

North Central College  
Sustainability Policy  
Written by: Sustainability Committee  
Approved by Cabinet

North Central College defines sustainability as aiming to meet the physical, financial and shared needs of today's campus community without compromising the environmental, social, and economic resources for future generations. To further integrate sustainability into our campus culture, the College instituted the following policy and will serve as a positive example for its students through education and operations.

In obtaining this goal North Central College is committed to the following endeavors:

1. ***Provide students, faculty, and staff with opportunities to address sustainability-related policies and issues*** in educational programming, research, and other academic contexts further promoting our overall mission.
2. ***Increase purchasing of recycled and/or eco-friendly products and supplies*** for use in campus facilities.
3. ***Increase the availability of locally grown food on campus*** while evaluating the community garden project for future education, expansion, and purchasing opportunities.
4. ***Reduce consumptive water use, increase energy efficiency and lessen carbon emissions*** by updating/renovating lighting, mechanical systems and water fixtures in existing buildings.
5. ***Reduce overall*** waste by investigating and developing opportunities to increase and improve recycling and reusing materials and resources amongst students and community members.
6. ***Reduce the campus fleet's reliance on conventional fuels*** by exploring alternative fuels and transportation options.
7. ***Develop and promote alternative methods of convenient campus travel*** for students, faculty, and staff further reducing the campus' reliance on conventional fuels.
8. ***Using alternative energy sources in future buildings*** by implementing guidelines to consider recycled materials, local resources, water efficiency practices, energy efficiency equipment and other sustainable construction strategies.
9. ***Raise the campus community's participation and overall knowledge of the College's goal to reduce waste, water, and energy consumption*** by promoting campus-wide educational programs, policies and initiatives.