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he sees as the sensible use of resources to last for future generations.

"That's what we're about. Reduce, reuse, recycle," Pociask said.

There isn't much there, yet. The narrow hallways lead to empty rooms needing paint and adequate furnishings. The little that is there is mismatched and damaged, but more importantly, all recycled.

"This is not exactly White

House stuff," Pociask said.

But plans are underway. Pociask said he's looking forward to work stations, LCD TVs, copy machines and new signs outside to help spread awareness.

"There's an incredible amount of stuff going on at Wayne State related specifically to the environment," Carol Miller, professor and chair of Civil and Environmental Engineering, said. "But it's not interconnected."

She said herself and others working in the Office of Sustainability are hoping the

office's broad title will enable it to cover many areas.

Miller described four project areas for the office: mass balance and recycling, transportation, energy conservation and academic engagement.

"We will also be maintaining data on things like energy use, water use and recycling volumes," Miller said.

She said it will also serve as a meeting location for campus groups that have environmental agendas, such as Student Environmental Action Leaders.

Ayodelle "David" Akinpelu, WSU senior and president

of SEAL, said he thinks the new office is a great idea and a way to work directly with administration.

"That's a good thing because it allows us to get our voice out there," Akinpelu said.

Akinpelu said SEAL plans to work in and with the office on such things as planning the annual Earth Week program and increasing student involvement.

"We will be working to finally tackle and solve this wonderful mystery called campus recycling," Akinpelu said, "which is somewhat absent in the dorms as well as some of

these buildings."

Currently, Pociask said there are about 15 active members of the Committee on Environmental Initiatives who meet every third Thursday of the month. This founding group for the Office of Sustainability sees the value in a diverse membership and are looking to reach one in the 30,000 range.

"Everybody who works, lives or is a vendor here is a valued resource for what we do," Pociask said.

More information on WSU's environmental efforts can be found at livinggreen.wayne.edu.