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The University of South Carolina represents an intellectual community committed to the advancement of theoretical and practical knowledge. Recognizing our role as a positive force in the state's economic and social advancement, we believe it is incumbent upon us to lead the way toward a more sustainable future through our teaching, learning, research, community service and facilities management. Our goals emphasize the University's impacts as both an educator (of faculty and staff as well as students) and as an operational facility.

GOALS

Members of the University community (faculty, staff and students) will have a basic understanding of their impact on the environment.

- Incorporate environmental and sustainability issues into the University curriculum
- Increase opportunities for informal learning about environmental issues for students, faculty, staff and public
- Encourage research that aids in understanding of issues and solutions to environmental problems
- Increase service activities by faculty, staff and students that enhance environmental awareness within the institution and foster sustainable thinking within the larger community

The University community will promote environmental sustainability by example.

- Conserve resources through waste reduction, recycling, energy and water use minimization
- Minimize negative impacts of the University on the environment

- Think globally and act locally by promoting and using recycled or remanufactured goods, locally-generated products and native species in natural landscapes where possible

The University will evaluate and monitor progress toward these goals on a continuing basis.

- Implement an Environmental Management System for auditing inputs and outputs and quantifying savings from sustainable practices

- Produce an annual "Environmental State of USC" report under the leadership of the Environmental Advisory Committee