



# CLIMATE ACTION PLANNING

REDUCING UCONN'S GLOBAL IMPACT



UConn OFFICE OF  
SUSTAINABILITY

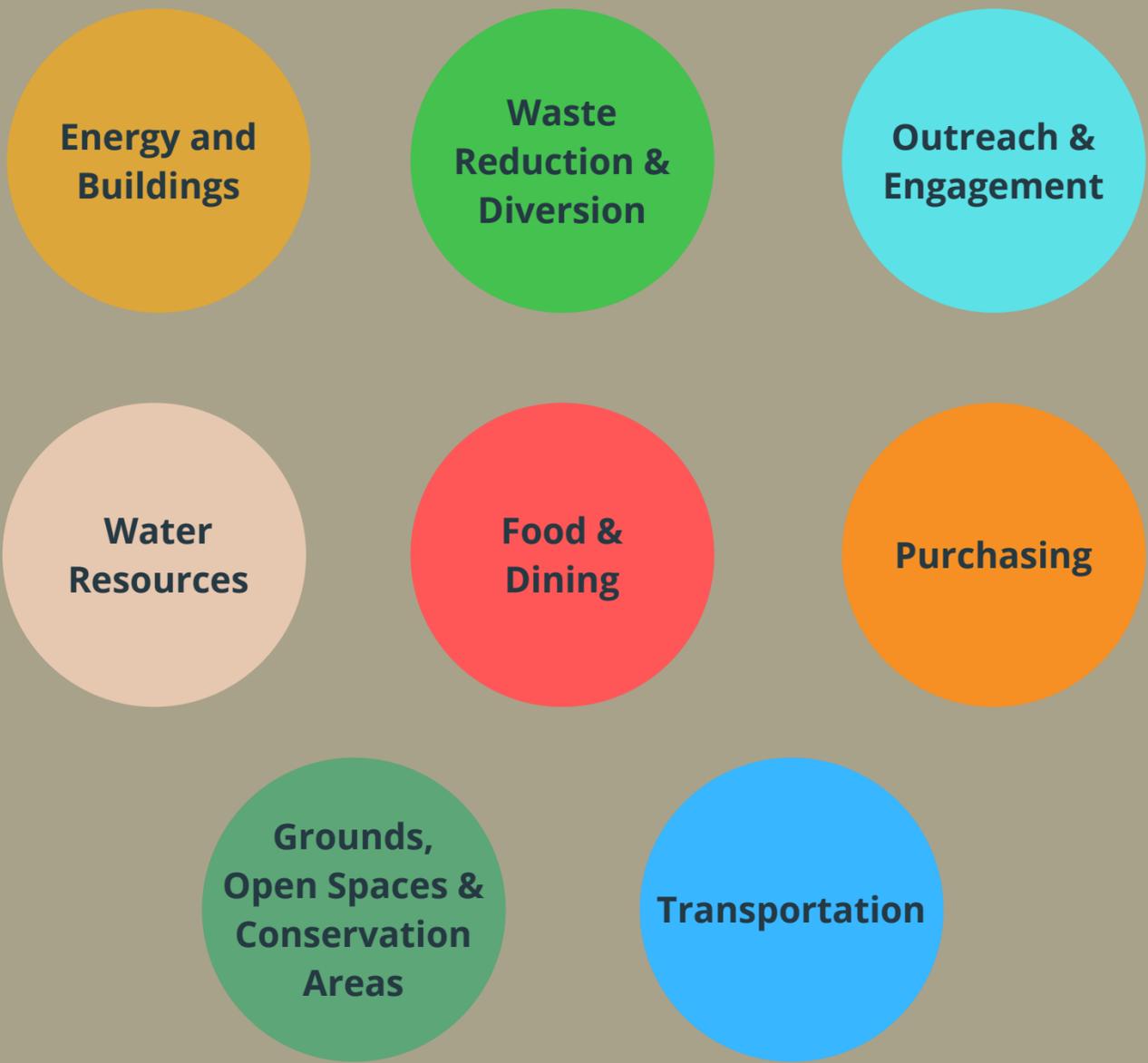


# WHY WE CARE AT UCONN

- Rising temperatures are already causing major disruptions worldwide
- One-third of all animal and plant species on the planet could face extinction by 2070 due to climate change
- Global sea level rise will displace many communities and it is important to be intersectional in our approach



# 2020 VISION FOR CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE LEADERSHIP



Check out our website to see our goals and tracking metrics

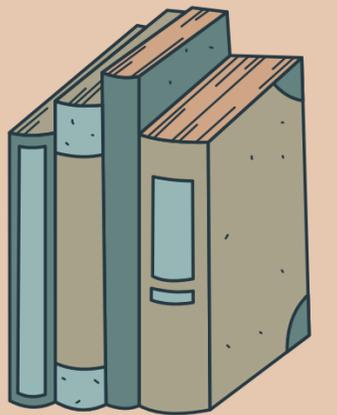


# SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK PLAN



**The Sustainability Framework Plan outlines several new initiatives and objectives that emulate those of the institution's peers and demonstrates the University's commitment to seeking innovative solutions to climate change, development, and water shortages in the face of growing student enrollment.**

**The Sustainability Framework Plan will foster climate-positive development that aligns with the current Climate Acceleration Plan's goal to reach carbon neutrality by 2050.**



# THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SUSTAINABLE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION POLICY

The University of Connecticut shall plan, design, construct, renovate and maintain sustainable, energy- and water-efficient buildings that:

- Yield cost savings through lowered lifetime operating costs,
- Provide enhanced learning atmospheres for students and healthier environments for all building occupants and visitors, and
- Realize the University's commitment to responsible growth and environmental stewardship.



# UConn RANKED A GREEN LEADER

## BEE CAMPUS USA

In April of 2017, UConn was designated as a Bee Campus by the Xerces Society. It was the 29th campus to do so in the country, and the first in Connecticut. The Office of Sustainability now works on UConn's annual Bee Campus USA re-certification. UConn has a variety of bee friendly aspects to its campus, including a low-toxic Integrated Pest Management Plan and pollinator-friendly plants.



## TREE CAMPUS USA

UConn is the first college in Connecticut and only the third school in New England to be named a Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. The University joins a group of almost 200 schools nationwide that have earned this distinction for their commitment to tree conservation and preservation.



# PROGRESS TOWARD CARBON NEUTRALITY

The President's Working Group on Sustainability and the Environment (PWGSE) was formed in Fall 2019 to examine progress towards current emissions goals.



60% emission reduction from a 2010 baseline by 2030



Permanently halt expansion and construction of fossil fuel and stream infrastructure



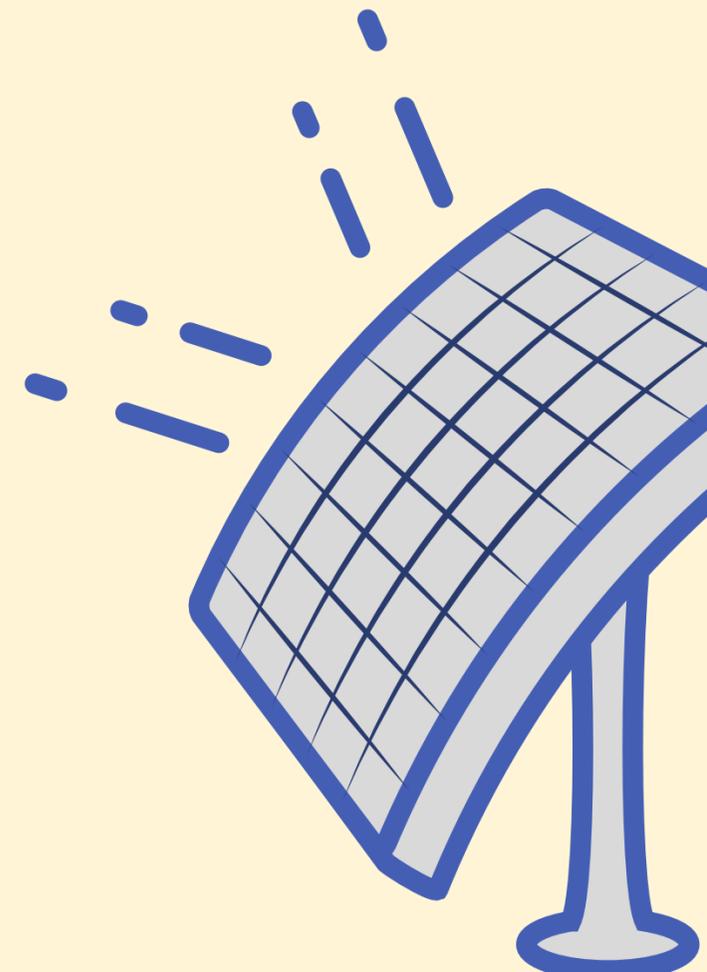
The University should recommend that the UConn Foundation divest its funds in fossil fuel holdings



All decisions should be informed by University's commitment to achieve no increase in overall energy use and zero-carbon campuses by 2040



Invest in renewable energy technologies to meet the electric and heating/cooling demands of all campuses, including UConn Health



# SOLVE CLIMATE BY 2030

- In 2019, UConn became a charter co-sponsor of the international Solve Climate by 2030 program.
- More than 450 people attended the CT Solve Climate by 2030 Power Dialog Webinar on April 7th, 2020.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WEBPAGE

- The OS created an environmental justice (EJ) webpage to share information on the history of EJ issues in the U.S. to raise awareness about the struggle for racial and social justice as it pertains to sustainability



# FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out the Office of Sustainability's website  
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