

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The Sustainability Policy represents NC State's enduring commitment to advancing sustainability through the life of the university. The Policy enhances the management and growth of NC State's academic enterprise by becoming a leaner, stronger, and smarter campus. Advances in campus sustainability reflect NC State's core value of the stewardship of economic and natural resources.

The Sustainability Policy accelerates actions called for in *Pathway to the Future: North Carolina State University's 2011-2020 Strategic Plan*. NC State transforms lives and provides for social, economic, and technological advancement across North Carolina and the world. The policy also builds on the University of North Carolina System Sustainability Policy that establishes sustainability principles across the UNC System. The Sustainability Policy builds on the University Sustainability Strategic Plan that strengthens the interface of sustainability with NC State's land grant mission of teaching, research and innovation, and outreach and engagement, and resource use on campus.

## **2. POLICY STATEMENT**

NC State is committed to sustainability as a core value to be integrated into institutional processes, administration, teaching, research and innovation, outreach and engagement, and campus operations. NC State will grow the intellectual and academic scope of the university while using fewer resources. NC State will be a leader in and model for fiscal responsibility, social equity, and environmental stewardship in the local and global community. The university will advance and monitor sustainability through a systems thinking approach to ensure a leaner, smarter, stronger NC State. Implementation of the policy institutionalizes sustainability into the university's mission and calls for proactive management and pursuit of sustainability to reduce life cycle costs, further human well-being, foster sustainability literacy, and produce career-ready graduates equipped with the ability to address complex environmental and social challenges in the state, the nation, and the world.

## **3. PROCEDURES**

A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) shall be issued by the Provost and the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business to provide specific guidance for implementing the policy. The SOP will be regularly reviewed and appropriately modified. The Campus Environmental Sustainability Team serves as the lead coordinating body for both the policy and the SOP. Annual reporting of the status of sustainability will be conducted by the University Sustainability Office and the Campus Environmental Sustainability Team.

