U of A Sustainability Council Agenda Davis Hall Rm. 111 (Conference Room) Tuesday Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 3:00-4:30



#### **Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Meeting called to order
- 2. Introductions
- 3. Co-chair updates
  - a. Executive Director, Arkansas Resiliency Center, Marty Matlock
    - i. Chancellor is in Arizona at a Climate Summit to represent our climate commitment
    - ii. Resiliency Center emerged out of sustainability efforts to address food, water, and social issues through research and outreach
  - b. Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management, Mike Johnson
    - i. SEFPR Update-Site is currently in final stages of the cleanup and contract should be completed by May, 2019.
    - ii. Radioactive material on campus has been cleaned up and/or no further action required. \$7-8M invested to get a clean bill of health.
    - iii. Experimental nuclear reactor is most recent site for cleanup to be underway---should be completed by May, 2019, and no further action required status achieved on the entire 620 acre site.
    - iv. Over \$50M in ESPC contracts have been completed across the entire campus over the past 10 years or so, an additional \$20M in ESPC #4 scope are now being investigated for accomplishment across campus for presentation to the Board of Trustees for approval in Sep, 2019.
    - v. 1 megawatt solar park near ARTP is planned. This will hopefully be rolled into the front end of ESPC 4
    - vi. New interest in wind deal after the recent SWEPCO deal fell through. Wind deal would be monumental in reducing GHG on campus.
  - c. ASG Sustainability Chair, William Motazedi
    - i. Three resolutions to be voted on in the next week—
    - ii. (1) a resolution that encourages Chartwells in the Union to reduce and consolidate the use of plastics; student led plastic waste campaign to be launched in conjunction.
    - iii. (2) resolution to buy two biking helmets to give away to students at helmet safety day.
    - iv. (3) resolution to show ASG support on SB 145: Solar Access Bill
- 4. 2018 UA Sustainability Report
  - i. You can access the full report on—sustain.uark.edu>Reports, it was also send out via email with the agenda.
  - ii. Eric Boles, Office for Sustainability director hit highlights throughout the report. There is progress being made on carbon footprint, zero waste, biodiversity, active transportation, and water consumption.

- 5. Active transportation updates
  - i. VeoRide bike share
  - i. 150 new e-bikes are rolling out this week.
  - ii. Discovery bikeway
    - 1. Adds new connection between campus walk and McIllroy Ave to the top of the Oak Ridge Soft Surface Trails.
- 6. UA carbon footprint: task force to prioritize strategies
  - i. Task force meeting at 10AM Friday, Feb 22 at the Office for Sustainability conference room.
- 7. Upcoming events
  - a. Bike Fest
    - i. Scheduled for March 29, 12-3pm @ the Peace Fountain
      - 1. food
      - 2. music
      - 3. e-bike demos
      - 4. free tuneups
      - 5. information fair
      - 6. bike and part swap
  - b. Earth Week
    - i. Partnering with ASG, UP, and half a dozen RSOs
- 8. The next UASC meeting will be April  $9^{th}$



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Total Riders: 8,046

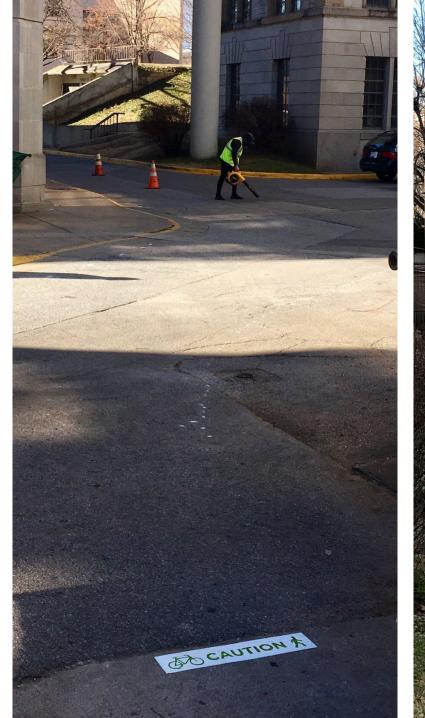
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150 All new E-Bikes









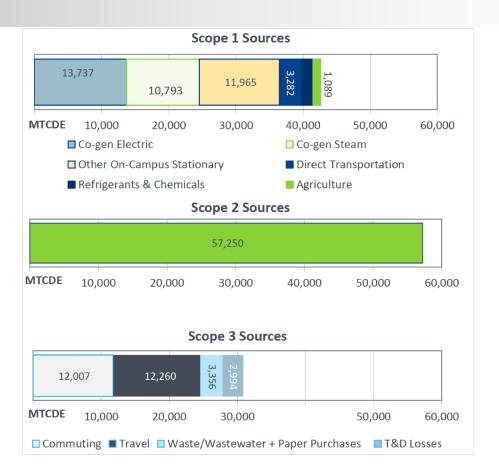




# University of Arkansas 2019 Carbon Footprint Priorities



### **Breakdown of Contributions for FY2018**





## **Common Reduction Strategies**



- Switch fleet out with more efficient vehicles
- Develop plan to transition to low GWP refrigerants.
- Implement construction and renovation standards.
- Energy Savings Performance Contracts (HVAC updates, Energy Star upgrades).



- Switch to cogeneration.
- On-campus renewables.
- Energy Savings Performance Contracts (Switching to LEDs, Upgrading BAS)
- Enterprise Energy Management System with dashboards.



- Commuting: Encourage no, or low carbon strategies.
- Study abroad voluntary opt out carbon offset payment.



- Recycling and composting policies and goals
- Install rainwater harvesting systems.
- Create Sustainable Procurement Policy.



# Additional Strategies: Renewable Energy and Carbon Offsets



To reach carbon neutrality the UA will need to go beyond conservation measures. Producing renewable energy along with acquiring carbon offsets will be required to reach net zero emissions by 2040.

#### **Renewable energy:**

- On-site solar like 1MW at ARTP
- Renewable Power Purchase Agreement (PPA)

#### **Carbon offsets:**

- Purchasing Renewable Energy Credits from SWEPCO wind farm
- Virtual Renewable Power Purchase Agreement
- Carbon Sequestration
- Other RECs



# **UA Carbon/Energy Initiatives**

#### Completed Initiatives

- 1. Combined Heat + Power System
- 2. Three rounds of Energy Saving Performance Contracts (ESPC)
- 3. Free UA transit system

- 4. 2015 Transportation Plan
- 5. Bike share system with e-bikes
- 6. All new construction must meet LEED Silver specs

#### **Current Initiatives**

- 1. ESPC #4 is under way with an IGA being performed by Entegrity. Housing, Athletics, Union, and E+G are all planning to implement identified energy conservation measures (ECMs)
- 2. SWEPCO has released a wind RFP for the UA. This is the third attempt by SWEPCO to acquire renewable energy that the UA would be able to purchase Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from.
- 3. UA has commissioned Johnson Controls Inc to deploy an Enterprise Energy Management System
- 4. The UA is focusing on offering more alternative transportation options to affiliates
- 5. An approximately 1MW solar installation is planned for ARTP
- 6. The UA continues to build and renovate to LEED Silver or above standards
- 7. Implementation of the 2015 UA Transportation Plan



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LAMBETH LOUNGE AT CARNALL HALL

