

PURDUE UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABILITY REPORT, MARCH 12, 2010

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report documents sustainability planning activities and findings through January 2010 and serves as the culmination of the first phase of the university's comprehensive sustainability strategic planning process.

In addition to providing a detailed account of the stakeholder interviews and facilitated forum that were conducted in the context of Collaborative Project Consulting's site visits, the report document begins to address the framework for and primary components of the campus-wide sustainability strategic plan. A preliminary table of contents for the sustainability strategic plan, a compilation of unedited area overviews describing existing sustainability practices and identified opportunities in each of the table of contents categories, and an extensive review of benchmarking approaches and tools serve as the primary deliverables for the first phase of the sustainability strategic planning process. Especially noteworthy among provided deliverables is a detailed analysis of opportunities for the improvement of Purdue's grade on the College Sustainability Report Card that may be used to facilitate ongoing campus-wide sustainability dialogue.

Perhaps most importantly, the Collaborative Project Consulting Phase I Report identifies existing programmatic and process gaps to which significant attention must be dedicated in order to ensure the success of efforts to advance sustainability throughout the University community. These noteworthy opportunities include future advancement of:

- Formalized campus-wide sustainability collaboration; both among academic stakeholders and between operational and academic units
- Utilization of and investment in on campus resources
- Processes to review, prioritize, approve, and provide operational and fiscal support for sustainability projects
- Definition of the role of the Sustainability Council Steering Committee
- Enhanced sustainability benchmarking activities

Potential strategies for addressing the aforementioned list of sustainability opportunities as well as the formulation of critical goals and metrics will serve as the primary foci of Phase II of the sustainability strategic planning process. Phase II activities will culminate in the presentation of the initial version of the sustainability strategic plan to the campus community on April 22, 2010.