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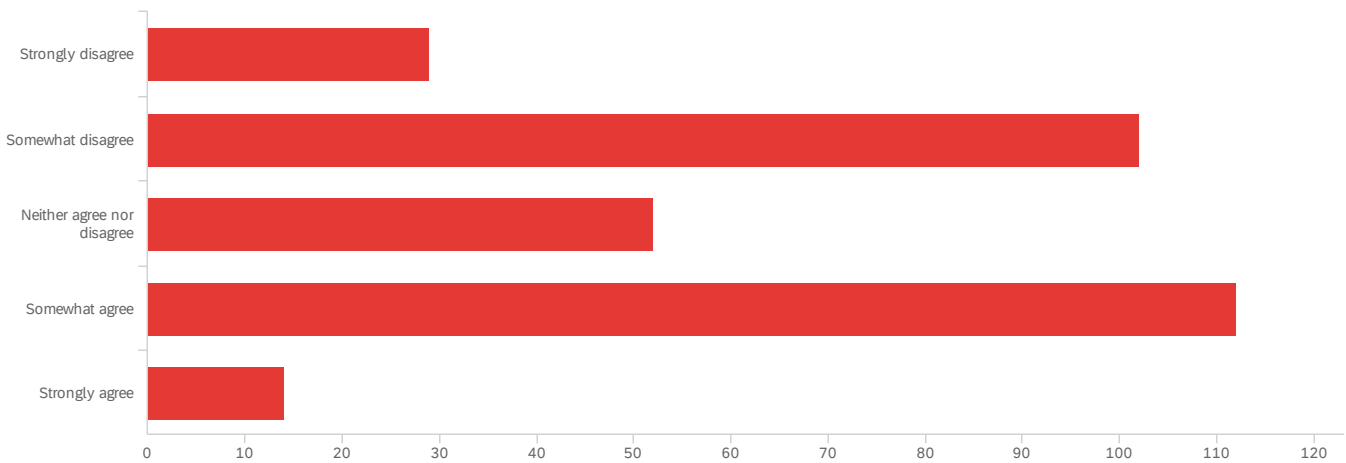
Campus Sustainability Survey

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Q3 - Lafayette College is sustainable. (Sustainability is defined as responsibly interacting

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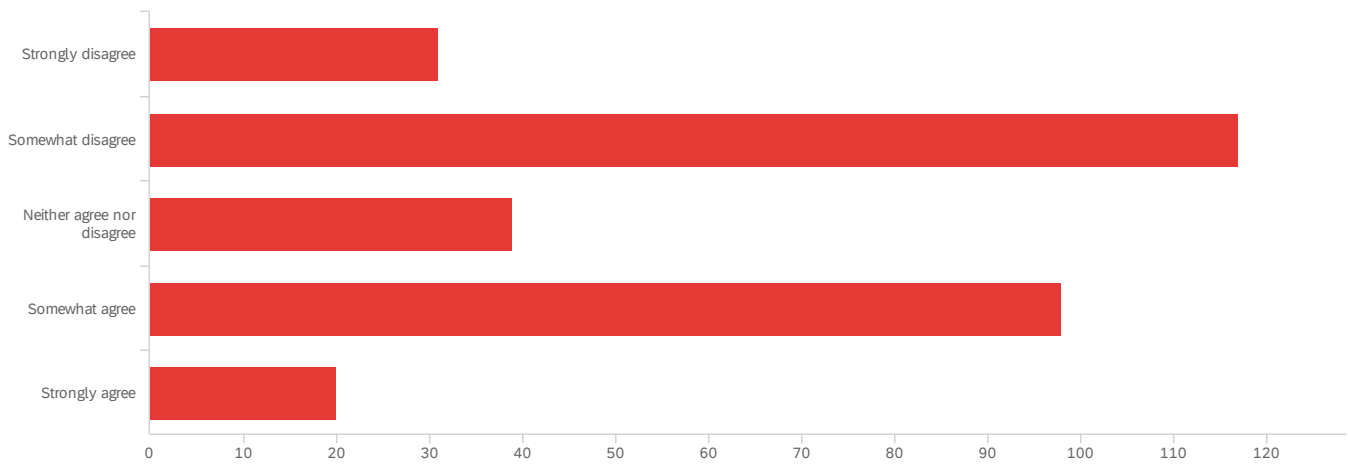
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1	Lafayette College is sustainable. (Sustainability is defined as responsibly interacting with the planet by living within environmental bounds in order to maintain natural resources and avoid jeopardizing the ability for future generations to meet their needs.)	1.00	5.00	2.94	1.12	1.25	309

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly disagree	9.39% 29
2	Somewhat disagree	33.01% 102
3	Neither agree nor disagree	16.83% 52
4	Somewhat agree	36.25% 112
5	Strongly agree	4.53% 14
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Q4 - It is easy to be environmentally friendly and sustainable as a student on campus.

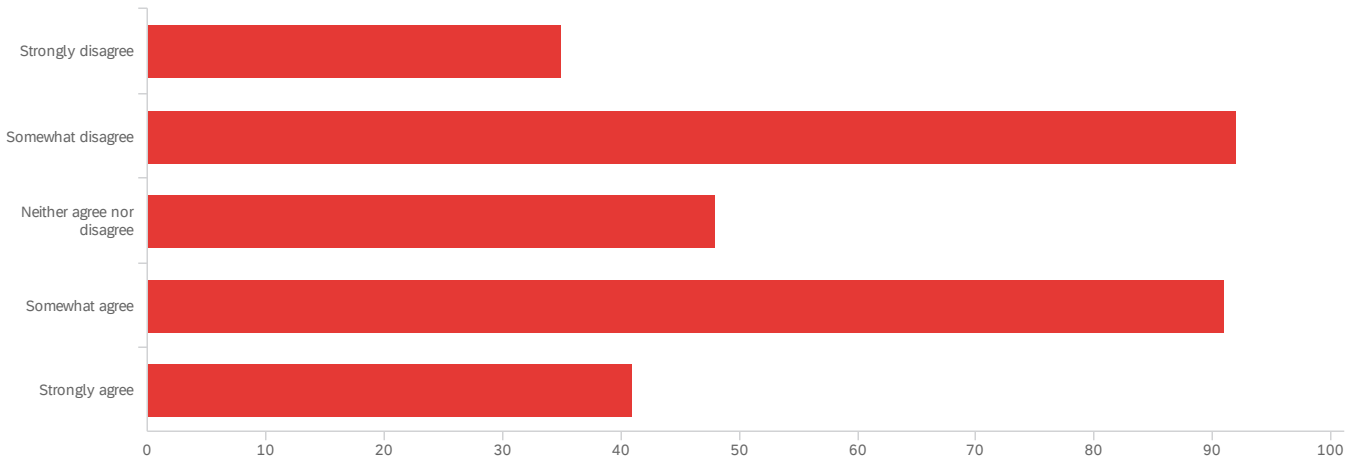


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	It is easy to be environmentally friendly and sustainable as a student on campus.	1.00	5.00	2.87	1.16	1.36	305

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly disagree	10.16% 31
2	Somewhat disagree	38.36% 117
3	Neither agree nor disagree	12.79% 39
4	Somewhat agree	32.13% 98
5	Strongly agree	6.56% 20
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Q5 - It is easy to understand Lafayette College's waste management system - trash, recycling, and composting.

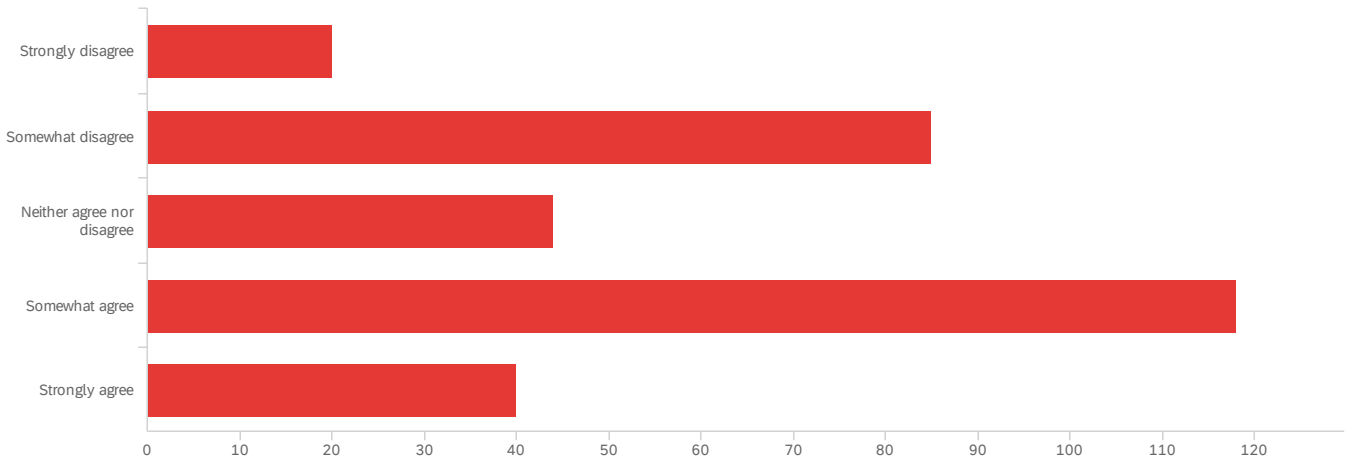


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	It is easy to understand Lafayette College's waste management system - trash, recycling, and composting.	1.00	5.00	3.04	1.26	1.59	307

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly disagree	11.40% 35
2	Somewhat disagree	29.97% 92
3	Neither agree nor disagree	15.64% 48
4	Somewhat agree	29.64% 91
5	Strongly agree	13.36% 41
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Q6 - It is easy to use and access Lafayette College's waste management system - trash, recycling, and composting.

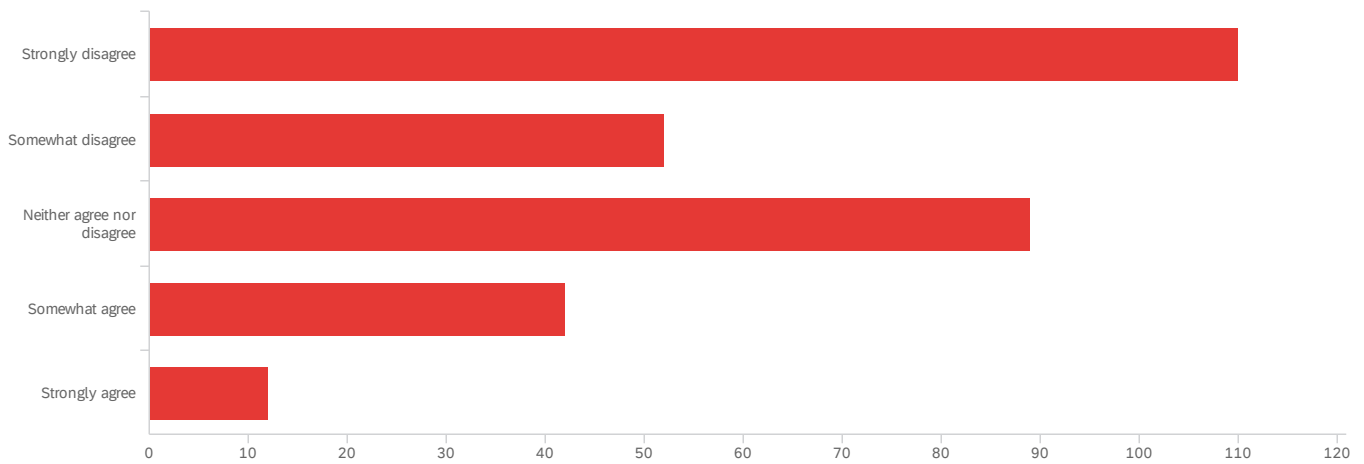


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	It is easy to use and access Lafayette College's waste management system - trash, recycling, and composting.	1.00	5.00	3.24	1.18	1.39	307

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly disagree	6.51% 20
2	Somewhat disagree	27.69% 85
3	Neither agree nor disagree	14.33% 44
4	Somewhat agree	38.44% 118
5	Strongly agree	13.03% 40
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## Q7 - Environmental sustainability was a factor in my decision to attend Lafayette College.

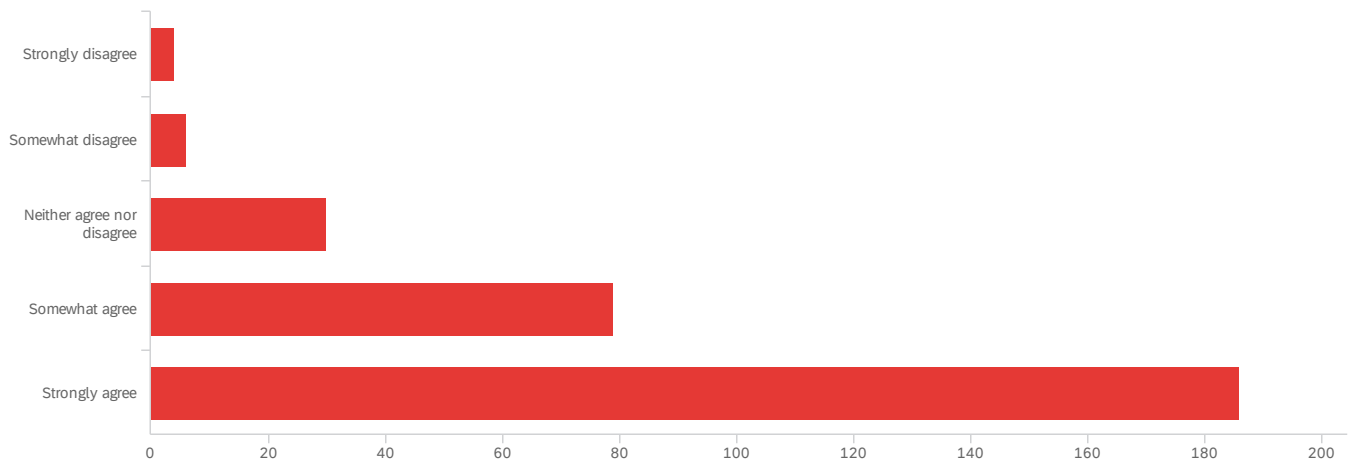


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Environmental sustainability was a factor in my decision to attend Lafayette College.	1.00	5.00	2.32	1.20	1.45	305

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly disagree	36.07% 110
2	Somewhat disagree	17.05% 52
3	Neither agree nor disagree	29.18% 89
4	Somewhat agree	13.77% 42
5	Strongly agree	3.93% 12
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## Q8 - As a student, I value and support Lafayette's sustainability efforts.

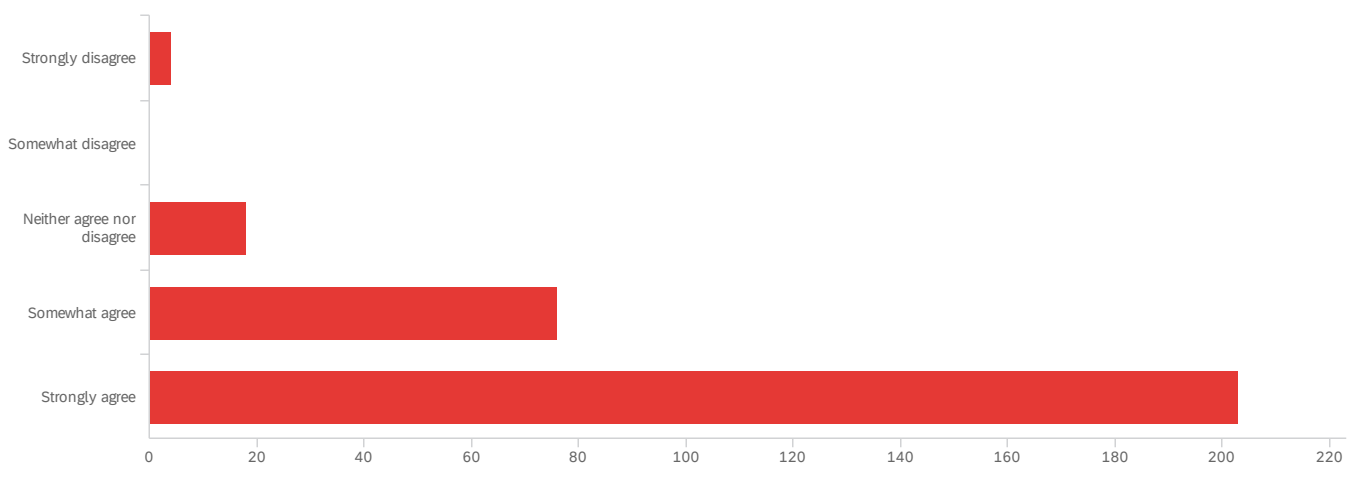


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	As a student, I value and support Lafayette's sustainability efforts.	1.00	5.00	4.43	0.85	0.72	305

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly disagree	1.31% 4
2	Somewhat disagree	1.97% 6
3	Neither agree nor disagree	9.84% 30
4	Somewhat agree	25.90% 79
5	Strongly agree	60.98% 186
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# Q9 - Lafayette College could be more sustainable and do more to support sustainable efforts.

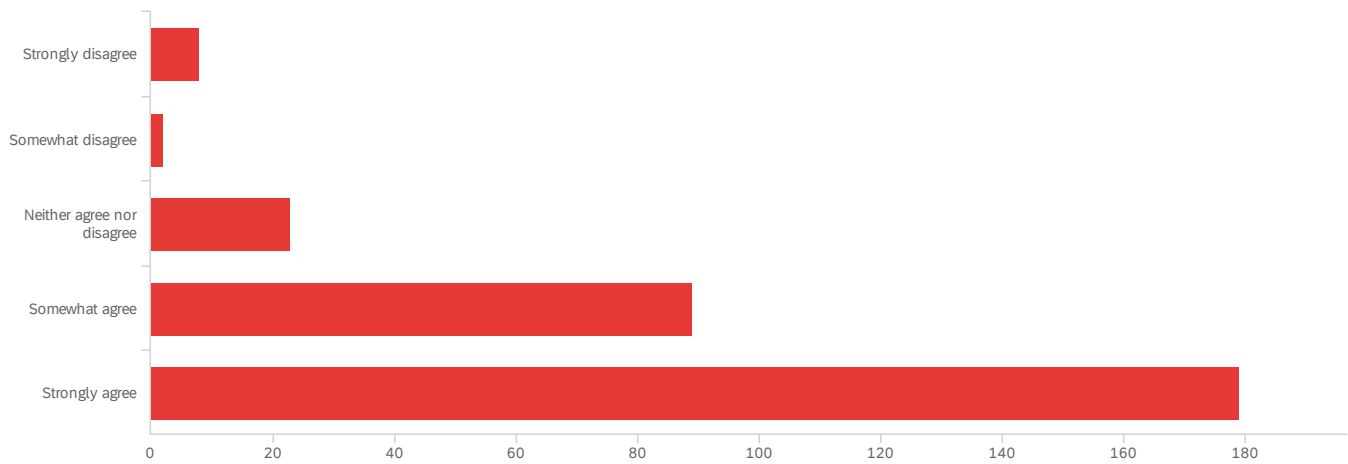


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Lafayette College could be more sustainable and do more to support sustainable efforts.	1.00	5.00	4.57	0.72	0.52	301

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly disagree	1.33% 4
2	Somewhat disagree	0.00% 0
3	Neither agree nor disagree	5.98% 18
4	Somewhat agree	25.25% 76
5	Strongly agree	67.44% 203
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## Q10 - I think composting is an important aspect of sustainability.



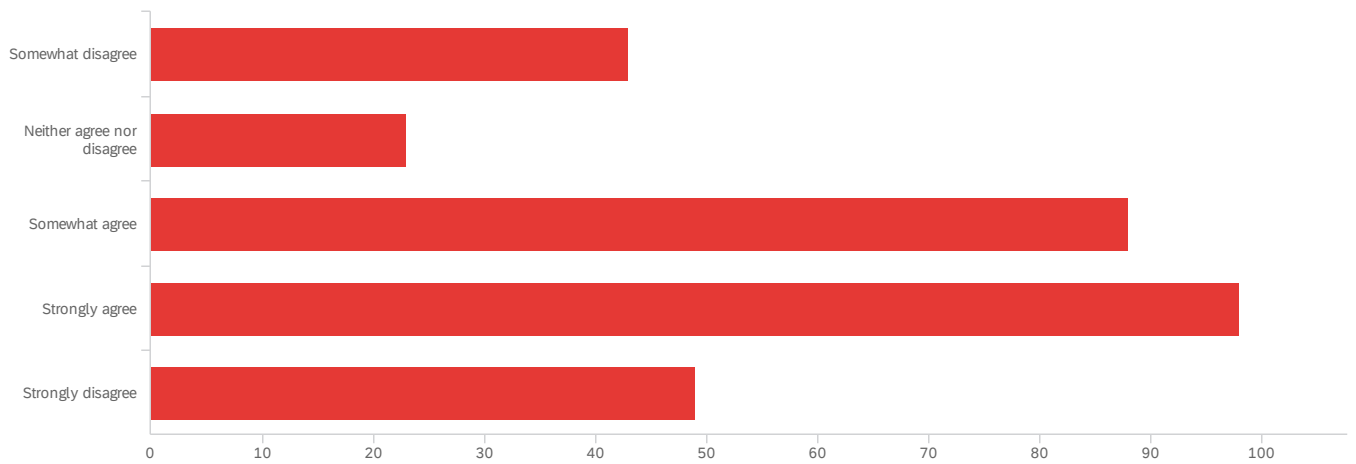
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	I think composting is an important aspect of sustainability.	1.00	5.00	4.43	0.87	0.76	301

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Strongly disagree	2.66% 8
2	Somewhat disagree	0.66% 2
3	Neither agree nor disagree	7.64% 23
4	Somewhat agree	29.57% 89
5	Strongly agree	59.47% 179
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## Q11 - Prior to this survey, I was aware that Lafayette College composts.



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1	Prior to this survey, I was aware that Lafayette College composts.	2.00	6.00	4.29	1.24	1.54	301

#	Field	Choice Count
2	Somewhat disagree	14.29% 43
3	Neither agree nor disagree	7.64% 23
4	Somewhat agree	29.24% 88
5	Strongly agree	32.56% 98
6	Strongly disagree	16.28% 49
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## Q12 - Any other thoughts/suggestions/ideas about environmentalism and sustainability on campus?

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A big contribution of my unawareness of the waste management system is that the trash bin around the campus did not classify what kind of trash was supposed to dump in them. And inside the living buildings, very few students would separate and dump trash into corresponding composting and non-composting bins.

Being sustainable depends on the community in its entirety--that is, every individual, or as close to every individual as possible, must contribute to make a significant difference in sustainability achievements. Because it is not practical or even possible to change the majority of people's behaviors relevant to sustainability, I believe our goal should be to do the best we can, and be content with that. And hopefully, the best we can do will continually progress.

N/A

Get rid of plastic packaged grab and go food

We can do a lot better

I'm very disappointed that hundreds of thousands of plastic bags were used by the campus dining halls when it would have been so easy to use paper bags instead. Whatever money was saved on that was not at all worth the years it will take those bags to decompose.

I'm a first year student, and I've seen many locations on campus to compost, but they have always (at least the ones I've noticed) been covered up/closed. I've been wondering if Laf is ditching composting this semester due to COVID precautions/problems.

Less single use materials

there are some mixed messages among students about whether lafayette actually recycles the materials that are put in recycling bins. Not sure how to resolve this, but I think students might make a better effort to sort their waste if they knew it was actually going to the right place when it leaves campus.

use all renewable energy sources

make composting more easily accessible and spread knowledge about it

I can't tell if what I'm recycling actually gets recycled

No more plastic bags and silverware!

I simply don't understand how the cost of buying paper containers while also not having designated bins for them to be sorted for recycling/composting outweighs doesn't cost more than simply buying every student 1 reusable shell, but trying to sell them to students.

Education. Make it so plain and simple to students where to throw out specific items (plastic cups/apples/doritos bags/soup cans/etc). And share the message through posters in bathroom stalls/emails/club group that's/etc

Something to promote awareness

Any other thoughts/suggestions/ideas about environmentalism and sustainabil...

The "recycling" on campus seems like something that needs consideration. I'd be willing to bet most of that stuff ends up in a landfill due to mismanagement and misinformation. Not to mention we should be considering that some products release more carbon recycling than to simply create new (ie paper products)

Who cares

When it comes to meals the school does nothing to make recycling actually work, I can guarantee 90% of the stuff in the bins simply can be recycled due to lack of understanding and excess food/materials in recycling

Often I see the janitors put the recycling into the same bag as the trash. I don't think that the recycling in my dorm actually gets recycled at all instead its throw out with the garbage.

I think had I had exposure to what the system looked like prior to covid I may have different opinions

Composting flies under the radar - it'd be useful to bring more attention to it.

Offering places for students living off campus to compost in a more accessible way would be really helpful since it is much more challenging to figure out where to compost off campus

the black/grey bags for trash/recycling should be advertized more-- the recycling by the quad is a lie bc it is a black bag

Promote LaFarm more. Add compositing center to main campus, make it easier for student to compost

Green is good

Recycling bins should be more commonly placed throughout campus & there should be signs telling students what can actually be recycled.

Provide more large recycling bins on campus & make signs on the bins for what exactly can be recycled

I think that there could be a more environmentally friendly bag option for to go orders at dining venues.

I have zero idea how to compost on campus

The eco clamshells should be free and students should be encouraged to use them. Also students should be encouraged to reuse their plastic bags (from the dining hall) instead of throwing them out

Please get rid of all of the takeaway containers and plastic bags in a post-COVID world in the dining halls/lower/Gilbert's. Maybe composting bins could be added that are accessible to students and not just the kitchens.

Some dorms do not have easy access to recycling such as suites etc.

While I agree that the environmental and sustainability groups on Lafayette do great work and have been making a strong effort to promote sustainability on campus, I still think we can always do more and that, for instance, certain programs like composting could be given more attention.

More composting and less plastic please!

It is hard this semester with COVID and the to-go boxes and plastic bags in the dining halls.

I was not aware Lafayette composts. I inquired about composting with the OoS and was told there was no program on campus. I now bring my food waste downtown to the bins behind Easton public market.

Any other thoughts/suggestions/ideas about environmentalism and sustainabil...

the plastic cups served at simons/gilberts. idk what can be done but it drives me crazy

Covid obviously impacts the ability of the campus to be sustainable, I would love to see both dining halls compost, and perhaps a program in place (like weigh the waste but constant) to shame students into not wasting so much food.

less plastic!

TEST - Maria

If your eating in dining hall u shoud be allowed to use regular plates to eliminate waste

More composting bins, maybe education before each semester about using compost and recycling bins

Increase availability of recycling, terracycling, and compost disposal points as well as increase education about how/what to dispose of and recycle

need real recycling!!!

I'm a current junior, and as I was applying, I was disappointed that Lafayette didn't seem to be very active in sustainability. The growth of the office and campus support of sustainability during my time as a student here has been incredible, and I hope we continue to push ourselves to seek more sustainable livelihoods.

Put some compost bins in the res halls

Use paper bags at the dining halls and get rid of paper straws at Eco Cafe

N/A

In terms of waste management I've noticed that a lot of the recycling bins have trash in them, so I think it could be made more clear to students what is and isn't recyclable to avoid this contamination.

Man theres a lot of single use plastic going on rn but maybe thats just me

Teach students what to recycle where. I keep hearing different things about whether or not I should recycle a bottle. Some say, "just throw it out". Some say "rinse it out or it won't recycle". Then other say, "just recycle it as it is". I want clarity with subjects like these, but with examples that we see everyday on campus (like the cups from the dining halls,etc)

We need to take more action in insuring that our waste is going in the right place. There needs to be composting all over campus. Also sustainability efforts need to be more visible on campus.

Switch away from plastic bags? Their use all over the campus dining system is worrying

It would be amazing to have more initiatives that reach the general public, i.e., not EVSC/T majors, about how they can be more sustainable. I think more compost bins, promoting less meat consumption, and using public transportation could be good places to start.

encourage students to bring their own bags to dining halls so they don't need to take a plastic one!

Why is composting so important? Aren't there bigger fish to fry? Also buying "green energy" from texas doesn't count as saving the environment.

Make people use reusable bags at Upper and Lower, the amount of plastic bags used daily is insane.

Any other thoughts/suggestions/ideas about environmentalism and sustainabil...

Need to do better on renewable energy than simply buying renewable energy credits for the utility scale installation in Texas. Also, more detailed energy metering on buildings.

I wish it was easier to access recycling and compost since we are in our dorms now it's a lot harder since there isn't any near by. My floor doesn't even have recycling.

I think the plastic reusable trays at dining halls should be free so that everyone is basically forced into using them

Make recycling easier and give more information about it

i think that the way food this semester has been handled has been extremely poor-many measures could have been taken to prevent a lot of waste in that department, i also believe that compost is not as readily accessible as it should be, it should be located in all buildings and outside to promote further use since a lot of students don't know

I thought Lafayette didn't compost as there are no bins for students to dispose of compost. Lafayette could be doing a lot more, LaFarm is great though

I think the communication between Lafayette and the students/faculty/community needs to be a lot more transparent and honest about what is—and what is not—done regarding sustainability efforts. If I'm being honest, I'm quite disappointed in the efforts I'm seeing supported by the Lafayette administration at this point in time and I feel there is a lot of room for improvement.

Do something about PLA recycling.

Lafayette needs to make it easier for students to get involved with sustainability efforts and learn about sustainability on campus.

I have only been here during covid times and from what I've seen sustainability isn't a priority right now because of covid (which makes sense)

Paying for your carbon use isn't sustainable, reduction is the real answer. Constant expansion and major development also isn't sustainable. While I appreciate the current steps towards Sustainability, there's work to be done.

Reduce the use of single waste plastics on campus - I appreciate the eco clamshells, but that only does so much to mitigate the widespread consumption of plastic bags/cups/lids/napkins/utensils. I am aware of our compost system, but also know that all the compost bins I have seen (at RISC and Upper Farion) are essentially out of order. The dining hall also seems to generate a lot of food waste.

Promote LaFarm more!!!

Give everyone the reusable boxes for food instead of the single use ones

Actually recycle. I've seen sanitary workers just throw the recycling in the trash over and over. I'd also love to see a divestment from fossil fuels in the endowment. I am really excited also to see more solar panels/renewable energy projects on campus.

Plastic bags for to-go meals should be optional (meals at places like Gilberts, Lower, Simons should not be wrapped up and people should be able to bring their own bag or take a plastic one from a pile if they really feel it is necessary).

Sustainability efforts need to be much more visible on campus. More native plant landscaping would help as well as signage promoting this.

I'm a faculty member, so I didn't answer student-only questions.

Campus wide composting efforts should be accelerated; in my opinion dining halls also need to offer more plant-based food as animal agriculture has such a profound impact on the environment

Any other thoughts/suggestions/ideas about environmentalism and sustainabil...

Most of the school buildings, like the dining halls, do not recycle. It all just gets thrown into one bin/one truck and tossed.

The amount of plastic that we use in a day is astounding, especially through dining.

The grab and go meal system, particularly the use of plastic bags is creating a lot of plastic waste. Encourage (or provide) students to use their own reusable bags.

Between paper towels being used in every bathroom, and all the plastic and paper being thrown out after every meal in the dining halls, i believe the school has some work to do before it can claim to be sustainable.

FYI... I am a staff person, not a student. It is not clear what should go in which type of waste cans. Can I put dead flowers in the food waste bin? If a plate says compostable, can I put that in the food waste bin?

We should compost more :)

Sustainability is important, but there are many other important issues as well. Lafayette should continue moving forward but retain a sense of proportion.

Compostable disposable cutlery and meal boxes! Much better if they are compostable ANYWHERE, not just in a composting facility.

Ditching the disposable containers at Marquis/Upper

are we currently doing campus wide composting? the compost bins in academic buildings are still covered/closed

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**End of Report**