

Adams Sustainability Celebration Panel Discussion Sustainability at UTM

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OVERVIEW

Sustainability Strategic Plan

- **5 Pillars**
- **Process overview**

STARS

- **Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System**

Next Steps

- **Sustainability Strategic Plan - Implementation**
- **STARS**
- **Vision for sustainability at UTM**

Sustainability Strategic Plan

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Pillars

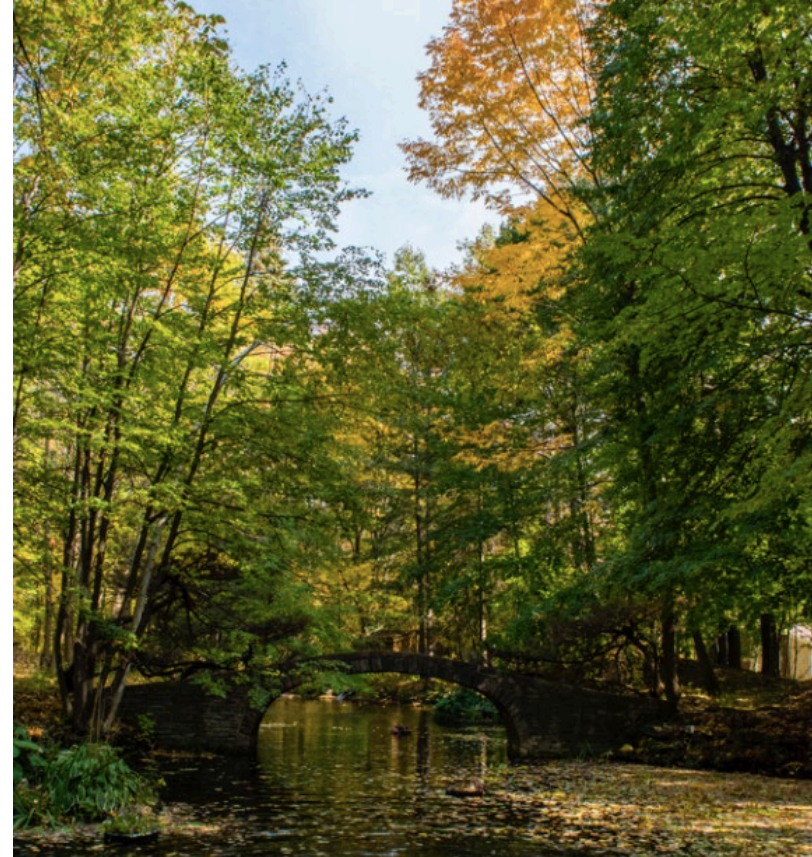
1. Academic Programs and Curriculum
2. Research
3. Campus Engagement
4. Civic Engagement
5. Human Resources & Infrastructure
 - Facilities/Built Environment
 - Food & Dining
 - Procurement
 - Wellness/Well-being
 - Waste
 - Transportation



Sustainability Strategic Plan

Process Overview

- Town hall
- Focus groups
- Visioning sessions
 - Held in June/July 2020
 - Ten sessions covering the 5 Pillars
 - Attendees included: UTM staff, faculty, students
- Survey
 - 1201 respondents
 - Valuable information helped to inform the Plan....



Sustainability Strategic Plan
Fostering a Culture of Sustainability 2030

Survey Results – High Level Highlights

- **More than half** of the respondents indicated they **have already taken or intend to take sustainability-related courses** if there is enough flexibility within their academic program to allow for it
- The **3 major areas** that most respondents think **UTM should become more sustainable are waste management, investment in renewable energy, and sustainability education**
- The top 3 sustainability initiatives the respondents are aware of are **UTM Nature Trail, Sustainability Week, and the UTM bike share program**
- **767 respondents** stated that they **think sustainability should be a priority on our campus**

Sustainability Strategic Plan

Pillar 3: Campus Engagement

- Widespread campus engagement will foster a culture of sustainability through student, staff and faculty-driven activities

Pillar 4: Civic Engagement

- UTM will establish local and global partnerships in Sustainability teaching, research, operations and community



Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS)

STARS

5 certification levels:

- Reporter (No rating assigned)
- Bronze (25% of applicable points)
- Silver (45% of applicable points)
- Gold (65% of applicable points)
- Platinum (85% of applicable points)

Categories

- Academics, Research, Engagement, Operations, Planning & Administration, Innovation and Leadership



Next Steps

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Sustainability Strategic Plan

- **Working groups**
- **Annual report**

STARS

- **Submit for rating**
- **Aiming for STARS silver**

Vision for Sustainability at UTM

- **STARS Gold by 2023**
- **Leader in sustainability**
- **Culture of sustainability at UTM**

Thank You

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