Sustainability Vision

“Intrinsic to mission are the underlying values of leadership, engagement, diversity, and sustainability. These essential values underpin our preparation of graduates and contributions to society in the 21st century through high-impact teaching, research, creative scholarship, and service.”

University of Montana Strategic Plan (2014)
Sustainability Values

Leadership, Engagement, Diversity, and Sustainability. These values both ground and inspire everything The University of Montana pursues, as expressed in the strategic issues.

Sustainability

The University of Montana models a pathway to economic, financial, environmental, and cultural sustainability in every aspect of mission fulfillment. It fosters principles of sustainability within the processes and cultures of the University, and it infuses issues of ecological, social, and economic sustainability into courses across the UM curriculum. Consistent with the broader concept of sustainability, the University’s initiatives ultimately seek to enhance students’ understanding of the interconnectedness of ecological, social, and economic issues.
Our commitment to a dynamic learning environment

In order to achieve these planned outcomes in promotion of the Dynamic Learning Environment, we intend to:

Maintain investment in sustainability and commitment to the climate action plan.
How are we *living* our values?
In our campus/community partnerships...
Improving the **sustainability** of our campus...
• Since 2008, $6.2M in energy conservation and building upgrades resulting in ~$540k annual utilities savings (11.5 year simple payback)
• ARRA funds, now using deferred maintenance dollars
• Clapp & Lommasson on the list; Chemistry is no longer the biggest energy hog
• Energy, condensate, and water meters in 30 of our buildings accounting for 79% of our total energy costs. Soon will be 83% of our utilities costs.
What does “success” look like?
Where we need continued focus

• Continued investments in energy savings work, prioritization of staff and building improvements that save us money
• Serious conversations about moth balling and new construction
• Accountability when it comes to activities we want to support
• 360-degree experience of sustainability
• Sustainability = business as usual