



Pace University's **Suburban Biodiversity Conservation Center (SBCC)** at Dyson College provides teaching, training, and research to advance biodiversity conservation, ecosystem protection, wildlife conservation, and smart decision-making in the Lower Hudson Valley, with an emphasis on the just development of healthy and diverse communities.

SUBURBAN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION CENTER FOCUSES ON: **EDUCATION**

Located in the Environmental Studies and Science Department, the Conservation Center provides traditional and nontraditional students with opportunities for training in biodiversity and wildlife conservation to help meet regional environmental challenges.

Students may engage with the Conservation Center through fieldwork on the Westchester campus, community-serving collaborations and projects created with the Center's many environmental partners, or through traditional courses offered by the Environmental Studies and Science Department. Beyond supporting students and faculty at Pace University, the Conservation Center also provides educational public programming for our local community.

RESEARCH AND COLLABORATIONS

The Conservation Center supports research in biodiversity, wildlife conservation, environmental justice, and more, in urban and suburban contexts. Through course projects, internships, research, and community service, students gain hands-on experience by applying classroom knowledge to regional environmental challenges. Students work directly with community members such as municipalities, nonprofits, and other community organizations to build meaningful solutions.

The Conservation Center leads local conservation efforts through partnerships with organizations like LHPRISM for invasive species management, the Cornell Lab of Ornithology's NestWatch program, the Pocantico River Watershed Alliance and Hudson River Watershed Alliance, the NYS Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, and the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Pace University students, faculty, and staff collaborate with the community to help identify, assess, and communicate issues around environmental conservation and community improvement. These collaborations can include providing essential data and analysis, advocating for specific policy issues, and developing experiential learning opportunities and trainings.



VISIT THE CONSERVATION CENTER

Pace University
Westchester Campus
861 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, NY 10570
(Entrance 3)

Monday–Friday, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

The Conservation Center is open to the public during normal visiting hours. Additional programming is scheduled after hours and on weekends.

CONTACT THE CENTER

For more information or questions, email sbcc@pace.edu.



EXPLORE THE SUBURBAN BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION CENTER'S PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES:

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

The Conservation Center provides training in professional policy and advocacy skills while stewarding wildlife conservation. Through the **Animal Policy Project**, students learn to research an issue and to design and advocate for policies that can create change in local, state, or federal law.

The Center offers the **Animal Advocacy Clinic**, a three-credit course available to all students. The course teaches professional policy and advocacy skills through the practice of direct lobbying of legislatures and agencies regarding animal and wildlife welfare issues.

Through the **Wildlife Rehabilitation Program**, students learn best practices to care for wild animals, how to track disease trends and promote ecosystem health, and the importance of biodiversity protection.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

The Conservation Center offers an **Environmental Conservation Certificate** program that provides training for those interested in working with plants or animals, protecting habitats, or educating the public about the environment.

Open to the public, this five-course certificate program trains you to be highly competitive for employment in the conservation field, gaining practical experience that conservation organizations are looking for in entry-level positions. The Conservation Certificate focuses on fieldwork and internships, which also fulfill major electives in either the Environmental Studies or Science degrees.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

The Conservation Center staff and faculty run programs for people of all ages and backgrounds. These programs are related to topics including ecosystem protection, wildlife conservation, and sustainability, and provide opportunities to apply that training to your community. Programs include, but are not limited to, plant and animal identification, wildlife rehabilitation, and sustainable gardening.

OTHER FEATURES AVAILABLE TO THE PACE COMMUNITY

- Environmental lab
- Environmental classroom (with seating for 30)
- Outdoor pavilion
- 50-acre forest
- Pollinator gardens
- Hiking trail
- Streams, ponds, wetland
- Native plant meadow

