

Sustainable Campus Community Plan

University of Wisconsin-River Falls

The Sustainable Campus Community Plan serves as the strategic plan for campus sustainability efforts and has been revised to support and achieve the goals identified in the broader UW-River Falls academic and strategic plans. The Sustainable Campus Community Plan includes five primary goals which will be constant for the life of the plan. The Sustainability Working Group will identify targets to work towards each year to meet these goals. The targets will change from semester to semester and year to year as projects and actions are completed.

Sustainable Campus Community Plan Goals

Academics

UWRF will use current, innovative and transdisciplinary approaches to create sustainability curriculum and research to develop the knowledge, skills, values, and actions required to create a sustainable world.



Engagement

UWRF invites collaboration and programming opportunities to further sustainability initiatives on campus and in the community.

Operations

UWRF will gain a stronger understanding of the environmental impacts from our operations and will increase efforts to minimize those impacts.



Planning & Administration

UWRF will integrate sustainability principles in institutional structure, policies, programs, and resources to enhance the quality and well-being of the university and community.

Innovations & Exemplary Practices

UWRF will emphasize and prioritize the intersections where innovations happen.



Points of Pride to Continue



Academics

Faculty and staff have integrated sustainability into several aspect of our curriculum. UWRF offers a variety of sustainability-focused majors, minors, and certificates as well as immersive experiences focusing on sustainability through the education abroad offerings. Additionally, faculty and instructional academic staff can receive incentives for developing sustainability-focused or sustainability-related courses or integrating sustainability into existing course.

Engagement

Staff and students have worked hard to integrate sustainability into numerous aspects of campus life and within the broader River Falls community. Employees and students serve in educator roles to educate our campus and community on sustainability related topics. Sustainability is included in new student and employee orientation. Students and the broader campus community engage with sustainability-related information through a variety of outreach materials and publications coordinated through the Office of Sustainability. We have numerous campus and community partnerships and offer some sustainability programming through the Continuing Education department.



Operations

UWRF has achieved increased building energy efficiency using energy saving strategies and strategic monitoring of energy use on campus. The campus works closely with the City of River Falls and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to ensure that we are adequately addressing rainwater and utilizing low impact development practices.

Planning and Administration

The Office of Sustainability works with external organizations to review and verify our sustainability-related reports. Students and employees have access to wellness programs and activities as well as counseling services and employee assistance programs. UWRF prohibits smoking and tobacco use on campus.



This Sustainable Campus Community Plan was created by the Office of Sustainability in collaboration with the Sustainability Working Group. All four shared governance groups formally approved this plan during the fall 2022 semester.
Contact sustainability@uwrf.edu for questions or more information.