



Sustainable Landscape Management Policy	Action number	-----
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Policy Statement	<p>AAU is committed to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable Landscaping Practices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementing environmentally responsible landscaping techniques that promote water conservation, soil health, and biodiversity. ▪ Using native and drought-resistant plant species in landscaping to reduce water usage and support local ecosystems. ▪ Minimizing the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides, and implementing integrated pest management strategies. 2. Green Space Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preserving and enhancing green spaces on campus to provide ecological, recreational, and educational benefits to the university community. ▪ Integrating sustainable stormwater management practices, such as rain gardens and permeable surfaces, to improve water quality and reduce runoff. 3. Sustainable Food Production: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting on-campus food production initiatives, such as community gardens and urban farms, to provide fresh, locally sourced produce to the university community. ▪ Encouraging the use of sustainable, organic farming practices in university-affiliated agricultural projects. 4. Sustainable Food Procurement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prioritizing the procurement of locally sourced, organic, and sustainably produced food products for university dining services. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Developing partnerships with local farmers, producers, and suppliers who adhere to sustainable practices. <p>5. Waste Reduction and Composting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementing strategies to minimize food waste in all university food service operations and promoting composting of organic waste. ▪ Utilizing compost produced from university food and landscape waste to enhance soil health in campus gardens and landscaping. <p>6. Education and Engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Providing educational programs and resources to raise awareness about sustainable landscaping and food system practices. ▪ Engaging students, faculty, staff, and the local community in hands-on sustainability initiatives related to landscaping and food systems. <p>7. Continuous Improvement and Reporting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regularly assessing and reporting on the university's landscaping practices and food system operations to ensure alignment with sustainability goals. ▪ Setting measurable targets for sustainable landscaping and food system practices and regularly reviewing progress towards these goals.
<p>Policy Purpose</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy is to affirm AAU's commitment to sustainable landscape management and the development of a sustainable food system. This policy aims to promote ecological stewardship, enhance biodiversity, reduce environmental impact, and support the health and well-being of the university community through sustainable landscaping practices and a robust, sustainable food system.</p>
<p>Policy Scope</p>	<p>This policy applies to all landscaping activities, green space management, and food-related operations within the university, including the design and maintenance of campus grounds, gardens, and agricultural spaces, as well as food procurement, production, and waste management for university dining services.</p>
<p>Policy Responsibilities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Sustainability Office is responsible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinating the implementation of this policy. ▪ Providing guidance and support to departments and units on integrating sustainable practices in landscaping and food systems. 2. Facilities Management is responsible for:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementing sustainable practices in campus landscaping and grounds maintenance. ▪ Managing waste effectively and promoting composting and recycling initiatives. <p>3. Dining Services is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementing sustainable food procurement practices. ▪ Managing food waste and promoting resource efficiency in food services. <p>4. Academic Departments related to Agriculture, Environmental Science, and Nutrition are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Integrating sustainability principles into relevant academic programs and research. ▪ Engaging students in learning opportunities related to sustainable landscaping and food systems. <p>5. All members of the university community are responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting and participating in the university's efforts to promote sustainable practices in landscaping and food systems.
<p>Policy Compliance</p>	<p>Non-compliance with this policy may result in a review of operations and procedures to identify areas for improvement. Continuous non-compliance may lead to further actions as deemed necessary by the university administration.</p>
<p>Policy Review</p>	<p>This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every year or as needed to ensure it remains effective, reflects best practices in sustainable landscaping and food systems, and aligns with the university's sustainability goals.</p>