SUSTAINABILITY GOAL SUMMARY

FY24 Highlights

Climate action, waste reduction, resilient grounds, and community engagement efforts remained strong while preparing to sunset the 2025 Ann Arbor campus sustainability goals

GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION	 The Ann Arbor campus achieved its 25% emissions reduction goal in 2022—three years ahead of schedule. Climate action updates are available on the <u>Planet Blue</u> site.
FUEL EFFICIENCY	 Expanded EV fleet (added 48 fleet EVs and 4 battery electric buses in 2024, bringing the total to 56 fleet EVs and 8 EV buses). Improved EV charging infrastructure (addition of over 120 new EV charging spaces, bringing the total to 148).
WASTE REDUCTION	 Completed several pilots: public compost bins in the U-M Libraries, Zero Waste Game Day organic waste composting at the Campus Farm, and special recycling collections for glass and plastic wrap. OCS and LSA launched a Lab Swap Shop and OCS continued to expand the Lab Reuse Program and swap events — increasing reuse of these carbon-intensive materials by more than 300%! Continued to be a national leader in bin streamlining: moving toward XL bins, reducing deskside bins, and tracking diversion improvements. Conducted a campus-wide waste audit to inform expanded waste reduction goals and strategies. Received input from 150+ community members on the proposed U-M Waste Reduction Goals. Implemented pilots in the Northwoods Campus Apartments to successfully reduce contamination and increase compost collection. U-M won a national waste reduction award for a student-driven returnable can shelf initiative.
RESILIENT GROUNDS	 F&O Grounds Services partnered with LSA to convert 15,000 sq ft of turf to a high-visibility pollinator garden outside the Life Sciences Institute building. Engaged staff, faculty and students to draft expanded resilient grounds goals with biodiversity, land use, stormwater and chemical reduction targets.
SUSTAINABLE FOOD	 Michigan Dining received an A+ on the Humane Society of the United States' College and University Protein Sustainability Scorecard. MDining was nationally recognized for sustainable procurement by the National Association of College & University Food Service.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	 Mobile Farm Stand launched, selling fresh produce to over 1,300 unique customers, with sales surpassing \$20,000. Sustainability Cultural Organizers opened a pop-up cafe—Noon at Night—in Palmer Commons, featuring stories, recipes, and interviews from past student sustainability leaders. Planet Blue Student Leaders piloted the Sustainability Lending Library, with 17 unique groups using the library in its first semester.

