

# Taking Sustainability to New Heights

**Rooftop Gardens minimize water runoff and provide a space to grow food onsite.**

**Low-flow plumbing fixtures save more than 20% of water than Chicago code requires.**

**Roosevelt encourages students to use alternative modes of transport such as CTA or bikes.**

**ROOSEVELT  
UNIVERSITY**

**LEED and SERF  
Certified Buildings**

**40% Waste  
Diversion rate  
achieved through  
various waste  
initiatives offered  
on campus.**

**Part of Retrofit Chicago,  
with a plan to reduce  
energy usage in AUD by  
20% by 2019.**

**First Sustainability  
bachelors degree  
offered in Chicago  
Area.**



# Why Does it Matter?

**At Roosevelt, we recognize that Sustainability is a Social Justice Issue.**

We share this planet that we call home with millions of other species. Every decision we make, no matter how big or small, affects the wellbeing and livelihood of every inhabitant on earth.

By choosing to be leaders in the Sustainability movement, we are preserving vital resources and maintaining clean and habitable environments for current and future generations.

We need to protect and empower those most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. The ones that will suffer the most are the poor and less powerful that don't have the resources or the voice to make a difference.

From the high levels of lead that contaminated the potable water supply in Flint, MI to the global threats that climate change confronts us with, Sustainability is an issue that affects all of us.



Issues like lead contamination affect lives in East Chicago, IN



Roosevelt Women's Basketball team cleans up Bubbly Creek, a heavily contaminated stretch of the Chicago River.



Grassroots organizations like LVEJO fight for environmental justice in Chicago



SUST 350 students build a hoop house at Chicago Lights Urban Farm (2012)

**You have the power to make a difference.**

Use your voice to speak up for marginalized peoples affected by Environmental Justice Issues. All change, even the smallest, has the ability to make a huge and lasting impact.

It all starts with education. The more that you know about the issues, the more likely you are to recognize them and take action to eradicate them. Sharing knowledge can start a movement in your community.

Encourage your friends and family to make smart and sustainable decisions. Consume less, re-use what you have, and then always recycle what you can. Putting this into action will protect the earth's natural resources and prevent waste from polluting the earth.

Participate in community activities. Help out on the Wabash Rooftop Gardens or start your own community garden in your neighborhood. Strength in numbers applies to Sustainability as well.