

Foothill College, Sustainability Survey, November 2015

Open Response Questions

4. In your opinion, how convenient are the following facilities at Foothill College?

	Convenient	Inconvenient
Hydration stations	<input type="radio"/> Hydration stations Convenient	<input type="radio"/> Hydration stations Inconvenient
Trash recycling	<input type="radio"/> Trash recycling Convenient	<input type="radio"/> Trash recycling Inconvenient
Biking facilities	<input type="radio"/> Biking facilities Convenient	<input type="radio"/> Biking facilities Inconvenient
Energy Champions Club	<input type="radio"/> Energy Champions Club Convenient	<input type="radio"/> Energy Champions Club Inconvenient
Cartridge recycling	<input type="radio"/> Cartridge recycling Convenient	<input type="radio"/> Cartridge recycling Inconvenient
Battery recycling	<input type="radio"/> Battery recycling Convenient	<input type="radio"/> Battery recycling Inconvenient

Please feel free to share your suggestions or comments about the facilities listed above

I think it is great I can take my batteries to school to recycle.

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what the heck is energy champions club? Do they tell teachers to shut the door when the A/C or heat is on? because that's what they need to do.

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I would like to know where I can recycle my batteries and ink cartridges. I have a bag filling up!

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Thank you for bring it to my attention that we can recycling batteries and cartridges on campus. Does the batteries and cartridges recycling station have a prominent location(s) on campus? Providing an incentive, to increase initial participation, could be a good way to spread awareness.

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It is very difficult to ride a bike to campus because either bike trails are not clearly marked or the two-line road running through campus doesn't have a bike lane. I fell on my bike once trying to ride it on the dirt, to the right of the road, avoiding cars.

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I am only at the Palo Alto /Middlefield location. The recycling bins, if any are not well enough marked. I understand that we will be moving to another campus soon. I hope recycling will be clearly marked.

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Overall I love how every class room ha a recycle bin and trash bin right outside the doors. I little to no trash on the ground around campus so something must being going right!

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More Recycling Bins!

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I did not know there were battery and cartridge recycling stations I would definitely use them if i knew where they are located. The newer hydration stations are legit.

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How do we find out where the battery recycling is?

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Do not know of the station, recycling, facilities, or club listed in section number 4, so have no opinion. Since Zimeride and EcoPasses are promoted, this would have been good subjects to evaluate. Define terms: Trash Recycling (is this composting? never heard the term "trash recycling") , Hydration Stations (is this a drinking fountain? Reusable water bottles or containers (some people buy Non-BPA Plastic to use reusing their empty water bottle once more before trashing. Power saving practices (do you want to know generically if a person not only turns off the lights, but all electrical appliances, like printers or other types of energy like, gas, as in the heater, or maybe someone uses solar

power. For question # 5, it is only ranked because that is the only option, but more than one is most important and more than one is least important, and I don't know if a re-use station would be best used for the limited campus space available, but an interesting idea.

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by completing this survey I noticed there are number of programs and facilities on campus that I have not heard of before. I think it would be beneficial both for the students and the progress of these programs if there are farther efforts on spreading the word about the existing programs.

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I have never even seen a recycling container.

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Have actually designated recycle bins, it is always unclear due to lids of cans being swapped and everything looking like a trash can...

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The Hydration stations certainly need some attention they're looking worse for ware.

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The recycling should have larger containers. Fills up super fast.

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I would like to know the unfamiliar activities at college.

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I think battery and recycling is a super great idea, and it should be advertised more around the school. I had no idea about this, and I have batteries and cartridges piling up in my room because I'm too lazy to find a local Target or Best Buy to go out of my way to recycle. It's very convenient that there's one on campus.

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None

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Trash and recycling bins are unclearly marked, or used improperly by many (which discourages proper disposal by all). Therefore I never know where to dispose of my waste items, or feel my efforts are useless because items are mixed in the cans.

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Advertise the different facilities more.

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Trash recycling sounds like an oxymoron. Is it trash or is it recycling? Because it can't and shouldn't be both.

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I haven't seen any water bottle filling stations on campus! There are tons of drinking fountains, but I would love for there to be a place to fill up my reusable water bottle.

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It's very unclear to me where bikes are allowed.

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I would like to know more about the facilities.

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It is confusing what to put in the recycling containers -- many times I just see trash in them. Is there a way to make it clearer what goes where? Also, I had no idea that we could recycle batteries and printer cartridges on campus. That is a great service! Where do I go to do this?

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Our horticulture classroom 8607 has the air conditioning on so high ALL the time, that our evening classes we are FREEZING. This is a huge waste of energy and money. The teachers say that they cannot control it, and open the door to let out the cold air. Big waste. Please fix this problem!!! :)

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Based on the fact that I am a new student at Foothill, I don't know much about the campus in general. But almost everyone in my family has gone through Foothill and when I asked them about the programs listed above. No one had ever heard anything about cartridge/battery recycling as well as energy champions club. Like I have no idea what ever energy champions club does.

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I have seen the sprinklers turned on for more than 2 hours for the plants along the stairs going up from parking lot 1 to the art/theater/communication buildings. My class started at 10 and ended at 11:50. When i walked to my class they were already on and the plants were flooded. When i got out of class they were still on and there was way too much water in the plants. I have also seen the gardeners watering the plants and just standing there for so long while the water ran. He watered the plants way to much. Good job for letting some of the grass turn brown, but that is not enough.

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Since my class is at the Middlefield campus, much of these questions aren't relevant. However, I do recycle batteries and cartridges and all other recyclables. A concern I have regards future use of the coming Foothill facility at the blue cube site. I heard that no equipment from the Middlefield weight room will be available. Instead the equipment will be

stored somewhere. That seems to me to be a dreadful waste. Many of the students really need that equipment to maintain fitness and strength. The classes will not be as helpful without it.

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The college's primary responsibility, to both student and the community that supports the school through fees and taxes, is to provide an affordable, high quality education. A college that fails in this single most important task isn't sustainable. This is the sustainability issue Foothill should be focusing on.

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There aren't recycling bins in the class rooms and that's where trash is thrown away. Specifically the respiratory and dental rooms

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Advertise battery and cartridge recycling 2 or 3 times per quarter in cafeteria or bookstore or owl card shop.

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I am not sure about the biking facilities... Are there bicycles provided? Or does that just mean bicycle parkings?

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I would like more information publicly out there about Foothill's sustainability practices, maybe in an email or in a post on the school website.

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This assumes you are an on-campus student. What about the Middlefield Campus or online?

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The hydration stations are awesome! and I love that I can fill up my water bottle, but the 2 on the hill of the science wing (the one in KJ's and the lab building) are unusable because they fill so slowly. I want to use them, and honestly still do because there is no where else to fill up my water bottle but it is so infuriating standing for 5 minutes just to fill up my bottle. Also, they seem to auto shut off after a certain amount of water is dispensed and this amount is tiny! My water bottle is not that large and its about a third of it.

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I've had problems finding recycling receptacles on campus.

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More compost bins placed around campus, please!

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I attend the Middlefield campus and am unsure if those are offered there. If so, I would like it posted so all students can learn about/utilize them.

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Would like to see a separate container for compost

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I love the hydration stations, it would be great if there were more of them.

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I do not take on campus classes. I am an online student. If I were taking on campus classes I would utilize trash recycling, battery and cartridge recycling.

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Maybe a little more marketing on the "Energy Champions Club, Battery/Cartridge recycling" as I don't seem to know about it.

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Bike cages

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My comment is that I find it interesting that there is a concern to do the right thing yet some parts of the campus are left totally neglected. I know for a fact that the bushes in the corner of the parking lot next to the track are never maintained. Trash collects there, leaves pile up season after season, and there is even poison oak growing out of them. It would take two employees 30 minutes to clean up the entire thing, even the trash on the other side of the fence, and along the fence as the path joins with El Monte.

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I'm glad you let the grass die. No one needs that in a drought.

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publicize some information that new students would know about services available in campus and then it would be more likely that they will use it

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I think more info should be distributed about the hydration stations - specifics/details about the filtration. I always fill up at home because I'm not certain about the quality of the water or system used for filtering on campus - this is in regards to the main campus. I've tasted the water at Middlefield and it tastes and seems as old as the school. I'll never go near that again.

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Battery and cartridge recycling is personally inconvenient because I just do it from my house.

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I didn't know about half of these. If you want Foothill to become more eco-friendly, people need to be better informed.

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The hydration stations near the 5000 building are excellent. However, the ones near the engineering building are terrible. It takes nearly 5 minutes to fill a 27 oz bottle. They are occasionally fixed, but quickly go back to being inefficient.

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I recycle batteries and cartridges elsewhere.

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I hope there is going to be more hydration stations so that students would choose to refill their water bottles over purchasing at the cafeteria as I am pro anti-water bottles. I also wish we can have more trash recycling happening at our campus. I've seen none at our campus so far. Regarding on the biking facilities, energy champion club, cartridge recycling, and battery recycling, I think we should widely promote it to let students aware of that, and how it impact out life and our earth. If possible, please do an event for students to have hands on experience of how the recycling is done.

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There are not enough plastic recycling bins in the lunchroom or in/near other campus rooms.

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The bike facilities need to be drastically improved at Foothill College. Firstly, there is a lack of security, there are no security camera's, which might have contributed to the disappearance of my bike. The Foothill Police Department couldn't assist me, since there was no footage of the theft, and bike crime isn't considered a serious issue in California. Therefore no funds are allocated to tackle bike theft. Secondly, since my bike got stolen, i bought a new bike with a better lock, a U-lock. For my old bike I had a commonly used wire chain. The issue however is, that there is a shortage of "U-lock compatible" bike racks. At "U-lock compatible" bike racks cyclist can connect their bike frame with a U-lock to the bike rack. These kind of bike racks can mostly be found, at the far end of the campus, Lot 4A. By providing more U-lock compatible bike racks across campus, more cyclists can park their bike easily, which encourages bike usage. Lastly, since I am a part of the ASFC student government, I have heard about the plan to construct an expensive bike path around Foothill College. Even though, this might promote safety for cyclist, providing the last two mentioned options is far more valuable to cyclists. This feeling was confirmed by the Foothill Cycling Club.

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I love the foothill "brown is the new green" signs posted on the unwatered lawns. But maybe the fountain should be off.

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More stations would be appreciated.

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This is unrelated to conservation, but I would greatly appreciate splash guards in the urinals. I get piss on my shoes every time I use a urinal at Foothill and it is extremely frustrating. Aside from that, I feel Foothill is a wonderfully sustainable school

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Love this! Keep up the good work :)

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Providing materials? Isn't that counter sustainable?? Stop printing information we can get online. WASTE.

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More recycling and composting collection would be great in the cafe and main cafeteria.

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We need a compost.

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I'm guessing that a "hydration station" is a drinking fountain.

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More promotions could be done

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Please make more hydration stations and make sustainability one of your priorities. I will petition for it

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Please add a bicycle station with bicycle tools a air station and a lubricant with rags. This idea is borrowed from Stanford Campus which has multiple bicycle stations similar to the one described above. Such a device would support conserving energy by keeping bicycles on the road as compared with cars.

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Could you give more info on cartridge and battery recycling

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Please add more trash cans near the back parking lot

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School should set up more recycling bins, and the recycling bins should look different from regular trash can. I have no idea that the school takes used batteries, and I would like to know where are the recycle boxes. The school should set up bicycle repair stations around campus, so student with bikes can pump their tires or tighten the screws on campus.

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make it more well known! i had no idea some of these things even existed

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Online student; never at campus.

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Taking public transit is just as green as biking.

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N/A

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6. If you have any other ideas or suggestions about what can be done at Foothill College to move us towards the goal of sustainable future, please share them here.

child care for mom's

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all of the above are stupid, and are ranked from least to most dumb. Having the Green Gestapo ban waterbottles is a sure fire way to piss off the masses, as is any over reaching authority figure that likes to ban things for misguided reasons.

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Hydration stations are not very hygienic as many dogs drink there...

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I think single use water bottles should be discouraged, not banned.

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Protect and encourage wildlife on campus - we have a unique opportunity to support ecopsychology.

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Community Garden at Foothill to replace some of the grass. Then a farmer's market for students could be run on campus. Contact me if this sounds interesting.

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clearly marked bike lanes

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Take away parking permits. This is robbing students. there is no reason for people to park at foothill aside from going to class. This would really help students not this sustainability BS.

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Waste of time is worse than any possible suggestions you make above.

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Recycle bins for paper, bottles and cans for staff

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NA

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Solar energy?

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discounts at snack shop if you bring your own container, etc.

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Have recycling bins for glass, plastic, compostable

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Information about on-campus recycling should be more readily available. I make an effort to recycle as much as possible, but I am not as informed as I would like to be about what materials are supposed to be disposed of in on-campus recycling receptacles (paper, plastics, etc.). I think posting signs on the actual receptacles would be a simple yet effective way to improve on-campus recycling. Also, if only certain materials are accepted in the recycling receptacles, it would be nice to see additional means of recycling additional types of materials.

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N/A

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None

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Work with the horticulture department, which is already composting, as well as educating about water saving, etc.

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More education on what it means to be sustainable. That word gets thrown around a lot, yet most people don't really know what it means. The campus can start with better landscaping (why new lawn by new

science building?!), maintenance, irrigation, and dealing with the heat load in all parking lots except for the one with solar panels. Plant more trees for shade, but make sure they are the correct trees!

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foothill coffee/thermos sale at each coffee/food area and discounted prices if using same

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Instead of banning water bottle sales, add a "tax" to make them more expensive. Just an extra dollar or so to discourage people from buying them.

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QUARTERLY STUDENT/ADMINISTRATION FORUMS

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So glad there is a committee working on these important issues!

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remove trash cans and replace them with compost and recycling bins. I think pretty much 100% of waste can be either composted or recycled.

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We have a lot of car commuters. More frequent buses (both the 40/52, and the main connecting routes such as the 35) I think more people would take the bus instead of drive. The Ecopass is wonderful.

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Office Worker exchange program, once a quarter, various offices, program, and departments exchange, get rid of office supplies. This is organized by Staff Development at De Anza College.

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Signs about conserving water at the ceramics dept. cleanup sink. Sometimes people leave the water running while scrubbing dried clay off things, and sometimes even while just standing there talking

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I feel that at Foothill students aren't aware of a lot of the benefits that the college provides. So I would say more news letters, more flyers, more physical documents so that people can see them.

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Electric charging stations for electric vehicles

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Replace all flowers with cacti.

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All the items above in #5 are important. Couldn't rank them.

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Doing a foothill garbage patch where we use the quad to compile all the plastic used on campus to give students a visual of our collective waste.

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Ban bottled water and sell reusable water bottles instead

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Inviting some experts on sustainability to host a seminar or a workshop or even a simple talk to raise awareness. More people are becoming interested in this topic

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No smoking whatsoever. This is a college and we should be striving for embracing knowledge and bettering health with that knowledge. Also have you I feel as though smokers are more apt to litter and not care about environmental concerns. (Addicted brain)

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If you haven't already, maybe Foothill College can provide bikes that can be used and returned at a regular basis... that would be awesome.

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i would love to see a compost station at Foothill. I feel so bad putting my apple peel in the trash can.

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Removing the grass lawns and instead providing more suitable and visually appealing dry area plants

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I think that being sustainable and environmentally conscious goes further than what is literally on the earth (like plants). I think this whole topic and conversation can be expanded to include more sustainable food options at Foothill. A sustainable food option is a vegan meal. No harm is done to animals, and the emissions to produce this food is dramatically lowered. I think that this could definitely be Foothill's next big step.

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solar panels, more windows to let natural light in, recycle cans throughout the Middlefield campus

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recycle old notepads, reuse old books, share books among students project (sort of like uber or rideshare, but for books)

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stager class times better for more efficient parking. people drive around and around and around looking for non-existing parking places, waste gas, sit idle while waiting for parking space.

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Reduce paper usage

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Easier to put recyclables in recycling bin, and pictures on top

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Electric car charging on campus! With current popularity rise in Fiats and ecars in general it'd be really cool to have a few charging spots on campus (chargepoint is awesome)

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electric car chargers to promote electric car use; put more photovoltaic panels in

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EV special parking and charging stations

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At Los Altos High, we had separate garbage bins for trash, recycle, and compost. This didn't last long and the recycle/trash bins were merged. I think adding accessible compost bins around campus will help a lot.

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The most unsustainable practice is meat eating. You can use the water sparingly turn off the lights recycle and bike to school as much as you want. Unless you drastically cut on meat and dairy consumption it all doesn't matter! Meat industry produces the most green house gases of all the industries, uses the most of water and pollutes water air and ground. The vegetarian/ vegan option in he cafeteria are terrible!! There's almost never tofu in the salad bar, the veggie burger contains cheese (since when cheese is a vegetable!) there's no vegan sandwiches or pre-made meals. There's a sign hidden behind coffe cans saying hat animals get Mondays off - referring to to meatless Mondays I believe but there's no meatles Mondays at the campus! Mondays like every other day are filled with meat dishes! Outrageous - why you even keep that poster there?? Another thing is the bottled drinks... Foothill provides drinking fountains so I don't see a need of selling bottled water in the facilities. Take example from Eugene university - they don't sell bottled water! Isn't it great? There's too much plastic everywhere already. Most of recycled bottles go to landfills in 3rd world countries anyway. Sad. I would also start replacing paper towels with dryers. Good job with the compostable plates! Again - meat is not sustainable and never will be so if you serious about sustainability reconsider your menu. I'd love to get some explanation why the meatless Monday poster hangs in the cafeteria but Mondays are not meatless - here's my email address: lotopauanka@gmail.com thank you!

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All of the ideas above are awesome!

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Keep the campus fun

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