

# University Housing Community Council EcoRep

## Position Description

**Summary of Position:** The EcoRep position is an addition to each building's community council executive board. The EcoReps are responsible for learning about current issues in sustainability and the environment, then educating those in their residence halls about those issues through active and passive programming. The EcoReps also assist the rest of the community council executive board and general body to increase sustainability efforts within their halls.

### Position Details

- One to two people per community council
- Serves on the community council (council may choose how the position is filled)
  - Elected: through general election process in the fall
  - Appointed: by community council executive board/general body
  - Volunteer: email sent out from RHD asking for volunteers from the community
- Attends EcoRep meeting with Sustainability Coordinator, Office of Sustainability Intern and other EcoReps twice a month
  - Discussion of green initiatives around campus
  - Program planning brainstorming sessions
  - Speakers
  - Debate and discussion of current events in sustainability
- Runs one program during the academic year (or each semester) with the help of their entire community council as indicated in each Community Council Constitution
  - Can be any type of program
  - Must follow guidelines/expectations set out at the beginning of the academic year
- EcoReps will be responsible for presenting a pledge to their executive boards including, but not limited to, the following actions:
  - Recycle at every program
  - Use only what we need (paper, decorations, cutlery, etc.)
  - No bottled water
  - Local food for at least 25% of programs
  - Utilize reusable serving utensils, bowls, plates, and cups for programming
- Constitutional changes may occur
  - Sustainability Coordinator will provide phrasing for additional EcoReps if necessary
  - Funds for next year's EcoRep may be allocated at this time

### Benefits and Special Opportunities

- Group retreats and trainings
- Leadership development
- EcoRep T-shirt and zero waste swag items
- Field trips to Athens-Clarke County Recycling Facility and Landfill
- Opportunities to speak to classes/meetings
- Special guest speakers at bi-weekly meetings
- Trip to UGarden and other garden areas on campus
- Experiential Learning Credit for College of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Family and Consumer Sciences, Public Health, and Vet Med