



# SUSTAINABILITY

*at*



**WEBER STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**2022-2023**



# WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

Recognition of the fundamental interconnections between people and nature lies at the heart of sustainability. The goals of sustainability encompass a variety of issues that affect us all: human and ecological health, social justice, secure livelihoods and a better world for all generations.

Weber State University is committed to furthering sustainability — in all aspects — through both our own institutional operations and the education of future sustainability leaders.

We work in partnership with individuals, communities and organizations to increase the reach of sustainable practices. We are committed to sustainability education across our curriculum to foster the knowledge and skills our students need to contribute to just, healthy and sustainable communities, both now and in the future.

Our newly completed sustainability plan lays out the path forward ([weber.edu/sustainability](http://weber.edu/sustainability)). Also, here are a few highlights of the practical ways we are working toward sustainability at Weber State and in our community.





ELIZABETH HALL

# ACADEMICS

*by the numbers*

2022-2023

Faculty from any department can use the SUS attribute to indicate sustainability is explicitly addressed in their class.



**232**

classes used the

**SUS**

attribute.



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FACULTY

STUDENTS

were recognized for outstanding sustainability research.

**2**

STUDENTS

were awarded with Sustainability Leadership Scholarships.



**120**

participants with 15 faculty from 12 departments presenting at the **WORLDWIDE CLIMATE & JUSTICE TEACH-IN.**

**28**

DEPARTMENTS

offered one or more SUS classes focused on or including sustainability content.

That's over 40% of the campus total, with each college represented.







# OPERATIONS

*by the numbers*

2022–2023

WSU signed the Presidents’ Climate Leadership Commitment in 2007 and has a goal to be carbon neutral by the year 2040. That is a decade ahead of our original goal.

From 2007 until now *we have reduced:*

Electricity  
consumption by

25%

Natural gas  
consumption by

46%

Total greenhouse  
gas emissions by

40%

Utility costs by

\$23,773,064

Water consumption by

28%

Waste diverted from the  
landfill (reused, recycled or  
composted).

25%

# PROJECTS

We continue to make sure that our new buildings and developments incorporate sustainability as a main feature. A few of our recent, completed projects include:



## OGDEN OGX LINE

Full service from Frontrunner Station to Campus to McKay Dee Hospital open and being serviced by all-electric buses.



Dee Events Center ground source field is in design



800 KW solar array currently in design to cover the paid parking lot in front of the Union building. This project will break ground summer 2024.



## ALL-ELECTRIC & CARBON-NEUTRAL CAPABLE BUILDINGS

Completed the renovation of the southern half of the Engineering Technology Building and the Heat Plant. Started construction on the Receiving & Distribution Building, the Education Building and the Sky Suites.

*majority of energy sourced from renewable sources*



# 14%

of WSU fleet that is hybrid, plug-in hybrid or 100% electric.

# ON-CAMPUS *engagement*

2022-2023



*About* **391**

participants in the 14th Annual Intermountain Sustainability Summit in March 2022, which was hosted as a fully online event in response to the pandemic.

**93**



departments participate in the Green Department Certification Program, which incentivizes departments to make campus more sustainable.

**4**

## SUSTAINABILITY-RELATED STUDENT CLUBS:

- Community Garden Club
- Environmental Ambassadors
- Food Recovery Network
- WSU student chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby

## *Student Sustainability Staff Hours*

SPARC had 8 students work 1,639 hours and ESO had 7 students work 3,573 hours supporting on and off campus sustainability efforts.





# COMMUNITY *engagement*



## COLLABORATIVE EVENTS AND PROJECTS

- Clear the Air Challenge
- Ogden City's Idle-Free Month
- Utah Climate Week
- Solve Climate by 2030
- Community Renewable Energy Act
- Ogden Energy Wise Plan
- State of Utah Electric Lawn Mower Exchange
- And more!



**EMPOWER**  
*Northern Utah*

– energy efficiency program –



# 500

LED bulbs distributed to  
community members.

# 223

Nest E Thermostats provided  
to households for free or  
significantly reduced cost.



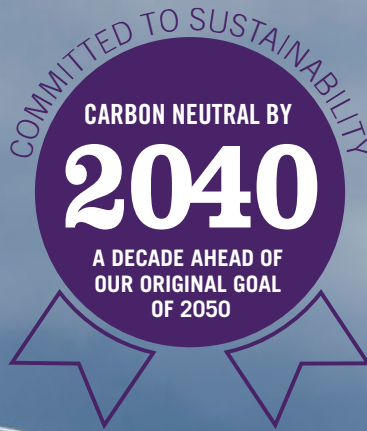
# AWARDS











**Be Sustainable.  
Be Brilliant.**



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