Build Sustainable Cities and Communities Policy	Action number	-----
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Policy Statement	AAU is committed to: 1. Promoting Urban Sustainability: • Engaging in research and initiatives that support sustainable urban development, including sustainable transportation, green building, energy efficiency, and waste management. • Collaborating with city planners, local governments, and community organizations to contribute to the creation of sustainable urban spaces. 2. Community Engagement and Empowerment: • Fostering strong, inclusive communities by encouraging participation and leadership in sustainability initiatives from diverse groups, including marginalized and underrepresented communities. • Providing educational programs and resources to empower local residents to participate in and contribute to sustainable development. 3. Partnership and Collaboration: • Building partnerships with local governments, businesses, non-profits, and other institutions to leverage resources, expertise, and networks for sustainable community development. • Participating in local, national, and international networks to share best practices and learn from others working on sustainable cities and communities. 4. Sustainable Campus as a Model: • Utilizing the university campus as a living laboratory for sustainable practices, demonstrating how sustainable design and	

operations can be effectively implemented in an urban context.

- Encouraging sustainable lifestyles among the university community through programs that promote sustainable transportation, energy conservation, waste reduction, and healthy living.

5. Innovation and Economic Development:
   - Supporting innovation and entrepreneurship that contributes to sustainable economic development and job creation in local communities.
   - Encouraging the development and adoption of sustainable technologies and practices by local businesses and startups.

6. Resilience and Adaptation:
   - Engaging in research and initiatives that enhance the resilience of cities and communities to environmental, social, and economic challenges.
   - Promoting adaptive strategies to address the impacts of climate change, economic fluctuations, and other challenges to sustainability.

7. Transparency and Accountability:
   - Monitoring and publicly reporting on the university's contributions to sustainable cities and communities.
   - Ensuring that sustainability initiatives are implemented in a transparent and accountable manner, with opportunities for community input and feedback.

Policy Purpose	The purpose of this policy is to establish AAU's commitment to contributing to the development of sustainable cities and communities, in alignment with global sustainability goals. This policy outlines the university's approach to integrating sustainable practices in urban development, community engagement, and partnerships to promote environmental, social, and economic well-being in the local and broader community.
Policy Scope	This policy applies to the university's engagement in urban development, community projects, outreach programs, partnerships with local governments and organizations, and any other activities that have the potential to impact local communities and urban environments.

Policy Responsibilities	1. The Office of Sustainability is responsible for:
	   • Coordinating and overseeing the implementation of this policy.
	   • Providing guidance and support to departments and units on integrating sustainability into community engagement and urban development initiatives.
	2. All university departments and units are responsible for:
	   • Integrating sustainability principles into their community engagement, research, and urban development activities.
	   • Collaborating with the Office of Sustainability and external partners to achieve the objectives of this policy.
	3. All members of the university community are responsible for:
	   • Contributing to the university's efforts to promote sustainable cities and communities through their actions, research, and community engagement.

Policy Compliance	Non-compliance with this policy may be addressed through review and feedback mechanisms. The university is committed to fostering a supportive and collaborative environment for the implementation of sustainable practices in building cities and communities.
Policy Review	This policy will be reviewed and, if necessary, revised every year or as needed to ensure it remains relevant, reflects the latest standards and practices in sustainable urban development, and aligns with the university's goals and objectives.