

EDUCATION

VISION: All community members are lifelong learners who model environmental, social, and economic sustainability in their daily lives.

Goal 1: By 2040, all area school districts, private schools, and home schools will integrate sustainability concepts across teaching and learning and adopt model sustainable practices in all their facilities.

Strategy 1: Implement School Sustainability Plan.

Action 1: Adopt sustainability as a priority focus area and develop comprehensive sustainability plans.

Action 2: Hire a full-time school district Sustainability Coordinator.

Strategy 2: Integrate sustainability concepts that prepare students for our changing world into teaching and learning at every grade level.

Action 1: Adopt curricula that incorporate sustainability concepts in all subjects.

Action 2: Maintain and increase support for natural resource education that includes outdoor experiences.

Strategy 3: Provide resources for the training of all teachers and staff that expand their ability to teach and model environmental, social, and economic sustainability concepts.

Action 1: Develop sustainability education forum for educators in the community.

Goal 2: By 2040, all institutions of higher learning will incorporate sustainability concepts into all curricula and adopt model sustainable practices in all their facilities.

Strategy 1: Encourage, train, and engage students in sustainable practices through courses, mentoring, and service-based projects.

Action 1: Identify and support existing instruction that teaches sustainability concepts.

Action 2: Support and expand post-secondary student engagement in businesses and organizations that foster sustainability learning.

Action 3: Develop and promote post-secondary degrees or certificates in sustainability.

Strategy 2: Enhance communication of sustainability practices, courses, and groups at post-secondary institutions, including operations, events, outreach, planning and policy, research, student resources, and transportation.

Action 1: Promote courses, groups, and practices that demonstrate sustainability.

Action 3: Create opportunities for collaboration among diverse campus groups and programs that promote deeper understanding of sustainability.

Goal 2: (continued)

Strategy 3: Expand sustainability courses targeted at residents and businesses/organizations through OSU Extension and community colleges.

Action 1: Maintain and grow community education programs that utilize trained volunteers to deliver sustainability content.

Action 2: Develop a sustainability leadership program for businesses and organizations.

Goal 3: By 2025, all community residents, organizations, institutions, and businesses will be engaged in ongoing learning about sustainability concepts and practices.

Strategy 1: Coordinate the dissemination of sustainability education to all sectors of the community.

Action 1: Develop and publicize a database of sustainability resources and organizations.

Action 2: Sponsor numerous education events on various aspects of sustainability.

Action 3: Create partnerships among organizations that share resources and expertise for sustainability education.

Strategy 2: Encourage City and County government, and organizations, such as schools, faith-based communities, businesses, and nonprofits, to actively communicate how they utilize sustainable practices.

Action 1: Educate the public on sustainability achievements.

Action 2: Publicly display progress toward community sustainability goals.

Action 3: Encourage the development of sustainability recognition programs that acknowledge individuals and organizations.