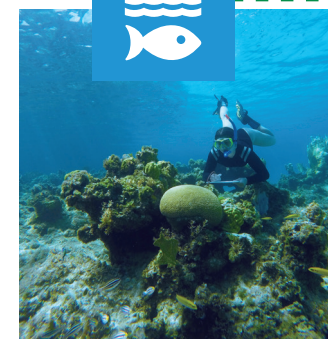


SUSTAINING BY EXAMPLE

From campus to community, sustainability takes many shapes

The United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development provides a blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. Containing 17 Sustainable Development Goals, the plan is an urgent, global call to action, recognizing that addressing socioeconomic inequalities is intricately tied to mitigating the effects of climate change. Eastern is proud to follow the UN's interdisciplinary approach with numerous shining examples of sustainability.



Among the Center for Community Engagement's many service opportunities are weekly programs with local soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

Shawn's Cupboard is Eastern's on-campus food pantry for students, stocked with produce and nonperishable food items.

The Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) office is available to support students' emotional development.

Eastern is a host institution for Jumpstart, a national early education program meant to help children from low-income areas develop literacy skills.

Eastern community members who take the Safe Zone training serve as advocates for the LGBTQ+ community by learning language and practices to better understand gender/sexual identity.

The bioswale filtration system located just outside of the Science Building collects rainwater runoff and simulates a natural riverbed full of native vegetation.

Eleven electric vehicle charging stations are available across campus and in the parking garages. The stations are free and available to students, staff and the general public.

Accounting students have participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program since 1999, helping to steer millions of dollars in tax refunds back into local economies.

Eastern has five LEED-certified buildings. Standing for "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design," Eastern's LEED buildings are energy-efficient and sustainably constructed.

The Office of Equity and Diversity advises the University community on equitable hiring practices and procedures, affirmative action plans, equity policies and civil rights issues.

The mission of the Institute for Sustainability is to serve as a resource and leader in the transition to sustainable practices on campus and in Connecticut.

The new Thrift Warriors shop is available to students to donate and take (free of charge) gently used clothing and housewares.

With three 800-foot vertical wells, the High Rise residence hall has one of the largest geothermal installations in Connecticut.

Biology students have traveled to the Caribbean for decades to study tropical marine biology.

The Arboretum is Eastern's on-campus nature preserve, containing 20 acres of walking trails, wetlands and more than 30 species of native trees.

The JEDIs – Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion – are a group of faculty who are determined to create a campus-wide climate that supports Eastern's BIPOC students.

Eastern is partnering with Hartford HealthCare for its new nursing program, helping to reduce the nursing shortage in Connecticut.

SUSTAINABILITY "Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." *United Nations Brundtland Commission*