2000 — Connecticut State University Board of Trustees establishes the Center for Sustainable Energy Studies. The Center was created to help Eastern students understand the crucial role and impact of energy resources and energy consumption in society.

— The Board of Trustees creates the Institute for Sustainable Energy (ISE), “to identify, develop and become an objective energy and educational resource regarding the means for achieving a sustainable energy future for Connecticut.”

2001 — Geothermal heating and cooling system is installed at High Rise Residence Hall, reducing energy use and cost by 12%. With three 800-foot vertical wells, High Rise is still the largest geothermal installation in Connecticut.

2005 — Eastern installs grid-independent solar security lighting systems at five campus bus shelters.

— The Child and Family Development Resource Center opens, built with many high performance building techniques, including use of natural lighting.
2007 —— Eastern’s President Elsa Núñez signs onto the **American Colleges and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment** (ACUPCC). Eastern is among the first 50 signatories on this commitment to carbon neutrality.

—— 3 residence halls in Eastern’s South Residential Village are awarded **LEED certification** by the U.S. Green Building Council.

—— Eastern’s **Green Campus Committee** is created with the goal of engaging students, faculty and staff in lowering energy use, improving waste management, and promoting sustainability.

2008 —— The **Science Building** opens as a LEED Silver certified green building. The building features daylighting, a grey water recycling system, and a bio-swale for storm water management.

2009 —— Eastern submits its first **Climate Action Plan** to the ACUPCC, serving as a blueprint for energy efficiency and sustainability on campus.

2010 —— The **Sustainable Energy track and minor** are established in the Environmental Earth Science department.
2012 — A 400-kilowatt phosphoric acid fuel cell is installed behind the Science Building. The cell provides electricity and onsite heating, cooling, and hot water from the fuel cell’s byproduct heat.

2013 — Construction begins on the LEED Silver designed Fine Arts Instructional Center.

2014 — Eastern and Yale collaborate to establish the Connecticut Alliance for Campus Sustainability to empower sustainability actions in Connecticut’s higher education institutions by fostering collaboration between public, private and other campus-based education providers.

2015 — Eastern partakes in the first annual Connecticut Campus Sustainability Week.

— Eastern renews climate leadership commitment, integrating carbon reduction goals and building resilience in adapting to a changing climate.