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Environmental Stewardship at Augsburg College is an intentional commitment to responsibly nurture all aspects of sustainability—environmental, economic, and social—on our campus, in our neighboring community, and among our institutional partners. It includes stewarding a culture of sustainability alongside of our most precious resources—air, land, water, built environment, people, food, and energy.

The Augsburg College Environmental Stewardship Committee of the University Council has identified three goals in which all members of the Augsburg College community can participate. Recognizing that the shift toward environmental stewardship is a living process that requires ongoing engagement, monitoring, and updating, the plan lays out a framework to build ownership of and distribute responsibility for progress toward the Augsburg community.

Practices and
Operations

Curriculum and
Scholarship

Ownership
and Culture

TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP, AUGSBURG WILL:

1. Guide campus practices and operations to minimize negative impacts on the natural environment.

Acknowledging the finite limits of the planet and the scale of human impact on natural systems, we will re-orient activities to minimize their negative impact and maximize their contribution to resilient, just, and flourishing natural and human systems. Committees and units operating at various levels of the college are relevant champions and overseers of environmental stewardship.

Strategies:

1. Reduce energy consumption and support alternative transit options to reduce our carbon footprint.
2. Reduce overall consumption and waste while increasing compost, reuse, and recycling.
3. Develop sustainable purchasing standards and practices.
4. Conserve and safeguard water.

2. Support curriculum and scholarship that integrates environmental stewardship.

Augsburg College is a student-centered institution and one in which the learning of faculty, staff, and community partners is actively supported. We learn together and from each other, in and out of the classroom, to become critical thinkers and engaged citizens. Sustainability is integrated into our programming, pedagogy and assessment.

Strategies:

1. Support the inclusion and measurement of the iSLO on sustainability and wellness across the curriculum.
2. Support faculty and staff learning opportunities and professional development related to sustainability and environmental stewardship.
3. Encourage scholarship related to environmental stewardship among faculty, staff, and students.

3. Cultivate personal ownership and a community culture of environmental stewardship.

All members of the Augsburg College community feel welcome, valued, relevant, and informed on how to contribute to the work. Members recognize themselves as integral participants in the campus community and equal partners in the vision and goals of environmental stewardship. Community partnerships are nurtured and expanded as reciprocal relationships.

Strategies:

1. Foster communication that recognizes, educates, and celebrates environmental stewardship on campus and in the local community.
2. Work in collaboration with institutional partners and leaders who cultivate campus community engagement such as Diversity and Inclusion, URGO, McNair, Campus Ministry, EAC, General Education, and others.
3. Support development, implementation, and assessment of a sustainability co-curricular learning outcome in campus life.
4. Support students in sustainability-related internships and work experiences both on and off campus; promote opportunities for students to understand pathways to sustainability-related careers.
5. Support initiatives that draw upon the wider sustainability community off campus.

