

William R. Sinkin Eco Centro

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The mission of William R. Sinkin Eco Centro is to cultivate the understanding, progress and practice of sustainability. Through education, outreach, service and research, we strive to create sustainable communities and built environments where all are empowered to succeed.

Demonstration center for:

- Organic gardening, composting
- Urban farming, homesteading – operational farms on and off campus
- Sustainable building, solar power and rainwater harvesting
- Native landscaping, low impact development and pollinator habitats
- Water conservation, watershed and natural resource management

Monthly workshops, classes and seminars on a wide range of environmental and social topics for the public and campus, including

- Urban homesteading, sustainable living, gardening education series
- Field trips and tours
- Youth education (Preschool – 12 Grade)
- Continuing education and professional development opportunities in green building, water resources management and urban agriculture
- Film series

Faculty, Staff, Student support:

- Greening the Curriculum
- Faculty support for student research, service learning, volunteer hours, course projects, lectures and other resources
- Support for various student organizations
- Campus community garden plots
- Internships and work study positions
- Urban agriculture technology lab and student research program

Support for home, school and community gardening

- Seeds, plants and soil and educational materials
- Composting for individuals and businesses

Community support:

- Meeting space for local and campus organizations and environment/community related events
- Local business showcase
- Public, commercial and individual sustainability audits and consulting
- B-cycle and EV charging stations
- Texas Stream Team, Texas Waters Specialist and other Citizen Science initiatives

Eco Centro hosts the International Institute for Sustainable Water Resources - a collaborative center for research, policy and practice of integrated sustainable water resources management

To reach the Eco Centro team, please visit: <https://www.alamo.edu/sac/SinkinEcoCentro>