

**Robert Morris University
Sustainability Committee – Process Goals**

Sub-Committee:	Goal:	Objective / Tactic:
Education	1. Create a specific framework from which RMU defines and addresses sustainability	<i>Objective: Develop a definition of sustainability that encompasses both environment and behavior.</i>
	2. Sustainability will be a part of the Academic life at Robert Morris University	<i>Objective 1: Identify where faculty are currently incorporating sustainability in the research/teaching/learning environment. Objective 2: Identify what other schools and universities are doing. Objective 3: Support faculty/student Educational activities in the area of sustainability. Objective 4: Disseminate information about sustainability to the RMU community.</i>
Green Buildings & Energy Management	1. Identify opportunities to reduce RMU's carbon footprint.	<i>Objective: Complete a building / systems energy audit to gather information and measurable data for improving operating efficiencies.</i>
	2. Create opportunities to construct more environmentally friendly (green) facilities on campus.	<i>Objective: Using the LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environment Design) Standards as a reference to develop design standards (a policy) for new construction and major renovation projects.</i>
Environmentally Friendly Purchasing & Investments.	1. Identify areas / opportunities to increase use of environmentally friendly materials.	<i>Objective: Complete an assessment of current purchasing and green alternatives related to cleaning supplies, office supplies, construction materials and building furnishings.</i>
	2. Establish energy efficiency as a factor in product selection.	<i>Objective: Develop of policy regarding the purchase of energy efficient equipment (ex. Energy Star).</i>

Environmentally Friendly Purchasing & Investments – cont...	3. Minimize use of resources by consolidating financial operating processes.	<i>Objective 1: Identify and consolidate like-product vendors.</i> <i>Objective 2: Reduce resources used in the process of payments to vendors.</i>
	4. Make sustainable practices criteria in the selection of investment vehicles from within the University’s current endowment and short term investment providers.	<i>Objective: Sustainable practices are a criteria when making investment choices in regards to the endowment (Commonfund) and other investment opportunities with PNC and Dain Raucher.</i>
Emissions & Waste Reduction.	1. Utilize the carbon calculator to determine the carbon footprint / emissions for the University.	<i>Objective: Engage students in Emissions Management course to support and complete an emissions inventory.</i>
	2. Improve RMU’s green status (green practices) through increased commitments to; Reduce, Recycle, and Reuse.	<i>Objective 1: Conduct a situational analysis that addresses issues of improving green practices.</i> <i>Objective 2: Define & promote “single stream” recycling.</i> <i>Objective 3: Develop and enhance communications related to RMU recycling opportunities.</i> <i>Objective 4: Create a “Craig List” for the RMU community.</i>
Promotion & Communications.	1. Gather information from the RMU community related to sustainability.	<i>Objective: Assist in the development, dissemination and promotion of a sustainability survey.</i>
	2. Improve overall communications regarding sustainability at RMU.	<i>Objective 1: Develop a sustainability web sit.</i> <i>Objective 2: Establish a logo / branding for sustainability.</i> <i>Objective 3: Develop a variety of media channels to promote sustainability at RMU.</i>