

# STRIVE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

## Comprehensive Sustainability Plan 2020-25

This plan establishes key themes, goals and strategic actions that will guide Carleton University over the next 5 years in our efforts to becoming a leader in addressing the complex challenges associated with climate change and sustainability. Together our work as a campus community, be it in our operations, teaching and learning or in the area of research can make a real world difference and ensure we become a more sustainable and environmentally resilient university.



### LEADERSHIP

Demonstrate sustainable leadership

We want to demonstrate leadership by integrating sustainability principles into our day-to-day decision making and activities.

#### Areas of Focus

- Senior management commitment
- Legal compliance
- Sustainability policies and procedures
- Environmentally responsible investments
- Data transparency
- Embed sustainability across operations

#### Relevant Sustainable Development Goals



### TEACHING AND LEARNING

Inspire and support students to be sustainability literate

We will continue to strengthen sustainability within teaching and learning programs and practices.

#### Areas of Focus

- Promote sustainability courses and programs
- Encourage curriculum innovation
- Integrate sustainability teaching and operations
- Increased student sustainability awareness
- Experiential learning
- Student volunteering opportunities

#### Relevant Sustainable Development Goals



### RESEARCH

Sustainability research with real world impact

We will focus on collaborative interdisciplinary research with social, environmental and economic impact.

#### Areas of Focus

- Support research excellence
- Cultivate collaborations
- Build upon existing expertise and capacity
- Profile and recognize best practice
- Campus operations to support research goals

#### Relevant Sustainable Development Goals



### OPERATIONS

Reducing the impact from our operations

We acknowledge the environmental impact of our operations and will continue to work towards a future where we exemplify sustainable best practice.

#### Areas of Focus

- Net zero emissions
- Enhance green spaces and conservation
- Promote sustainable procurement
- Zero waste to landfill
- Active and sustainable travel options
- Third-party certifications

#### Relevant Sustainable Development Goals





## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Engaging and inspiring our community

We will drive improvements towards sustainability through active involvement and engagement of all members of our university community.

### Areas of Focus

- Raise awareness of sustainability progress
- Promote local sustainability action
- Provide adequate resources and training
- Increase student engagement
- Provide for sustainability events

### Relevant Sustainable Development Goals



## SUSTAINABLE COLLABORATION

Work beyond our boundaries and advocate for sustainability

We will embrace participation and the strengthening of relationships beyond our internal community to serve as a catalyst for change.

### Areas of Focus

- Encourage inter-institutional collaboration
- Develop and strengthen partnerships
- Report on performance
- Engage with local and national initiatives
- Support local networks with sustainability interests

### Relevant Sustainable Development Goals



# KEY TARGETS INCLUDE:

## LEADERSHIP

- Zero instances of sustainability and environmental legal non-compliance.
- Achieve a Gold STARS rating by 2021.
- Report annually and publicly on the university's sustainability impacts and progress.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

- Track the number of courses and programs that enable students to understand and apply sustainability knowledge.
- All students graduating from Carleton to have exposure to sustainability principles through their degree program or wider initiatives.

## RESEARCH

- Track the number of research programs and initiatives with links to campus sustainability operations and planning.
- Increase the number of communications on university sustainability research provided to the broader community.

## OPERATIONS

- Achieve a 50 per cent reduction in Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions by 2030, 100 per cent by 2050, (based on a 2005 baseline).
- Increase the number of renewable or alternative energy projects on campus.
- Achieve annual energy (electricity and gas) consumption reductions.
- Maintain a minimum 4 Green Globe rating (or equivalent external third-party sustainable certification) for all new builds or major renovations.
- Achieve a zero waste campus (over 90 per cent diversion rate).
- Increase the number of university-owned electric vehicles.
- Increase the percentage of local and sustainably sourced foods.

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