

HIGHLIGHTS

The places we inhabit, our living systems, built environments, human histories and values, shape our identities and actions. The Emory as Place Initiative inspires the Emory community to respond ethically and sustainably to the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Emory as Place educates students, staff, and faculty about the breadth and diversity of life within the campus and bioregion. Through stories, field experiences and service projects, participants discover skills for connecting to this place and beyond. Dedicated to creative and courageous leadership through intellectual excellence for social change, Emory as Place advocates responsible actions for a thriving world.

Emory lies on the ancestral land of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Muscogee (Creek) people. As its current residents, it is our job to continue the Muscogee legacy of preserving this land. The Office of Sustainability Initiatives will continue to advance our sustainable practices in order to not just do right by our community, but by those who occupied the land before us.

BENEFITS

Discover

To shape and strengthen the sense of belonging at Emory, Emory as Places seeks to institutionalize an earth- and place-centered legacy within the liberal arts tradition. Through Lullwater walks, class discussions, art activities and orientation events, Emory as Place aims to revitalize a foundational value system based around the natural environments of surrounding Emory.

Inhabit

Emory as Place partners with other sustainability programs on campus and in the region to instill a sense of civic responsibility. Service projects built on long term relationships bridge the gap between classroom study and public commitments. Projects include: invasive species removal, trail repair, contemplative gardens, watershed clean-ups, and legislative education.

Sustain

Research shows that spending time in “green nature” reduces stress, restores mental alertness and enriches spiritual life. Outdoor

HOW IT WORKS

Emory as Place is an experiential-based curriculum and school of thought focusing on a central location and the inherent values that lie within. Using multiple disciplines to challenge existent assumptions and stimulate creativity and mindfulness, the program strives for an integrative transformation of principles. Through a combination of intellectual, embodied, ethical, and spiritual approaches, Emory as Place examines the area surrounding the campus, and diverse pathways we can follow towards sustainability.

experiences increase skills of observation and knowledge about local and bioregional ecosystems. Emory as Place advocates these activities as lifelong practices for maintaining mental and physical health, encouraging environmental consciousness, and ultimately living a sustainable life.

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QUESTIONS?

For questions about the Emory as Place program, contact emorysustainability@emory.edu.