

National Park Service
2003 Environmental Achievement Awards
Winner

Denali National Park and Preserve

The Green Team at Denali National Park and Preserve has made many significant accomplishments in sustainability practices through a number of programs and projects. Indeed, all employees at Denali create, maintain, and use sustainable practices. The following lists only a few of the many outstanding accomplishments of the Denali team:

- Implemented an Environmental Innovation & Leadership (EIL) Program that identifies key sustainability guidance documents; explains principles; provides vision, goals and strategies; recognizes accomplishments; identifies plans and projects; and provides a "toolkit" of resources to encourage sustainable practices.
- Developed and approved a Sustainability Policy Statement for the Park's EIL Program.
- Developed EIL newsletters that inform employees and community members regarding program success stories.
- Coordinated an annual Earth Day event in Talkeetna, Alaska. Recycling Program
- Expanded the Park's recycling program to include the addition of numerous materials to be collected for re-use and recycling.
- Constructed a new recycling building and collected additional materials for re-use and recycling.
- Included a requirement in the Park's new concessions contract that provides visitors with the opportunity to recycle at campgrounds.
- Collected 9,000 lbs of sled dog waste which is composted and made available for landscaping purposes. Shed fur is saved for local crafts people who spin it, dye it, knit it and make hats, headbands, and other items.
- Conducted a Sustainable Design Feasibility Study for the Park's visitor center and the Wonder Lake Ranger Station.
- Installed numerous photovoltaic systems at remote sites ranging from roadside restroom facilities to mountaineering base camps on glaciers and up to 14,000-foot elevation on Mount McKinley.
- Converted from fuel oil to propane at most housing units.
- Implemented a Transportation Advisory Group is exploring the potential for providing mass transit to the Park from surrounding communities.
- Began replacing 2-stroke snowmobiles with 4-stroke powered machines.
- Purchased and used bio-based hydraulic oil, chainsaw bar oil, and 2-stroke injection oil.
- Committed to convert to selected green cleaning products by 2004.

Denali Park's broad range of accomplishments is a model for all NPS facilities and demonstrates the Park's dedication to sustainability practices.