

## The Wilberforce University Green Initiative

Consistent with its mission of educating students for the global community, Wilberforce University has implemented systematic plans and strategies to facilitate a campus-wide reduction in its carbon footprint. Termed the Green Initiative, this effort will institutionalize the university's commitment to climate neutrality by educating all constituent groups on reducing its contribution to negative greenhouse gas emissions. The spirit of the Green Initiative should extend beyond the campus and into the everyday lives of our constituents.

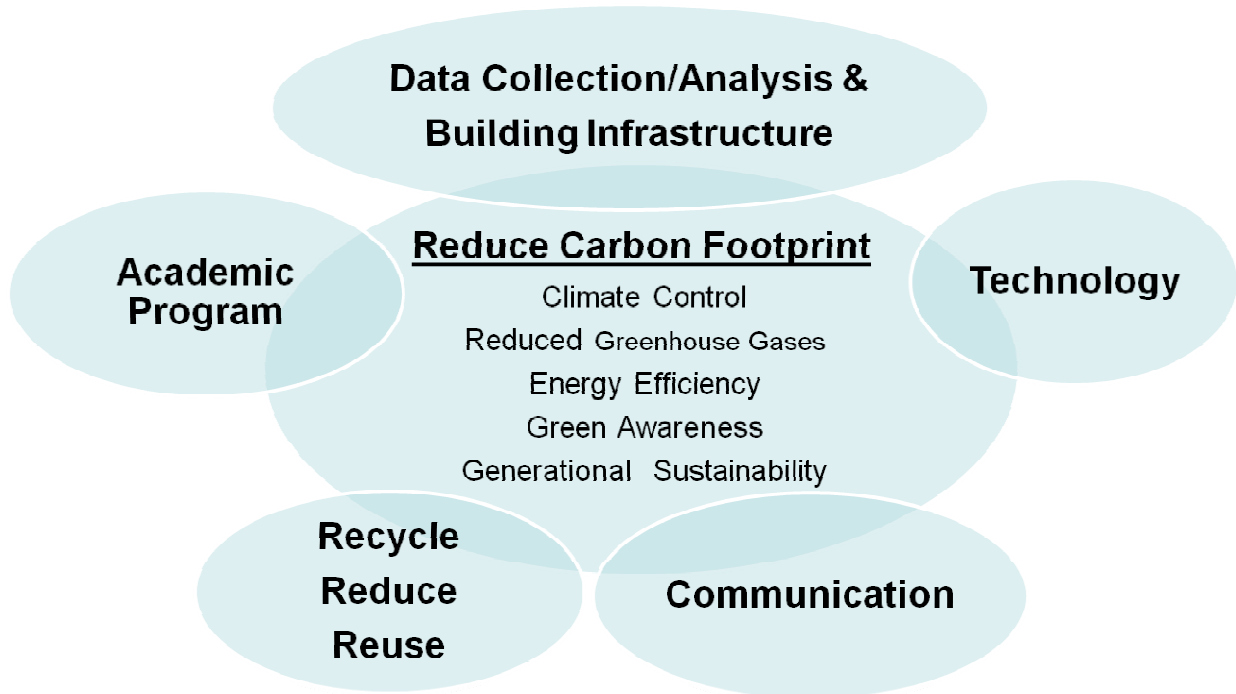
### University Goals, Objectives and Strategies

GOALS	OBJECTIVES	STRATEGIES
Institutionalize University's Commitment to Carbon Neutrality	- Endorsement and implementation by all university constituents	- Establish overall green steering committee - Establish functional/working green committees with student/staff/faculty representation across five areas: Data & Analysis, Technology, Academic Program, Recycle/Reduce/Reuse, Communication - Partner with alumni for green initiatives
	- Adoption of climate neutrality as University Strategic Priority VII	- Board of Trustees approval granted May 2011
	- Signatory on American College & University Presidents' Climate Control Commitment	- Expected sign-up date between Dec 2011 and January 2012
Sustainability Model	- Documentation of current carbon footprint	- Data & Analysis (D&A) committee assesses current state
	- Prioritization of high-impact areas for model development	- D&A and other green committees align on sustainability model
	- Model implementation	- Green committees execute per model
Institutional Policies	- Using sustainability model, develop policies that drive measurable climate control and carbon neutrality improvements	- President & senior team work with human Resources to draft policies for board approval
LEED silver certification	- New construction LEED certified	- Use LEED guidelines in new building plan

### Green Organization

The goal of the Wilberforce Green Vision is to help the university become recognized as a green campus, consistently reducing its carbon footprint to the benefit of its community of scholars and the surrounding areas. A Green Steering Team (GST) was formed to guide the implementation of the Green Initiative goals, objectives and strategies. The GST consists of the university's president and vice presidents, project coordinators and chairs of the functional green committees. Five functional green committees were identified to encompass key strategic areas requiring significant planning and focus: Data Collection/Analysis & Building Infrastructure, Technology, Academic Program, Recycle/Reduce/Reuse, and Communication. Comprised of students, faculty and staff, each committee defined its scope and deliverables around the University's overall goals, objectives and strategies.

# Green Initiative: Wilberforce University



Area	Focus
Data Collection & Building Infrastructure	Upgrade dormitories and other buildings for energy and water efficiency, resulting in the lowering of WU's carbon footprint.
Recycle, Reduce, Reuse	Programs focused at recycling, reducing and reusing will be instituted to change the behaviors of University constituents toward a sustainability culture.
Academics	Programs/courses to educate constituents and community on options for climate neutrality across generations are paramount to "Green" progress.
Communication	Sharing "Green" information across University/community constituents is essential for sustained efforts to carbon footprint reduction.
Technology	Moving toward a paperless campus along with <u>exploratory</u> work in renewable energy alternatives are key work areas.

# GREEN INITIATIVE: WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

## Organizational Chart

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