

PLU was among the 12 charter signatories for the ACUPCC agreement. We are committed to being carbon neutral by 2020. Initial projects include carbon offsets for study away, energy conservation through infrastructure improvements, and a third geothermal project for heating and cooling.

American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment

nation to submit our Sustainability

Tracking Assessment and Rating
System (STARS) through the
Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education. Our Gold ranking
can be found at www.aashe.org, along with a
complete assessment of our sustainability initiatives.

PLU was the first university in the



Ideas for improvement are always welcome. Resources for improving sustainability can come out of PLU's Sustainability Office or the Sustainability and Committee, which is a group of staff, students, and faculty that springboards sustainability initiatives. In 2007 an ASPLU resolution created a green fee fund to encourage student led sustainability projects. GREAN, RHA and ASPLU also offer support.

Sustainability is woven throughout every part of PLU. Walking through campus, you will notice bottled water is nowhere to be seen, tiny "can the cans" line office desks, students and faculty in the bike co-op service the community's bicycles, and spaces like the SurPLUs store and the Fred L. Tobiason Outdoor Learning Center are open year round.

Culture



In 2009 PLU completed its first biennial greenhouse gas inventory. Since then, there has been a reduction in the net CO₂ emissions of over 17%. This has been partly due to reductions in natural gas, and electricity through the use of smart strips and solar panels. PLU is also implementing efficiency upgrades in our historic buildings and now has 4 LEED certified Green buildings. Finally, PLU is a bike friendly campus with bike racks and its very own bike co-op to assist stubike racks and its very own bike co-op to assist stubike racks and its very own bike troubles.

Built Environment



PLU offers a wide assortment of interdisciplinary classes, ranging from economics to biology, which include principles of sustainability. PLU also offers a major in environmental studies. If you are interested in conducting research, there are three annual sustainability fellowship grants awarded for student-proposed projects.

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"Sustainability in Action" map on reverse side

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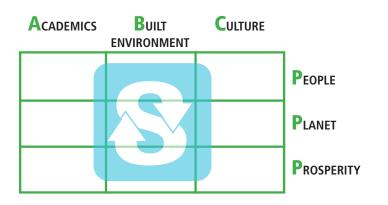
What is Sustainability?

"Sustainability at PLU focuses on three key components:

- Care for people,
- Care for the planet
- Prosperity, both now and in the future.

These are values that emphasize the inseparable interrelationships between communities to ensure that our present way of life does not degrade that of future generations, but leaves the world a better place for all"

– PLU2020 Plan



Intro to the ABCs

The purpose of the ABCs is to integrate the academics, built environment, and campus culture of the university with the triple bottom line of sustainability (people, planet, prosperity). Academics can span from in the classroom to co-curricular activities. The built environment includes both buildings and landscapes. Campus culture is set through our events and programming around the campus community.



WALKING TOUR

GREEN BUILDINGS

- Anderson U.C.
- Neeb
- Morken
- Phillips Ctr.

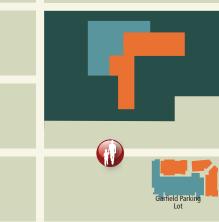
PLU has 4 LEED certified buildings. Our Carbon Action Plan commits to pursuing LEED certification for all future building

PLU SUSTAINABILITY MAP











SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE



SURPLUS STORE



ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION



DINING SERVICES



COMMUNITY **GARDEN**



WHY BUILD GREEN?

The average commercial building's operating costs are three times more than the initial capital costs. Investing in efficient buildings on the front end can save enormous amounts of energy, water, and money over the life time of the building.

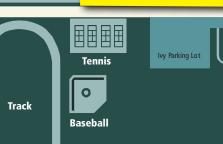
projects.





















HABITAT

- Fred L. Tobiason Learning Ctr.
- Morken Prarie
- South Campus
- Tree Campus USA

The Fred L. Tobiason Outdoor Learning Center exemplifies our drive to create a campus that functions like a living laboratory, supporting experiential learning, interaction with the outdoors, while also providing for habitat corridors and our human needs for open green spaces.



RESPONSIBLE **ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

- Conservation Geothermal
- Solar Electricity

Existing systems include a 7.2 kW photo voltaic array and two closed loop geothermal systems. Our study away programs also participate in an innovative carbon on-setting program to support sustainability efforts in communities we visit. In pursuit of our 2020 goal of carbon neutrality we plan to construct a geothermal system, offsetting nearly 1/3 of our total natural gas usage.



BIKE COOP

Get your ride fixed, or rent one of ours.

- Repair
- Rental
- Classes

Find us our on the back side of Harstad!

GARFIELD

• Walkable

• Transit

Center

Business

Local

STREET

CONSERVATION

community and the heart of this community is Garfield Street. Home to many restaurants, two coffee shops, a hobby shop, holistic health salon, a corner store, the post office, a regional transit center, the PLU Bookstore and the new mixed-use residential commercial Garfield Station. These local businesses make the walk able community we hope to foster possible.

The PLU campus is on the edge of a vibrant



- LID seguestration techniques
- Student Resolution to ban bottle water
- "Take Back the Tap" campaign
- Subsidized reusable water bottles
- Easy to access filtered water stations
- Military stops, low flow aerators, and educational outreach

