

Truman State University Sustainability Initiative

Sustainability Vision

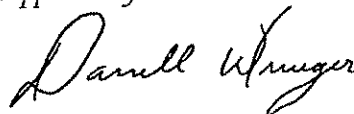
Truman State University will create an ecologically sound, socially just, and economically viable campus and community – a sustainable development model for the benefit of all life, present and future.

Sustainability Principles

As members of the Truman State University community, we commit ourselves to:

1. *Acknowledge the interdependence of humanity and nature.
Human well-being is inextricably embedded in the natural world.*
2. *Embrace inter-generational stewardship.
Continue the tradition of caring for the land and future generations.*
3. *Account for triple bottom-line practices.
Optimize long-term ecological, social and economic values, while fostering creativity for revenue-generating projects.*
4. *Conserve natural resources.
Air, water, land, species, and energy represent our posterity.
 - a) *Reflect our regional, natural environment via the built environment (architecture as pedagogy).*
 - b) *Incorporate resource-efficient materials and technology that reduce our ecological impact.*
 - c) *Transition from non-renewable to renewable resource use as soon as possible.**
5. *Strive to eliminate waste.
Reduce, reuse, recycle and reinvest back into the community.*
6. *Invest in collaborative community-based projects.
Enhance our sense of place by building social capital.*
7. *Develop a closed-loop local food system.
Engage regional farmers, community members, and our own farm resources in our sustenance by integrating local, environmentally sensible food production, responsible consumption, and waste reuse.*
8. *Promote multi-modal transportation.
Foster community health by freeing ourselves from dependence on cars, embracing public transportation, biking, and walking.*
9. *Innovate – Evolve – Educate.
Learn from the past, constantly improve, and teach others about sustainability through interdisciplinary curricula, research, and service learning.*

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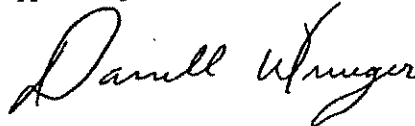
President's Sustainability Action Committee

Charter or Charge

Truman State University will establish a President's Sustainability Action Committee. The committee will identify and evaluate ways to modify university practices, to bring them into increasing accord with the principles of the Sustainability Initiative. Furthermore, for identified practices of interest, the committee will document the current state of these practices and develop practical benchmarks for assessing progress towards desired modifications of such practices. The committee will provide regular advice to the University President regarding suggested best practices, and will present an annual report of its activities to the University President that records progress on practices of interest and indicates future plans.

Composition of the President's Sustainability Action Committee should include members from the administration, faculty, staff, student body, and the community. To facilitate the committee's charge, a subcommittee structure is envisioned, that divides the large membership into numerous working groups, each focused on particular practices/processes.

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