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Sustainability Office Steers A Green Course

In a realignment of Property Management responsibilities, Federal Reserve Plaza's many energy efficiency, conservation and reduction, and environmental education efforts have been brought together under the direction of Paul Gusmini, Director of Sustainability and Capital Planning. The Sustainability Office will drive innovations in energy management, monitor existing programs, promote sustainable practices in all business lines, and create awareness and engagement among building staff. As a founding member of Boston's *Challenge for Sustainability* (A Better City's corporate sustainability initiative), Federal Reserve Plaza participates with other sustainability practitioners from the local business community, learning about state of the art sustainability and sharing best practices.

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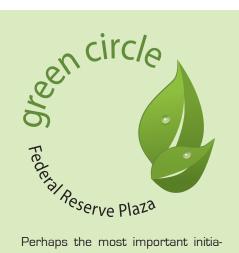
New initiatives are already in place. This year we will purchase an electric car as a pilot for the Bank's fleet, and install a car charging station in the B2 garage. Improvements in building systems and operations will continue, e.g. a comprehensive exterior lighting upgrade.



GREEN CIRCLE TIP:

Sometimes you really do need to print an email. Reduce paper waste by wrapping your autosignature. Don't stack — go linear:

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Perhaps the most important initiative of the Sustainability Office so far is the expansion of the Green Circle, Federal Reserve Plaza's sustainability action group for Bank and tenant employees. The goal of the Green Circle is to increase awareness of environmental issues and promote sustainable behaviors. The Green Circle provides a connection for all staff to learn about building programs and campaigns and to offer ideas and feedback.



This month, the Green Circle is kicking off the **1000 Acts of Green** Pledge for all building staff, installing a sneaker recycling station (see articles) and co-sponsoring green volunteer opportunities. In the coming months, the Green Circle will focus on recycling and a "Living Green" series, as well as offering green tips and interesting tidbits like Boston's Green Dining Map (see inside).

If you have ideas to share or are interested in helping to promote a green lifestyle, please join us. To find out more, contact <u>janice.kimsey@</u> <u>bos.frb.org</u>.

From the Challenge for Sustainability: The Green Dining Map

For more information, visit www.federalreserveplaza.com



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The Green Circle is partnering with First Serve, the Bank's volunteer clearinghouse, to offer several opportunities to "do a green deed" in celebration of Earth Day, in Boston and local area communities. Discover these green deeds on Bosweb or www.federalreserveplaza.com.

the Sustainable Way

Our award-winning Roof Garden is not simply beautiful to look at. This year a variety of herbs will be planted among the flower beds for use by our Sodexo chefs.

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To celebrate Earth

Day, Federal Reserve Plaza is kicking off a pledge campaign for all building staff: 1000 Acts of Green. Modeled on a project by the Earth Day Network,1000 Acts of Green will capture all of the ways in which our own FRP community is safeguarding the environment.

One simple act.

It doesn't have to be complicated. Recycle more. Change out your old lightbulbs. Turn off lights not in use. Buy locally sourced food. Don't let your car engine idle. Take the T once a week. Walk. Or bike. Print on both sides. Reuse printouts as scrap paper. Get a reusable water bottle or coffee cup. Schedule a free home energy audit. Replace your old cleaning solutions with earth-friendly ones.

Or go big. Plant a garden. Insulate your home. Install solar panels. Organize a cleanup in your neighborhood. <u>Calculate your carbon</u> <u>footprint</u> online. There are a million ideas, and we only need 1000 to reach our goal.

How do I pledge?

Simply commit to one green act, and enter your pledge via the 1000 Acts of Green link in your email, on Bosweb or federalreserveplaza.com, or at the 1000 Acts computer outside Café 600. That's all. 1 minute. 1 act.

You can make a difference. You can commit to one act of green. You can help us reach our goal. 1000 = 19 organizations + 1 act + you

Give your old kicks new life.

Reuse Your Shoes Station

Did you know that Nike, Inc. has a program to recycle old athletic shoes into new sneakers and golf bags, cushion surfaces for courts and tracks, even buttons and zipper pulls? We are joining in this innovative effort with a *Reuse Your Shoes* Station, where you may drop off your

old athletic shoes to be delivered to local collection centers.

To celebrate Earth Day, the RYS Station will be located outside Café 600 on the 4th floor, and then will move to a permanent spot on B1 outside the Fitness Center. Run, walk, jog to your closet, pull out all those old athletic shoes you've been stashing and drop them at the RYS Station. *Worn out. Play on.*

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