



## SUSTAINABILITY AT AUBURN

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



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.

## MEMBERSHIPS



## AWARDS



- 1996 Tiger Transit Established
- 2002 Sustainability Task Force Created
- 2003 Sustainability Initiative Started
- 2005 Sustainability Speaker Series Launched
- Waste Reduction & Recycling Department Established
- 2008 Carbon Commitment Signed
- Miller Gorrie Center Earns LEED Gold®
- 2009 Office of Sustainability Established
- 2010 Soccer & Track Complex Geothermal Project Installed
- Health Promotion & Wellness Services Established
- Healthy Tigers Launched
- 2011 Academic Sustainability Program Established
- Sustainability Policy Adopted
- 2012 Utility & Energy Reduction Plan Adopted
- 2013 Campus Master Plan Features Sustainability
- Auburn Outdoors Established
- Hunger Solutions Institute Established

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Smoke-Free Campus Policy Adopted

Spirit of Sustainability Awards Launched

Initial STARS Silver Designation Earned

Sustainability Picnic Launched

2015 Faculty CHES Cluster Hired

Supplier Diversity Program Launched

Sustainability 2000 Approved for Core Curriculum

War Eagle Bike Share Launched

2016 Office of Inclusion & Diversity Established

Licensee Fair Labor Code Established

2017 Local Foods Commitment Adopted

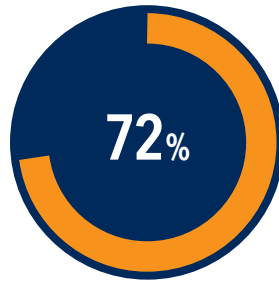
Community Garden Manager Position Hired

2019 Sustainable Development Solutions Network Joined

2020 SGA Sustainability Position Created

A Healthier U Initiative Started

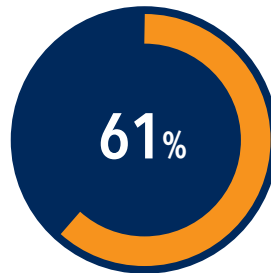
Sustainability Auburn Alumni Affiliate Formed



## ACADEMICS

42/58 POINTS

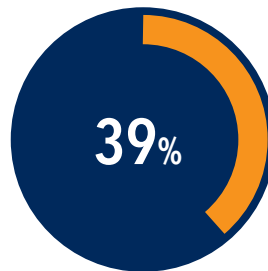
- Faculty Training
- Aquaponics Project
- Water Resources Center
- Sustainability Courses in 70% of Departments



## ENGAGEMENT

25/61 POINTS

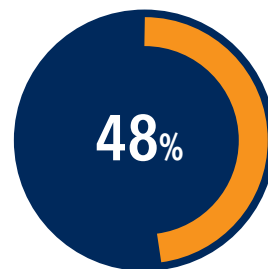
- Peers Network
- Gameday Recycling
- Sustainability Guides
- Office of Student Involvement



## 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