

# Sustainability Vision Conversation & Input Guide

For Emory's 2025-2036 Sustainability  
Vision and Strategic Plan



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# Emory's 2025-2036 Sustainability Vision and Strategic Plan

This year, Emory is launching the creation of its third Sustainability Vision and Strategic Plan, which will establish and guide Emory's ambitions to model transformative practices and sustainable choices at every level.

To ensure that the new plan honors the entire Emory Community, your input is essential! The Office of Sustainability Initiatives and Sustainability Visioning Committee are seeking the community's input on your sustainability priorities. This guide is a tool to help you share your feedback and input individually or in a group of colleagues or friends.

**Move through this guide to learn more about the upcoming Sustainability Vision, to discuss or think about sustainability at Emory, and to share your input! A Facilitator's Guide is available to accompany this presentation.**

# How to Participate

This Guide is a tool to help the Emory community submit their input on Emory's upcoming Sustainability Vision. Use this guide on your own or in a small group of colleagues or friends. The guide will help you move through the following steps:

**01.**

Review the background resources individually or as a group

**02.**

Spend time thinking or talking about each topic and filling out the input survey

**03.**

Debrief and submit the input survey



# Resources

The following background resources may help you understand the context of sustainability at Emory and the upcoming Sustainability Vision. Take a moment to read the descriptions of each resource. It's also okay to continue to the discussion and input submission without reviewing the resources. Scan the QR code on the right or follow [this link](#) to view the background resources.



## SDGs

The new Sustainability Vision will use the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework. The SDGs are 17 goals that represent the interconnected nature of environmental, social, and economic issues that support the planet, all people, and prosperous economies.

## Past Vision

The last Sustainability Vision and Strategic Plan for 2015-2025 has guided Emory through a decade of sustainability action on and around campus.

## Implementation Progress Report

The OSI team has created an Implementation Progress Report, which provides information on Emory's progress toward all 91 goals from the prior vision.



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**1** NO POVERTY

**2** ZERO HUNGER

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**4** QUALITY EDUCATION

**5** GENDER EQUALITY

**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

**7** AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES

**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

**13** CLIMATE ACTION

**14** LIFE BELOW WATER

**15** LIFE ON LAND

**16** PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

# UN Sustainable Development Goals: a Blueprint for Peace and Prosperity

In the discussion, your group will spend time discussing what Emory could do to work toward the UN SDGs. The SDGs will be separated into three groups, illustrated in the “wedding cake” infographic on the next slide. As you will see on the following slide, we can understand the SDGs as falling into four groups: SDGs for the planet, SDGs for people, SDGs for prosperity, and SDGs representing the systems of peace and partnership necessary to achieve the other substantive SDGs. As your group moves into the discussion sessions, you will discuss the planet, people, and prosperity SDGs for ~10 minutes each.

# The Wedding Cake



In the infographic, you can see that prosperity is dependent on people, that both prosperity and people are dependent on a healthy planet, and that peace and partnership support the entire structure.

# The Survey

As you discuss the SDGs for the planet, people, and prosperity, register your input and answer the questions in the Sustainability Vision Community Input Survey. Scan the QR Code on the right or follow [this link](#) to view the survey.





# Discussion 1: SDGs for the Planet

- Discussion Question: What could “we” do to move us closer to achieving the UN SDGs for the planet (listed below)?
- Discuss for ~10 minutes. Choose any SDG that appeals to you/the group and let the conversation flow from one SDG to the others. It is okay if you don’t discuss all the SDGs for the planet.
- Scan the QR Code below and spent about ~5 minutes on the first section of the input survey

Scan the QR Code below or follow [this link](#) to register your input by taking the Sustainability Vision Community Input Survey.



# Discussion 2: SDGs for People

- Discussion Question: What could “we” do to move us closer to achieving the UN SDGs for people (listed below)?
- Discuss for ~10 minutes. Choose any SDG that appeals to you/the group and let the conversation flow from one SDG to the others. It is okay if you don't discuss all SDGs for people.
- Continue to the next section of the survey and spent about ~5 minutes on the second section



# Discussion 3: SDGs for Prosperity

- Discussion Question: What could “we” do to move us closer to achieving the UN SDGs for the prosperity (listed below)?
- Discuss for ~10 minutes. Choose any SDG that appeals to you/the group and let the conversation flow from one SDG to the others. It is okay if you don't discuss all SDGs for prosperity.
- Continue to the next section of the survey and spend about ~5 minutes on the third section.



# Debrief and Complete the Survey

- Consider what you have thought and spoken about as you have worked through this guide.
- Is there anything you would like to add as you reflect?
- Take a few minutes to complete and submit your survey.



# Thank You for Participating!

Thank you for submitting your input for Emory's 2025-2036 Sustainability Vision and Strategic Plan! We hope that you continue your involvement in sustainability at Emory by checking out the links or scanning the QR code on the right!

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