

# The MIT Working Group on Support Staff Issues Recycling Committee Annual Report 2003-2004



## Committee Members:

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The mission of the MIT Working Group Recycling Committee is to develop and deliver programs that educate administrative and support staff about recycling, reducing and reusing goods. Efforts include identifying/addressing gaps in staff understanding about recycling as well as gaps in recycling resources and creating ways to increase recycling at MIT.

## Committee Accomplishments:

- Developed and sponsored the first campus-wide on line recycling survey for staff
- Created and distributed educational materials such as bookmarks, recycling tips for the Thanksgiving Holiday, Recycling @MIT poster
- Sponsored (in conjunction with the Dept. of Facilities) Clean Out Your Files recycling event
- Established the Recycling Ambassadors *Plus* Program for Support and Administrative Staff
- Created the first online "Green" Calendar
- Sponsored showings of "Affluenza" for America Recycles Day '03, IAP, and MIT Earth Day '04
- Designed and offered the WGR Recycling Tote Bag as a fundraising, reuse, and program awareness item
- Authored and distributed an email message on Cambridge City events for America Recycles Day and the 40% by 2005 Campaign (sent to MIT, Harvard, UMASS-Boston, Lesley University student residents of Cambridge)
- Authored article on "Working Green @MIT" for Fall '03 MIT Federal Credit Union Newsletter
- Provided recycling services for WGSSI social events
- Collaborated with ABD, Parking & Transportation, and Membership Task Groups
- Contributed to article on recycling in The Tech – Oct. '03
- Interviewed for upcoming article on recycling at MIT (Technology Review – summer '04)

## Future Plans:

- **Redesign logo**
- **Update bookmark**
- **Collaborate with other environmental advocacy groups on producing '05 Green Calendar**
- **Other possible projects under consideration by the WGR include:**
  - **Working with Office Depot on recyclable/returnable containers/boxes**
  - **HR staff orientation (inclusion of bookmark, recycling info)**
  - **Laminate and distribute Recycling@MIT flyer**
  - **Dance event on recycling theme**
  - **Videos on recycling themes**
  - **Develop new program for staff on recycling with dining services**
  - **Add 'Working Green' section to current web site**
- **Continue expanding committee membership and cross-campus collaborations**