



# University of Richmond Sustainability Plan

#SustainableUR

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### About You

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1. Which *best* describes your affiliation with the University?

- Student – Undergraduate
- Student – Graduate
- Faculty
- Staff
- Administrator
- Alumni
- Richmond Resident
- Other - Please specify

2. Which department, school or area best describes your affiliation?

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|---|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Academic Affairs                    | <input type="radio"/> Robins School of Business                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Advancement                         | <input type="radio"/> School of Arts & Sciences                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Athletics                           | <input type="radio"/> School of Law                                 |
| <input type="radio"/> Finance & Administration            | <input type="radio"/> School of Professional and Continuing Studies |
| <input type="radio"/> Information Systems                 | <input type="radio"/> Student Development                           |
| <input type="radio"/> Jepson School of Leadership Studies | <input type="radio"/> University Communications                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Planning & Policy                   | <input type="radio"/> Other - Please specify                        |
| <input type="radio"/> President's Office                  | <input type="text"/>  |

N/A

3. In a few words or a sentence, what does sustainability mean to *you*?

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4. Where do you think UR should focus its resources? (Select 3)

- Alternative Transportation
- Buildings
- Climate change/reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Dining
- Energy efficiency
- Grounds
- Purchasing
- Waste, recycling, and composting
- Water use and efficiency
- Other - Please describe

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5. To what extent do you feel that social issues (such as poverty, social equity and justice) are connected to sustainability?

(1 = to no extent at all; 3 = neutral; 5 = to a great extent)

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="radio"/>				

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6. How important is it for UR to adopt sustainable practices?

(1 = not at all important; 3 = neutral; 5 = very important)

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="radio"/>				

7. Please indicate why you feel sustainable practices are not important.

8. To what extent do you see UR as a leader in sustainability?

(1 = to no extent at all; 3 = neutral; 5 = to a great extent)

1	2	3	4	5
<input type="radio"/>				

9. To what extent do you think UR incorporates sustainability into its culture?

(1 = does not incorporate it at all; 3 = neutral; 5 = highly incorporates it)

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| 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | 4                     | 5                     |
| <input type="radio"/> |

**Awareness & Participation**

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10. Which of the following are you aware of at UR? (Select all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2050 Carbon Neutrality Goal (zero greenhouse gases emitted by 2050) | <input type="checkbox"/> LEED building standard  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Talent Initiative  | <input type="checkbox"/> Need-blind admission  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campus Shuttle  | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Access Research Initiative                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Based Learning  | <input type="checkbox"/> Richmond's Promise to Virginia                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehensive Well-Being initiative                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Rethink Waste (75% waste diversion from the landfill by 2025) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambles Mill Eco-Corridor   | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Zone   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Dining  | <input type="checkbox"/> University value of Responsible Stewardship                   |

**Awareness & Participation**

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11. Which of the following environmental sustainability activities do you engage in at UR? (Select all that apply.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt low-carbon transportation (e.g. walking, biking, transit, carpooling) | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase environmentally friendly products           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attend campus sustainability events   | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle (paper, plastic, metal, etc.)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Choose food with social, ecological, or other impacts in mind               | <input type="checkbox"/> Save energy (e.g. turning off lights)                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct sustainability research or teaching                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Take a course on a sustainability-related topic      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conserve water (e.g. taking shorter showers)                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Use a reusable mug or water bottle                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead a sustainability project or initiative                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer with a sustainability-related organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a sustainability-affiliated organization or program          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - Please specify                               |
|  | <input type="text"/>  |

**Awareness & Participation**

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12. Which of the following would make you likely to take action on sustainability? (Select 3)

- Additional experiential learning and extra-curricular opportunities
- Incentives for sustainable behavior
- Increased awareness of opportunities to engage (signage, publications, education, events)
- Increased discussion of issues by leadership
- Living laboratory opportunities on campus (connecting research, curriculum, and campus operations)
- More institutional support overall
- More sustainability content in courses
- More sustainability content in research
- Other - Please specify

### Awareness & Participation

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13. How might you be willing to contribute to sustainability initiatives on campus? (Select all that apply.)

- Change my behaviors/rethink how I do things (e.g., ride public transportation)
- Devote time and effort (e.g., become involved in a club or a working group)
- Lead and organize (e.g., create an initiative and help run it)
- Pay a premium (e.g., for a newly introduced sustainable product or service)
- Other - Please specify

### Looking Ahead

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14. What are the most important things UR could do to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability?

15. How important is it that UR pursue the following sustainability-related academic and extracurricular initiatives?

(1 = not at all important; 3 = neutral; 5 = very important)

	1	2	3	4	5
Analyze real-world problems in courses	<input type="radio"/>				
Connect campus operations with research and curriculum	<input type="radio"/>				
Enable and promote behavior change	<input type="radio"/>				
Foster multidisciplinary collaboration & learning	<input type="radio"/>				
Incorporate sustainability into research	<input type="radio"/>				
Increase sustainability offerings in the curriculum	<input type="radio"/>				
Integrate sustainability into student/residential life	<input type="radio"/>				
Work beyond the classroom to engage with the local community and environment	<input type="radio"/>				
<input type="text" value="Enter another option"/>	<input type="radio"/>				

**Global Challenges**

16. Which sustainability issues do you feel are the most pressing? (Select 3)

- Biodiversity/species extinction
- Climate change
- Energy use and conservation
- Food security
- Geopolitical instability
- Health and wellbeing
- Inequality and justice
- Waste, recycling, and composting
- Water use and conservation
- Other - Please describe

17. If you have any additional thoughts regarding sustainability at UR, please provide them here: