

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
Sustainability Policy

Preamble

As a core value, it is the policy of Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) to establish and maintain sustainable development and resource management or “sustainability” in its operations, planning, capital construction and purchasing practices. This policy statement sets forth ECSU’s commitment, as an environmental steward, to proactively and effectively managing energy, water and other natural resources.

I. Strategies for Implementation

ECSU shall adhere to the following sustainable principles in accordance with best practices, guidelines and implementation plans as developed by the UNC President:

- A. **Systematic Integration of Sustainability Principles:** Systematically incorporate sustainability throughout ECSU by integrating the policy goals into ECSU’s processes, administration, teaching and engagement.
- B. **Master Planning:** Sustainability principles related to infrastructure, natural resources, site development and community impact shall be incorporated into comprehensive master plan.
- C. **Design and Construction:** Capital project planning and construction processes shall meet statutory energy and water efficiency requirements and deliver energy, water and materials efficient buildings and grounds that minimize the impact on and/or enhance the site and provide good indoor environmental quality for occupants
- D. **Operations and Maintenance:** The operation and maintenance of buildings and grounds shall meet or exceed statutory requirements to reduce energy and water use, provide excellent air quality and comfort, improve productivity of faculty, staff and students, and minimize materials use. Further, priority shall be given to the purchase and installation of high efficiency equipment and facilities as part of an ongoing sustainability action plan following life cycles cost guidelines where applicable.
- E. **Climate Change Mitigation and Renewable Energy:** ECSU shall develop a plan to become carbon neutral as soon as practicable and by 2050 at the latest, with an ultimate goal of climate neutrality.
- F. **Transportation:** ECSU shall develop and implement a comprehensive, multimodal transportation plan designed to reduce carbon emissions and dependency on single occupant vehicles.

- G. Recycling and Waste Management: ECSU shall develop policies and programs that work toward achieving zero waste.

- H. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP): Any purchasing shall, to the extent practicable, improve the environmental performance of its supply chain with consideration given to the toxicity, recycled content, energy and water efficiency, rapidly renewable resources, and local production and shall also improve the social performance of its supply chain with consideration given to working conditions and historically underutilized businesses.