

UI 2030 Sustainability Goals Framework

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On November 9, 2019, the President's Office charged the UI campus community with developing a new set of campus-wide sustainability goals to be achieved by 2030. In response, faculty, staff and students from across campus came together to design this framework for institutional goal setting. Moving forward, the 2030 Sustainability Goals Task Force will be working with the UI Sustainability Charter Committee to engage with the broader campus and partners to craft specific, measurable goals for each of the following six framework objectives by September 20, 2020. The goals will be vetted through campus-wide shared governance bodies and will be finalized no later than December 1, 2020.

1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% compared to 2010 baseline and continue to pursue a renewable energy supply strategy

The UI will continue to pursue greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) reductions and a renewable energy supply strategy aligned with science-based targets. The campus will have a comprehensive decarbonization plan employing best practices and aggressive energy conservation efforts.

2. Institutionalize and embed sustainability into campus culture

The UI will establish sustainability goals that promote a culture of sustainability and reduce negative environmental and social impacts of campus operations. Each unit on campus will develop a plan to meet the campus sustainability goals.

3. Expand sustainability research, scholarship and solutions opportunities

The UI will develop goals to build the capacity for students and researchers across campus to work on sustainability grand challenges of the 21st century. The goals will encourage use-inspired, interdisciplinary research.

4. Use our campus as a Living Laboratory for sustainability education and exploration

The UI will develop goals to increase opportunities for students and researchers to use the UI campus as an educational and research laboratory for improvement of campus sustainability and ecosystems.

5. Prepare students to live and work in the 21st century through sustainability education

The UI will develop goals to raise sustainability literacy as a universal outcome and to develop the capacity for students to graduate with an appreciation for and ability to apply sustainable practices.

6. Facilitate knowledge exchange among the campus community and the State of Iowa, Nation and World

The UI will develop goals to grow sustainability outreach and engagement; these will feature partnerships and community-engaged education and research.

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