In the early 2000s, as the sustainability movement swept across the higher education landscape, Deans June Henton in the College of Human Sciences and Dan Bennett in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction recognized its significance to our land grant mission and organized a committee of faculty members and other university employees that laid the groundwork for embedding sustainability at Auburn.

From this beginning, Auburn has steadily grown our sustainability efforts in teaching, research, outreach, operations, and administration. While many endeavors find formalized support through the Office of Sustainability and the Academic Sustainability Program, numerous people and units from across campus contribute to Auburn’s achievements.

By no means comprehensive, this summary gives a sense of the history and progress of Auburn’s sustainability initiatives – initiatives that help us innovate and stay at the leading edge of knowledge and practice in service to the future of humanity.

"Meeting human needs now and in the future in a fair, just, and equitable way while protecting and maintaining healthy ecosystems in perpetuity."
2019 ASSESSMENT

ACADEMICS  42/58 POINTS
- Faculty Training
- Aquaponics Project
- Water Resources Center
- Sustainability Courses in 70% of Departments

ENGAGEMENT  25/61 POINTS
- Peers Network
- Gameday Recycling
- Sustainability Guides
- Office of Student Involvement

OPERATIONS  27/69 POINTS
- Greenhouse Gas Reporting
- Sustainable Dining Program
- LEED Certification for All New Buildings
- Proactive Hazardous Waste Management

POLICY & ADMIN  15/32 POINTS
- US Tiger University Consortium
- Student & Employee Wellness Programs
- Programming for Underrepresented Groups
- 8 Campus-Wide Plans with Sustainability Metrics

PROJECTS UNDERWAY
- Renewable Energy Procurement
- Nutrition Resource Center
- Presidential Task Force for Opportunity & Equity