Project Details

- **Title**: Creation of a Comprehensive Sustainability Plan
- **Category**: 2-Accomplishing Other Distinctive Objectives
- **Timeline**:
  - Planned Project Kickoff: 01-01-2010
  - Target Completion: 12-30-2011

### 1: Project Goal

**A:** The primary goal of this Action Project is the development of a comprehensive Sustainability Plan for the extended university community consistent with and complementary to the Vision Ohio Institutional Strategic Plan. A secondary goal is the concurrent creation of a Climate Action Plan in accordance with the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment.

### 2: Reasons For Project

**A:** Rising utility costs and a global ecological imperative are forcing all of us to reexamine our lifestyles to identify areas of waste and negligence. A basic consciousness of the importance of conservation will go a long way to reducing energy and resource footprints. Much will be determined by the extent to which all of us choose to engage in identifying and minimizing waste in all its forms. This offers an opportunity to free limited resources for other aspects of Ohio University’s academic mission and our ability to provide a healthy and high-quality lifestyle for our university community members, both now and into the future.

### 3: Organizational Areas Affected

**A:** Sustainability is a transformational goal for the Ohio University Facilities Department. While governance on each individual initiative will vary, multi-sector task forces and all stakeholder participation will be relied upon to develop plans that are widely supported throughout the greater university community. Development of the comprehensive Sustainability Plan is directed by the President’s Advisory Council for Sustainability Planning (PACSP). Council members include faculty, staff and students that represent an array of populations that have demonstrated significant engagement in and a dedication to the vision of a sustainable campus.

### 4: Key Organizational Process(es)

**A:** Currently, this plan will include recommendations for prioritized goals and strategies for each of the following targeted areas: Academics & Curriculum, Low and No Cost Energy Conservation, Dining, Transportation, Procurement, Energy Infrastructure/Utilities, Fundraising & Endowment, and Buildings & Grounds. It is possible that the planning process will identify additional areas to target for strategic sustainability planning.

### 5: Project Time Frame Rationale

**A:** Estimated timelines were developed that considered comprehensive strategic planning that engages stakeholders from the Faculty, Staff and Student populations and maintains the highest level of participation from and transparency to the greater university community. Initiation of the current process began with President McDavis’ signing of the President's Climate Commitment and establishment of the PACSP. It is anticipated that goal setting, defining of objectives through topic-specific working groups, reviewing and editing of the draft plan, extraction of issues to drafting a Climate Action Plan, vetting of reports, public presentation and review, drafting of final documents and adoption by the administration will occur over a 2 year period.
6: **Project Success Monitoring**

The developed timeline established initiation and completion dates for each of the stages listed above, and the PACSP regularly interacts with the President and his staff to detail the progress for each target deliverable. In addition to administration oversight, an electronic database has been established for the collection of all documentation of PACSP-related activities. Further, the Council has established a web page to regularly update the greater university community on the progress of the planning process, as well as to offer engagement opportunities and to solicit public comments.

7: **Project Outcome Measures**

Final deliverable(s) as detailed in the PACSP charter include:

- Development of recommendations for a comprehensive sustainability plan, including campus-wide sustainability goals and objectives.
- Development of recommendations for a Climate Action Plan.
- Creation and launch of sub-councils addressing each targeted area.
- Identification of mechanisms for updates and measuring progress.

The Council will submit its recommendations to the President, the Executive Vice President and Provost and the Vice President for Finance & Administration who will take action on the recommendations as they deem appropriate. Sub-Councils composed of key stakeholder groups associated with each targeted area will be staffed and launched by the council. These groups will be responsible for reviewing, analyzing, prioritizing and recommending such strategies which are necessary and appropriate to addressing overall sustainability goals. All Sub-Councils will report progress and recommendations back to the PACSP.