Habitat Gardens
A leaf represents a distinct habitat garden. Each green space creates a habitat oasis for animals to coexist on campus.

Bee Garden
This area is a bee garden and consists of native flowering plants, which specialize in attracting bees, birds, butterflies and other pollinators. These gardens increase the amount of pollinators visiting SF state’s campus and will increase the health of surrounding communities.

Garden of Remembrance
This is the garden of remembrance and is a tribute to the wrongful Japanese interned during WWII. There are 10 boulders, one for each of the internment camps and a waterfall to represent the Japanese returning home. This garden is also an example of a Monterey pine understory. Leaf litter, logs and other dead plant material are allowed to decompose naturally, creating an entire ecosystem. As a result this space provides food and shelter for birds, salamanders and small mammals.

Landscape Learning Laboratory
Our new library is surrounded by 8 distinct native California habitats and 2 mixed gardens: chaparral, southern scrub, coastal scrub, valley riparian, montane riparian, coastal range mixed evergreen forest, redwood forest understory, native grassland area, pollinator perimeter and a mix garden. If you’re from California take a stroll around the library and try to spy native plants from your hometowns.

Greenhouses
SF State’s campus has two greenhouses. The largest houses three habitats: temperate, tropical and desert. Many of the plants grown are used for projects and class materials. Tours, plant sales and volunteer opportunities are available. Check out the friends of the greenhouse club at http://fotgh.wordpress.com/

From Sky to Soil
Bioswales are depressions in gardens, which are used to capture rainwater and allow for slowly percolation through the soil. Native plants are located in the center of the bioswales to create an aesthetically pleasing garden and to help filter the water. Without these bioswales, rainwater would typically flow onto the concrete sidewalks and pick up toxins. So these depressions decrease the amount of water entering the sewage system and increase the quality of the water. This is one example of gardening tactics that mimic the natural landscape.

Farmers Market
There’s a farmers market every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 3pm. When students buy home-grown produce they improve the local economy and lower Carbon emissions.

West Campus Green
This area is the west campus green and will be completed by fall 2013. It is a large green space for students and includes: an amphitheater, picnic tables, and a sports field. It is also designed using sustainable practices. With native trees for wildlife and a rainwater system that diverts water to Lake Merced instead of the city’s sewage system.

Rainwater Harvesting
Our campus has two rainwater collection tanks. One located in the corporate yard and collects up to 60,000 gallons of rainwater. Another collects 12,000 and uses solar panels to pump water to gardens on campus.

Bike Barn
There’s a free bike barn on campus. Any student can store their bike, skateboard and scooter. Monday - Thursday from 7:30am-10pm and Friday 7:30am-5pm.

Recycling Center
SF State has a recycling center on campus. Visit this site for more recycling information: http://www.sfsu.edu/~sustain/recycle.html

The Tri-Colored Bins
SF State has installed the three bin system throughout campus in the effort to divert 71% of waste from landfills into more environmentally friendly options. Green bins: food items, soiled paper and plastics made from plant material. Blue bins: recyclable material, hard plastics, metal, and unsoiled paper. Black bins: soft plastics, wrappers and Styrofoam.