in 1986 with the help of the monastery, students, and faculty. CSB recycles aluminum, tin, plastic, glass, paper, cardboard, rechargeable batteries and cell phones. In 2010, 37% of all materials generated were recycled. Notice the recycling stations located around campus.

