

SUSTANABILITY 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

[sustainability compass: Nature, Economy, Society, Wellbeing)

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. They 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

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) [blue, green, purple logo]

Carbon Commitment Climate Leadership [grey logo]

Sustainability Accelerator [blue logo]

US Green Building Council Member [grey logo of three leaves]

AWARDS

Bee Campus USA: Making the World Safer for Pollinators One Campus at a Time [white and yellow flowers with green logo banner]

Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS, a program of AASHE) Silver Status [silver medal with title]

The Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges green ribbon [logo on a green award ribbon]

US Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools [green and grey logo]

The League of American Bicyclists: Silver Status Bicycle Friendly University 2019-2023 [black and silver logo with three wings]

Tree Campus USA [black and green logo with a white tree]

[vertical timeline of Auburn's history of sustainability advancements; vertical blue banner to the right of page]

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; Smoke-Free Campus Policy Established; Initial STARS Silver Designation Earned; Spirit of Sustainability Awards Launched; Sustainability Picnic Launched

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2015: Faculty CHERS 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

2019: Sustainable Development Solutions Network Joined

2020: SGA Sustainability Position Created; A Healthier U Initiative Started; Sustainability Auburn Alumni Affiliate Formed

[orange banner] 2022 Sustainability Assessment

Academics: 42.81/58 points

[circle graphic showing 74% academics score]

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

Engagement: 28.48/41 points

[circle graphic showing 68% engagement score]

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

Operations: 33.02/60 points

[circle graphic showing 48% operations score]

- Greenhouse Gas Reporting
- Sustainable Dining Program
- LEED Certification for All New Buildings
- Proactive Hazardous Waste Management

Policy & Administration: 16.56/33 points

[circle graphic showing 50% policy & admin. Score]

- US Tiger University Consortium
- Student & Employee Wellness Programs

- Programming for Underrepresented Groups
- 8 Campus-Wide Plans with Sustainability Metrics

Learn more at: aub.ie/STARS

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