

SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES, STEWARDING RESOURCES, AND DISCOVERING SOLUTIONS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Progress on the UVA Sustainability Plan:

ENGAGE



Green career resources

were developed in partnership with the UVA Career Center.



A sustainability tour of Grounds

was developed in partnership with UGuides.



Sustainability training

was provided to all Orientation Leaders to educate students on green living.



A “Stirring Up Food Justice” event

with Bryant Terry, part of the 2017 Community MLK Celebration, attracted **300** UVA students, staff, faculty, and community members.

DISCOVER



Funding research and course development

through the Sustainability Plan helped establish **four** new courses and **six** research projects in topics such as corporate resilience, global sustainability, smart cities, data-driven decision-making, stormwater control, social psychology, sustainable food, and LED lighting.



A second round of teaching and research proposals will be funded in the spring.

For more info: sustainability.virginia.edu

STEWARD



The Greenhouse Gas Action Plan

draft is nearly complete, which outlines strategies to meet the 2025 GHG reduction goal.



The Nitrogen Working Group

is undertaking food production, economic impact, and social psychology studies to identify strategies to achieve the 2025 nitrogen reduction goal.



The UVA Green Labs program

launched to reduce energy use in research spaces, has 18 UVA labs participating in the North American Laboratory Freezer Challenge.



Green Building Standards

have been developed and are under review by University stakeholders.



A 126 kW-AC solar array

was installed on the roof of Clemons Library, and is expected to generate enough power to meet **15%** of the building’s annual electricity use. A plan is being developed to identify additional roofs.



The Food Strategy Action Plan,

which provides a roadmap to meet the UVA Sustainability Plan food goals, is complete.

UVA Sustainability Communication Goals



Position UVA as a global leader in sustainability through increased visibility of the University's exceptional research, curriculum and operations.



Increase sustainability awareness to inspire action to contribute to the achievement of UVA's sustainability goals.



Identify and share targeted actions and research opportunities for expanded philanthropic support.



Leverage UVA's collaborative sustainability culture to attract high-caliber students, faculty and staff.