

Draft Ohio University Sustainability & Climate Action Goals

Administrative Support

- Achieve recognition for innovative and robust sustainability planning, coordination, and governance
- Build resiliency into processes and infrastructure
- Create funding mechanisms for sustainability initiatives outside of General Funds

Buildings

- Reduce building impacts by using best practices in construction, renovation and demolition
- Maintain and operate existing buildings to reduce impacts

Climate

- Reduce institutional greenhouse gas emissions
- Reduce or eliminate air pollution from stationary and mobile sources

Curriculum Core

- Increase opportunities for formal, experiential and community-engaged sustainability learning experiences
- Assess and strengthen sustainability culture and literacy

Energy

- Reduce campus and building energy intensity
- Decrease reliance on fossil fuel energy

Engagement Core

- Create, enhance and track transformative sustainability engagement ecosystems
- Offer opportunities to learn about or contribute to sustainability initiatives

Food

- Support the local food economy with preference to “neighborhood food” products
- Promote mindful foods choices; collaborate with communities to provide education on impacts of food choices

Grounds

- Create and maintain healthy, natural, biodiverse and beautiful landscapes that can act as the foundation for sustainability-oriented experiential learning opportunities
- Reduce carbon emissions from grounds-related activities

Human Resources

- Ensure that sustainability, diversity, and inclusion are factors in employee hiring, professional development, retention, and assessments
- Support and promote employee physical and mental health, wellness & resilience

Investments

- Increase investments that support sustainable economic activity

Procurement

- Increase purchasing of sustainable and/or recycled products across a range of categories.

Research Core

- Increase research focused on sustainability or carbon neutrality
- Provide incentives and support to researchers who conduct sustainability engagement ecosystem research with triple bottom line benefits

Student Life

- Support and promote student physical and mental health, wellness and resilience
- Prioritize sustainability, diversity and inclusion as positive student attributes in academics, recruitment and retention efforts

Transportation

- Reduce carbon emissions from transportation
- Create safe, efficient, affordable and healthy routes and options for non-single occupancy vehicle transit

Waste

- Reduce municipal and Universal Solid Waste
- Increase diversion from landfill to reuse, recycling and composting

Water

- Work with communities to protect ground water quality and surface waters
- Reduce impacts from storm water
- Reduce potable water usage and water use for irrigation

Goals align with the [Fearlessly First strategic initiative](#)

• Living Hub Goals

• Infrastructure Hub goals

• Administration Hub goals

• Core/Administrative goals