Sustainability at UW Bothell has been an important part of the institution’s mission and values since its inception. UWB strives to be a leader and example in sustainable and environmental responsibility. These efforts continued throughout 2022-2023.

**Campus Recognition and Awards**

- Re-certified as [Bee Campus USA](http://bee-campus.org).
- Listed as Pollinator Pathway Northwest location.
- First university in the nation to receive [Platinum Green Grounds certification](https://rewildyourcampus.org) from Re:Wild Your Campus for pesticide and herbicide free landscaping practices.
- 2022 AASCU Excellence and Innovation in Sustainability and Sustainable Development Award Winner.
- Invited to Washington DC for the AASCU Sustainability Solutions Symposium: Purple, Gold, and Green Panel.
- Audited the current [Sustainability Action Plan](https://uwbothell.edu/sustainability) to produce a revised and updated version of the Plan with partners, metrics, and funding sources identified.

**Facilities Improvements**

- Working with vendor to install sonar technology in dumpsters to begin collecting waste diversion data.
- Redesigned our energy dashboards in multiple buildings.
- Purchased an EvoEco interactive triple station bin for UW2 Commons.
- Adjusted “load shedding” building automation program timing to turn on later and turn off earlier while less people are on campus to reduce energy demand during peak times.
  - Load shedding program collectively saved $77,000 already in 2023.
- Early adoption of Washington Clean Buildings Performance Standards.
- Applied for two grants from WSDOT and the Federal Highway Administration for installation of Direct Current Fast Charging (Level 3 fast charging) stations for electric vehicles.
• Development of a Sustainable Events Guide and Internal certification for sustainability efforts in event planning for campus.
• Relationship developed with Capstone and Aramark to advance sustainability in campus dining and grounds management at the new residential village.
• Continued coordination with Tri campus sustainability stakeholders.
• Communication program to conserve energy by keeping windows closed.

Staff and Faculty Achievements

• Associate Vice Chancellor Tony Guerrero received Husky Sustainability Legacy Award for outstanding leadership in the sustainability field.
• Dr. Melanie Malone received a Husky Sustainability Award for her research and teaching on environmental justice.
• Dr. Malone was also awarded an EPA Star Grant on climate change and environmental justice to research soil and water contamination near the Lower Duwamish Superfund site in South Seattle.
• Allyson Long received an honorable mention from the Husky Sustainability Award committee for her work to advance zero-waste on the UWB campus.
• UW Bothell welcomed new faculty member, Dr. Miryha Gould Runnerstrom, to focus on public health, environmental psychology, environmental health, and health benefits of exposure to nature.

Advancements in Academics

• Continuing efforts to establish a Climate Justice minor in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences.
• UW Bothell was awarded $800k for a new Environmental Careers Preparedness (EnCAP) program to develop K-16 educational pathways toward careers in environmental and sustainability fields.
• Environmental Education and Research Center at St. Edwards State Park engaged two student interns and held a “soft-open.”
• Community Engaged Learning and Research (CELR) hosted an agricultural justice field trip to Small Axe Farm, 21 Acres, and Viva Farms engaging faculty, staff, and students from UWB and Cascadia.
First student Academic Showcase highlighted environmental/sustainability research projects with community organizations such as 21 Acres, Viva Farms, Friends of North Creek Forest, and others.

UW Bothell Senior, Helen Fita, was selected for the Husky 100 for her involvement with the Friday Harbor Labs and UWB North Creek Wetland restoration.

UW Bothell student, Harris Nakajima received a Husky Sustainability Award for his leadership with the UW Industrial Assessment Center and commitment to sustainability.

Community Impacts

- Three student interns engaged through the Common Caws for Sustainability Podcast.
- One student assistant hired for spring and summer terms.
- Hosted six lecture-style events in a tri-campus effort for our Winter Quarter Climate Dialog speaker series, engaging three community members and six faculty members across the three UW campuses as guest speakers.
- Hosted five Lunch and Learn events at the Sarah Simonds Green Conservatory during Spring Quarter with guests from Viva farms, UWB Grounds, 21 Acres, and Cascadia faculty.
- Revised and updated Sustainability webpage with new content to align with WordPress platform.
- Hosted 14 events for Earth Month in April, engaging over 270 participants. Examples of events included a popup thrift store clothing swap, an alternative transportation fair, an environmental job fair and alumni panel, a film showing of “Necessity: Climate Justice and the Thin Green Line,” a faculty panel on climate solutions, and much more!
- 559+ listens of our joint UWB-Cascadia hosted podcast, the Common Caws for Sustainability.
- Engaged with 40+ community partner organizations through various events and programs during the year.
- Increased Instagram engagement with @uwbsustainability by 200%.
- Coordinated community events with Cascadia College to expand reach and increase community impact including Earth Month, Climate Dialog, and Climate Justice Speakers.
- Engaged with school age summer Champs Camp attendees to showcase campus wetland, food forest, and campus garden.
- Partnered with King County Hazardous Waste program to host 6 Household Hazardous Waste disposal events.
2023-2024 Priorities

- Hold additional sustainability engagement events using Presidential Discretionary fund.
  - Events will include workshops, speakers, and film screenings.
  - In addition to Climate Dialog speaker series and Earth Month.
- Support Alliance 4 Sustainability Student Club in their efforts to establish a Campus Sustainability Fund for students.
- Promote and engage campus around Sustainable Events Guide by educating event organizers and encouraging best sustainability practices for campus events.
- Increase student engagement with sustainability.
- Collaborate with Residential Life to develop sustainability programming for students who are living in the Residential Village.
- Advance the tri-campus effort to establish a “Sustainability” course designation in MyPlan so that students can more easily find interdisciplinary courses related to sustainability.
- Collaborate with The Office of Connected Learning to engage faculty in sustainability through the CELR Fellows program.