



## **Sustainability: Reducing Our Carbon Paw Print**

***2011 Environmental Conference - April 18, 2011***

***8 AM – 3 PM, University Union***

### **Workshop Proposal**

The Environmental Conference is developed by TU students, faculty and staff to raise awareness amongst the campus community about environmental topics, issues and solutions. This year's conference theme is sustainability, the impact of individuals and communities on the environment and actions that individuals and communities can take to positively impact the environment and create a more sustainable world.

Members of the campus community will gather to hear presentations from faculty, students and environmental leaders in the Baltimore region.

In addition to keynote speakers, the conference will consist of three 50 minute sessions during which a variety of workshops will be held. Workshop presenters will be allotted up to 50 minutes in which to present their topic and answer questions. We will also accept proposals for 20 minute segments which may be combined with similar presentations for a total 50 minute presentation. You will be asked to indicate the length of your proposal in the RFP. Please leave appropriate time at the end of your presentation for dialogue. Faculty, staff, community members and especially students are encouraged to submit presentation proposals.

**Directions for proposal submission:** Workshop proposals must be submitted no later than **March 4, 2011** for consideration. Proposals should be emailed to James David at [jdavid13@students.towson.edu](mailto:jdavid13@students.towson.edu).

Questions can be directed to Darcy Accardi, Special Assistant to the VP for Student Affairs for Civic Engagement at Towson University at 410-704-3921 or [daccardi@towson.edu](mailto:daccardi@towson.edu).

**Selection notification will be sent by March 11, 2011.** Please provide the following information about your prospective workshop. Please keep in mind workshop length is a maximum of 50 minutes; please remember to include time for questions and comments.

### **Sample Workshop Topics Include**

- Alternative energy sources
- Urban agriculture
- Local agriculture/eating green
- Sustainability initiatives in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area
- Buying local
- Sustainable living/choices for individuals
- Building sustainable communities
- Greening businesses
- The developing green economy
- Green Career Paths
- Government and Sustainability
- Integrating sustainability in course curricula
- Local restoration projects, habitat preservation and endangered wildlife
- Alternative Transportation Options
- Do It Yourself Sustainability Ideas

**Interactive sessions are encouraged!**

# WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FORM

**Workshops should be developed to meet one or more of the following conference objectives:**

Please check the outcome(s) your session will address.

- Promote awareness of global warming and climate change
- Explore ways that individuals can live sustainably
- Share successful strategies for promoting sustainable communities
- Explore the various impacts that unsustainable behavior has on individuals, communities and the world
- Collaborate, network and share ideas with students, faculty and staff from across campus
- Emphasize the importance of integrating sustainability into course curricula across disciplines
- Celebrate an enthusiasm and appreciation for sustainable and healthy lifestyles and communities

**Workshop organizer name, title and affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

TU Student(s)     TU Faculty     TU Staff     Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person fax (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of proposed presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(no more than 17 words)

**Co-Presenter name(s) and title(s), if applicable; indicate if co-presenter is a faculty, student or community partner in your project:**

**Workshop Length:** \_\_ 20 minutes \_\_\_ 50 minutes \*note we will build in time for Q and A when combining shorter presentations; 50 minute presenters need to build Q and A into their session

**Brief description, including how the presentation will contribute to the stated conference objectives, of proposed workshop (use additional pages as necessary):**

**50-word or less description of proposed presentation for conference program:**

**Please indicate any interactive components of your session that will engage the audience:**

**Target workshop audience (check all that apply):**

Students     Faculty/Staff     Students and faculty/staff

**List of materials needed (i.e. projectors, microphones, etc.):**

**If there is a cap on the number of participants who can participate in your workshop, please indicate the cap amount here:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brief Presenter Biography (2 sentences):**