

Elon University's Sustainability Policy

Introduction

Elon University's mission statement says, in part, that "We integrate learning across the disciplines and put knowledge into practice, thus preparing students to be global citizens and informed leaders motivated by concern for the common good." Elon believes that one of the most pressing issues facing students, indeed all citizens, today is global environmental change. In order to be true to our mission statement, it is imperative that we teach our students about environmental change, human interactions with the earth, and how they can be good stewards of this earth so that our mission of producing "global citizens and informed leaders motivated by the common good" is accomplished.

Policy

Elon University is committed to sustainability and to serving as a positive example through sustainable operations and education. The University is pursuing its mission to become more sustainable by focusing on three areas: reducing greenhouse gas emissions toward carbon neutrality by 2037; enhancing and expanding programs to educate students, faculty and staff about sustainability; and continuing identification and implementation of strategies that support sustainable operations.

Implementation

This policy is implemented through the Sustainability Master Plan with progress monitored by the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Council. The Master Plan is updated as needed to maintain momentum, forward progress and relevant strategies.