



Before You Begin

The Green Office Certification Program will have the greatest success when you have the support of your whole team, including coworkers and management. As such, please take the time to talk to everyone about participating in the program before signing up. You can use these questions to start a discussion with staff at your next office meeting:

- What does sustainability and/or “work green” mean for our office?
- Why is participating in this program and becoming a Certified Green Office important to you/us?
- What are some of the challenges we may face along the way and how can we overcome these together?

Record the answers to those and other questions you may have. Keep track of them because the answers will become more important as you begin implementation. Use the responses to establish positive reinforcement in the form of:

- A statement on the importance of participating that is specific to your office.
- A sustainability projects champion to motivate others and encourage participation.

Sustainability is a journey, not a destination. This kind of support will serve as a useful reference for getting more buy-in from staff and remind participants of their commitment to the program throughout the certification process.

Want to invite the Sustainability Manager to this discussion? Contact Chad Carwein via email to carweinc15@ecu.edu.