

UA Sustainability Council || Agenda

September 10, 2024
Tuesday
3:00-4:30PM
MS Teams



1. Co-chair updates
 - a. Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Management, Scott Turley
 - b. Director of Sustainability Academic Programs, Ken McCown
 - c. ASG Director of Environmental Affairs, Ben Hollis
 - i. Semester goals: take charge of the Sustainability RSO coalition, collaboration with Pedal It Forward to continue giving bikes to students with transportation needs, planning events focusing on environmental initiatives, and a big focus is Earth Month which Ben has already started planning the logistics for that month.
2. Arkansas Union sustainability programs
 - a. Overview and updates from
 - i. Lance Grigsby, Admin Support Supervisor for the Union
 1. Union has money from Coca-Cola to bring in lecturers to speak about environmental issues. Please contact Lance if you have any suggestions for him.
 2. Sustainability team is quite new at the Union and has been making big strides since its inception.
 3. They have been reworking the recycling stream in the Union, increasing sustainability messaging, and implemented a pilot composting program that is not back of house.
 - ii. Ella Fei Flesher, Union Sustainability Intern
3. City of Fayetteville Climate Action Plan
 - a. Peter Nierengarten, City of Fayetteville Environmental Director
 - i. The city has implemented a new Climate Action Plan, and update from their 2018 version.
 - ii. The 2018 version focused on emission reduction in a couple of areas and it had a 40% GHG emission reduction goal by 20-30% and 80% goal by the year 2050.
 - iii. Once the city brought their new wastewater treatment plant and solar array online, they saw a 70% reduction in emissions but were using 13% more energy. Which really helps illustrate is the the decoupling of energy use and carbon emissions because of investments in clean energy, the clean energy investments we made in our 25 MW solar array projects

that are wastewater treatment plants, you've got to give some of the credit to our utility companies who have been greening the supply of electricity that's coming to the city.

- iv. With significant progress being made, **the new Climate Action Plan's goal is to be net zero emissions by 2050.**
4. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction implementation grant (Eric Boles)
 - a. UA has been awarded!
 - i. Oak Ridge Hillside
 1. Going to clear the trail corridor and do a large-scale invasive plant removal.
 - ii. ARTP Prairie
 1. This site will be restored into a natural prairie as it once was, in collaboration with the city and ARTP. This restoration will keep their Baja track alive.
 - iii. Oak Knoll
 1. This site will continue its restoration process through controlled burns and fire management, that will allow an opportunity for the relic seed bank on the site to start restoring some of those genetics.
 - iv. **All these projects are funded 100% by an EPA grant.**
5. Updates from Emma Armendariz, the UA's Active Transportation Coordinator
 - a. Cruise to Campus commuter incentive program
 - i. The next Cruise to Campus is on Wednesday October 2 on Old Main Lawn, come get some free coffee and breakfast!
 - ii. This event rewards and encourages students, faculty and staff to bike or use alternative transportation to get to campus.
 - b. 2024 UA Commuter Survey
 - i. The survey is live: https://uark.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5u2IH0FeesSWUku
 - c. Pedestrian safety collaboration with ASG
 - i. October is safety month, and OFS is working with ASG on events for that month as well as a robust Crosswalk Awareness Day.
 - d. Field Trips to UA Oak Knoll
 - i. The OFS collaborated with the School of Art to set up a field trip to the Oak Knoll via Spin E-Bikes.
 - ii. The students rode from the school of art to the Oak Knoll where they spent several hours drawing and taking in and learning about the landscape and ecosystem.
 - iii. They have been super happy with these trips and are already planning more.
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Arkansas Union Introduces New Sustainability Initiatives

Aug. 28, 2024



The Arkansas Union is beginning to incorporate modern sustainability practices into its operations. This is going to mean some changes in the building, with more robust recycling stations and food waste being diverted for composting, among other things.

This decision was made to bring the Arkansas Union into alignment with campus sustainability goals such as carbon neutrality by 2040 and 90 percent waste diversion from the landfill. To meet these goals, staff in the Arkansas Union are taking the following actions to launch the program in its first phase:

- Select serviced low-waste events
- Recycling and environmental education
- Food court compost collection
- Standardizing recycling bins

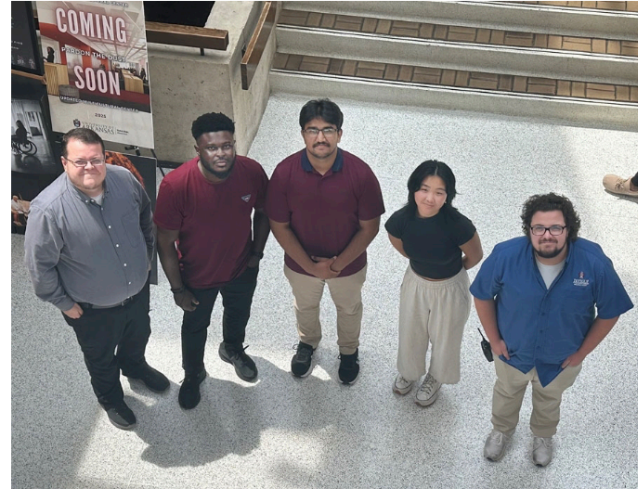


Photo Submitted

Volunteer to work with the Arkansas Union sustainability team.

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JULY 2024

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MAPLE STREET CYCLE TRACK



Oak Ridge Hillside Trail and Restoration Project

OAK RIDGE
PAVED TRAIL EXTENSION
PHASE 2.2

OAK RIDGE
SELECTIVE
TREE PLANTING

OAK SAVANNA
RESTORATION
(4.5 ACRES)

OAK RIDGE
PAVED TRAIL EXTENSION
PHASE 3

OAK RIDGE HILLSIDE RESTORATION
(4 acres)

EVERGREEN RESTORATION
(2.7 acres)

OAK RIDGE PAVED TRAIL

FAYETTEVILLE TRAVERSE TRAIL

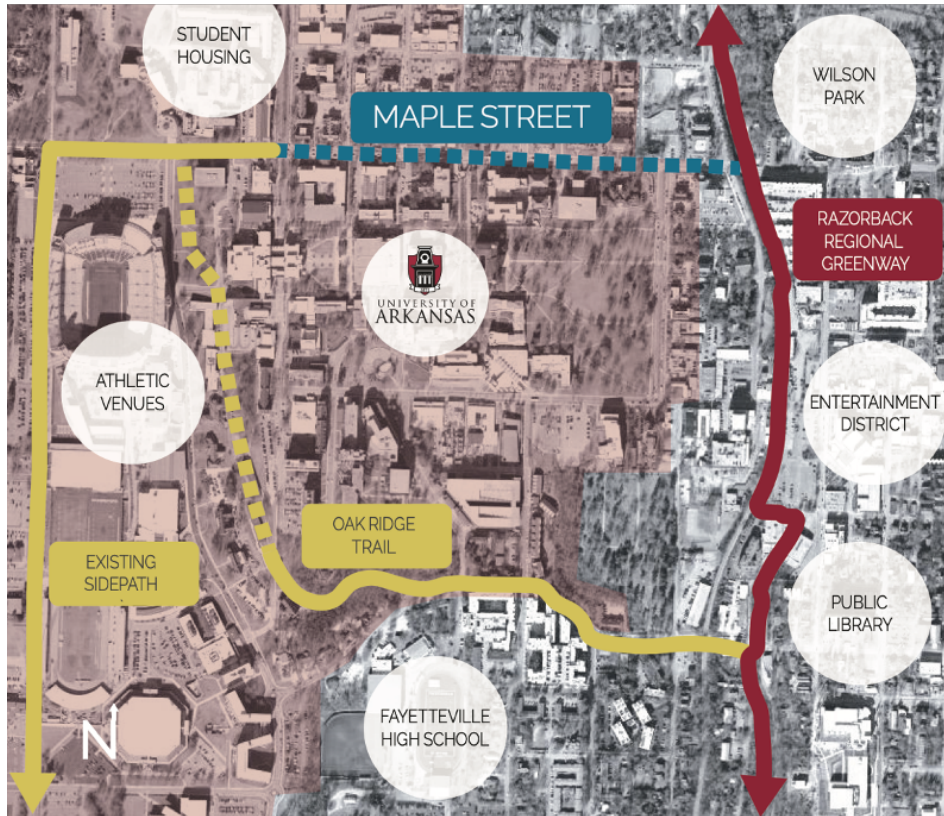
ADOHI RESTORATION
(1.4 acres)

RAZORBACK REGIONAL GREENWAY

- Existing Paved Trail
- New Paved Trail
- Prairie + Savanna Restoration
- Forest Restoration



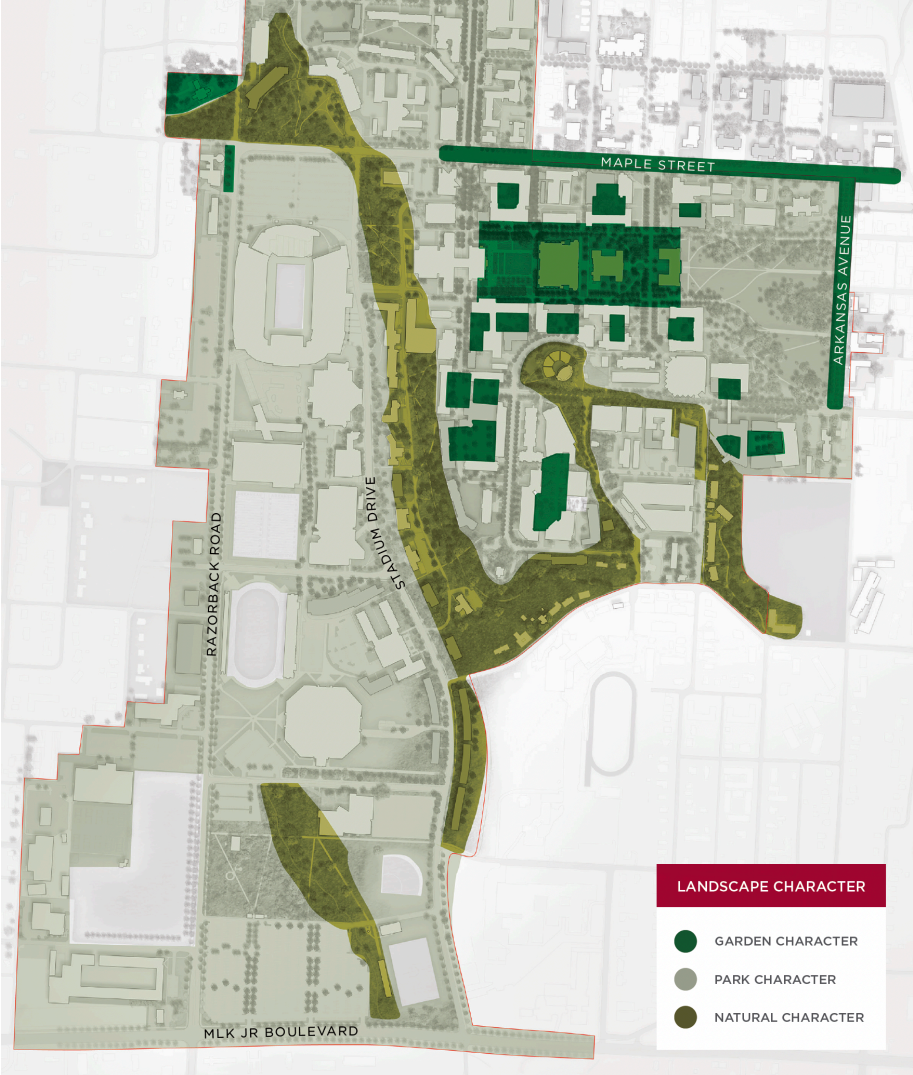
Campus Loop



The University of Arkansas campus sits just blocks from the Razorback Regional Greenway—a regional network of over one hundred miles of paved trails.

Unfortunately, the connectivity between the Greenway and campus destinations lacks adequate infrastructure to serve all ages and abilities of users.

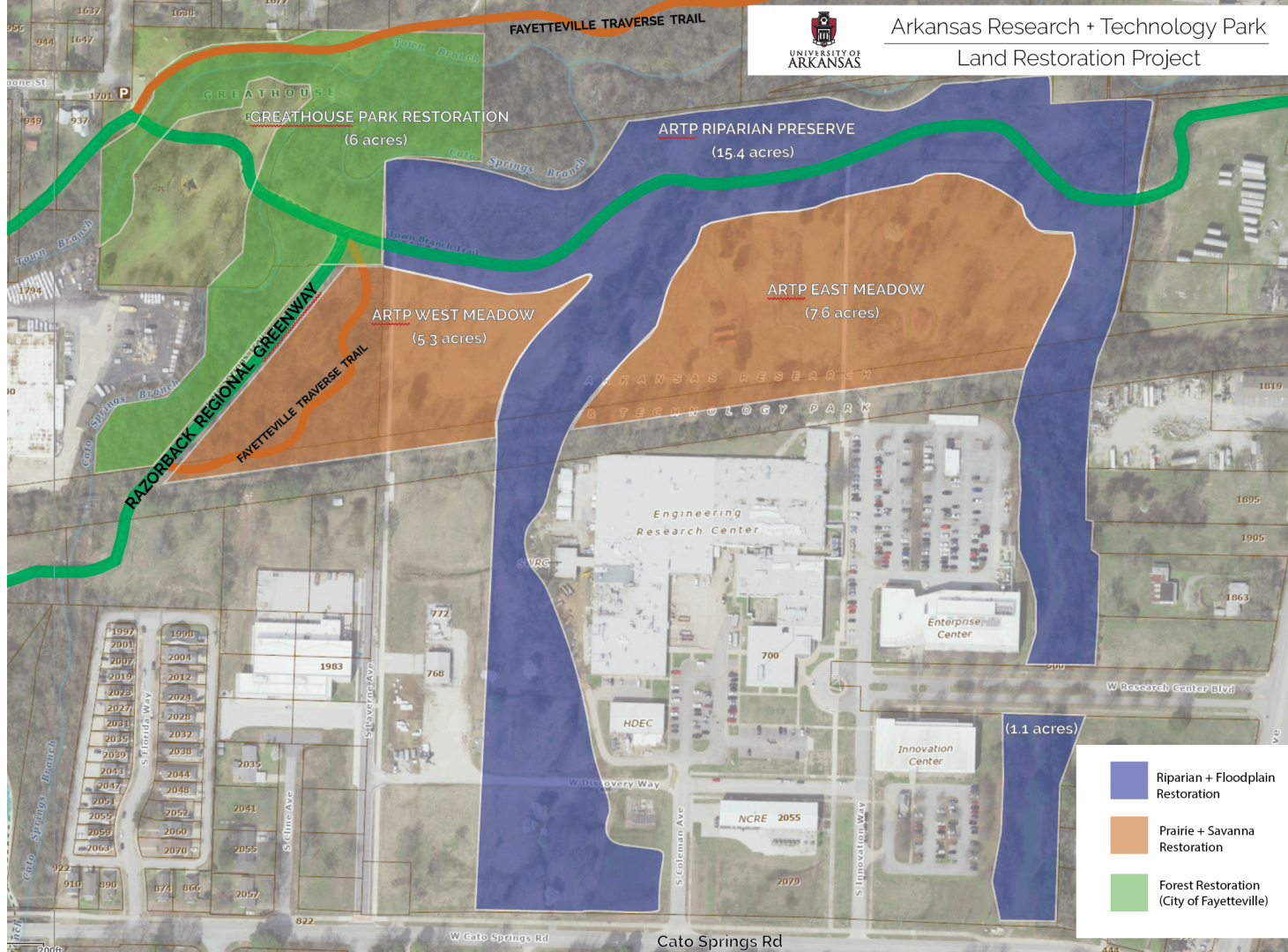
The campus needs a contiguous loop of multi-use paved trail to envelope the campus core and allow for efficient transportation and recreation.



LANDSCAPE CHARACTER

- GARDEN CHARACTER
- PARK CHARACTER
- NATURAL CHARACTER





- Riparian + Floodplain Restoration
- Prairie + Savanna Restoration
- Forest Restoration (City of Fayetteville)





The 10-acre Post Oak Savanna



The CSRC Remnant Prairie



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Field Trips to Oak Knoll

School of Art

- Interdisciplinary collaboration
 - Bikes + Art + Nature
- Think differently about the land around us; offer new perspectives
- Read more about the field trip in [this article](#)



Cruise to Campus

Fall 2024

- October 2nd - Gear Swap
- November 6th - Letter writing campaign



CRUISE TO CAMPUS 2024

**JOIN US THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH DURING THE 2024
SEMESTER FOR FREE BREAKFAST ON
OLD MAIN LAWN**



SEPTEMBER 4, 2024

OCTOBER 2, 2024

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

7:30-10:00AM

FIND GROUP RIDES TO CAMPUS HERE:



UofA Commuter Survey

Accepting responses until 9/30

- Find the survey at [this link](#) or scan the QR code →
- Can you help us spread the word?
 - [Standard flyer](#)
 - [Digital screen](#)

University of Arkansas COMMUTER SURVEY



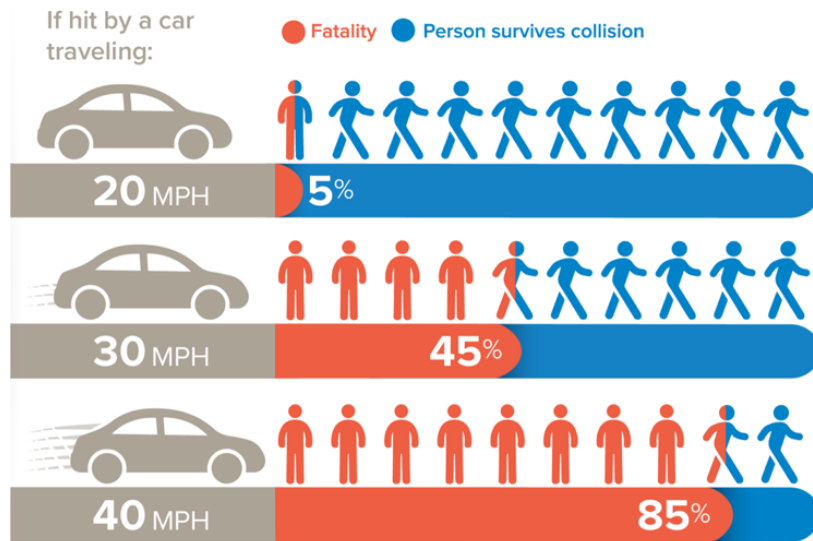
Please complete this 5 minute survey! The information you provide will help inform transportation related decisions at the U of A.

Enter your UARK email at the end of the survey to be entered to win a Patagonia backpack.

Pedestrian Safety Collaboration with ASG

Pedestrian Safety Month + Crosswalk Safety Awareness Day

- Bring awareness to our growing campus
- Opportunity to promote courtesy, safety, and concern for neighbors
- Shared responsibility for all people using all modes



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