



# March 2024 Newsletter



## Happy Spring Break!

Congratulations from Central Sustainability (CS) on finishing the first half of the spring semester!

This month, CS has been busy with upcoming events, education, and outreach to strengthen sustainability both on campus and beyond.

Keep reading to learn more!

## What has CS been up to?

### Campus Race to Zero Waste: Electronics Drive

CS is having CMU participate in the international competition Campus Race to Zero Waste by hosting an electronics drive from **March 11th to March 22nd**. Individuals can drop off any electronics with a cord or battery to be recycled at all residence hall lobbies and outside the CS office (Dow 275). Email CS ([sustainability@cmich.edu](mailto:sustainability@cmich.edu)) with questions.

### Sustainability Leadership Committee (SLC)

CS is collaborating with the Health Professions Residential College to start up the SLC! The SLC is a great way to get directly involved in sustainability, share updates, and spread the word of your own efforts! Those wanting more information should reach out to CS' email.

### Community Outreach and Education

This month, CS visited several local areas to both teach and learn about sustainability, including the Isabella Materials Recovery Facility, Ziibiwing Center of Anishinaabe Culture and Lifeways, and Greater Lansing Foodbank. To introduce children to sustainability, CS presented at Fancher Elementary School and CMU's Kids & Sibs Weekend.



## Topic of the Month: Social Sustainability



### What is Social Sustainability?

Sustainability as a whole is made up of several pillars united under the concept of meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Social sustainability emphasizes maintaining a society through equity, equality, and community. Examples include protecting human health and access to basic resources, promoting education, and encouraging participation in efforts to be more sustainable.

### Why is it Important?

Social sustainability is often overlooked in favor of environment and economy sustainability, but it is just as important. Social sustainability works to ensure that everyone is represented in processes that impact them and strives to prevent issues like inequality and inaccessibility that impact the overall goal of making the planet more viable.

### How does CS Practice Social Sustainability?

CS practices social sustainability through community outreach and education. The team is also always open to suggestions and to support individuals with their own endeavors to make CMU more sustainable.

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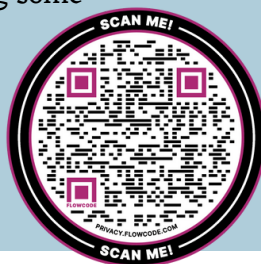


## Additional Opportunities

### Hackathon 2024

Hackathon is an innovative competition where individuals or groups of 3-6 compete to design a workable solution to three real-world problems. This year's Hackathon is featuring some sustainability-focused issues.

The competition lasts 24 hours starting at **12 PM on April 5th**. Scan this QR Code to learn more and register!



### Greater Lansing Foodbank Internship

Interested in learning the ropes of community urban gardening? This summer, the Greater Lansing Foodbank's Garden Project is offering a paid internship for 10-15 hours a week in Lansing, MI. To apply, contact Garden Project Manager Julie Lehman at [julie@glfoodbank.org](mailto:julie@glfoodbank.org) with a resume, two references, and a cover letter. Applications are open until **April 10** or when the position is filled.

### Any Questions? Contact Us!

Stop by our office in Dow Science Room 275 or email us at [sustainability@cmich.edu](mailto:sustainability@cmich.edu).

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