

GOAL 2: MODEL SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES

UWRF will model and champion the principles of sustainable community development.



TASKS COMPLETED

- The St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development (SCISCD) was established in 2007.
- UWRF is one of 90 schools for the AASHE STARS Benchmarking system. We have completed a Carbon Footprint Calculation for the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC).
- We also completed a campus-wide assessment for solar potential.
- A campus-wide faculty survey of sustainability-based curriculum, courses, and course content has been conducted. Over 30 faculty were identified for an interest group to work on sustainability-based curriculum.
- The UWRF Sustainability Working Group has adopted a definition of sustainability.
- UWRF is now 40% carbon neutral for campus electricity. All waste fryer oil in the University Center is converted to biodiesel and fuel for university vehicles and equipment.



TASKS IN PROGRESS

- The SCISCD is seeking additional funding with a DIN and other new funding is being sought.
- The Institute is working with communities in the region on "Cash Positive, Carbon Negative, Energy and Food Independence" models
- The ACUPCC carbon neutrality plan is in progress.
- The Sustainability Working Group is in the process of developing UWRF local food sourcing plan and system.
- Transition of Sustainability Working Group from Ad Hoc to University Committee
- Enhancement of sustainability awareness on campus, especially with students.
- Development of a Green Entrepreneur & Professional Development program context.



TASKS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE FUTURE

- Create of the UWRF Comprehensive Plan for Sustainability .
- Secure external sources of funding for sustainability initiatives.