For the past several years the March/April issue of Facilities Manager has been devoted to topics related to energy, utilities, and environmental stewardship, which make up one of APPA’s Four Core Areas for research, information, credentialing, and professional development.

We’ve timed this issue to coincide with the annual Smart and Sustainable Campuses Conference, this year held April 3-5 on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park. The conference always has a wealth of topics and presentations that appeal to the facilities professional, sustainability coordinator, business officer, and student leadership at campuses throughout North America.

And we’ve put together a wealth of articles that add to the knowledge and discussion base for campus environmental sustainability. Our features cover SmartGrid economics, integrating sustainability programs into the facilities capital planning process, student engagement practices, and the USGBC’s Green Schools initiative. You’ll also read about the latest in geothermal technology and practice, case studies on two recent energy projects in the American Southwest, and an opinion piece on why schools should not cede or sell their Renewable Energy Credits. My thanks to all the authors who contributed to this issue.

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