COVID-19 IMPACT

Additional fertilizer and chemical applications were necessary to help the grounds rebound after unusually low applications in 2020 due to COVID priorities and staffing issues, yet the goal was met.

NEXT STEPS

Continue piloting alternative methods of maintaining grounds, including shifting to more environmentally friendly materials and techniques.

SUSTAINABLE FOOD

A workstream associated with U-M’s central carbon neutrality efforts has convened to develop a road map for U-M’s approach to sustainable food purchases. The 2025 goal measures local food, whereas the future goal (to be established by 2025) will be based on carbon footprint.

While this work progresses, U-M has discontinued the current time-intensive tracking process to dedicate more time and resources to establish new targets and accounting methodologies.

Although annual metrics will not be added to this goal for the next couple of years, U-M’s commitment to purchasing sustainable food remains strong. All of the systems in place to attain the current goal will continue for the foreseeable future.