



Sustainability Definition

Sustainability is shaping our campus to meet current community needs while ensuring future generations have equal access to resources, while balancing environmental, economic, and social impacts.



Mission

The Center for Energy and Sustainability (CES) prioritizes energy and utility management, sustainable building design, and resource stewardship to foster a greener campus.



Vision

The CES envisions a sustainable campus that utilizes data and technology to continually advance efficiency and environmental stewardship.



Center for ENERGY and SUSTAINABILITY



Highlights of Sustainability at MTSU

1972

1998

1999

2001

2006

2015

2018

2025

Natural gas-fired cogeneration plant constructed. Turbine produces 40-45% of campus power.

Large, multi-phase energy conservation project began. Improvements included LED relamping, HVAC upgrades, & efficiency upgrades to the cogeneration plant turbine.

MTSU became a Level 1 arboretum.

The Center for Energy Efficiency changed its name to the Center for Energy and Sustainability.

Recycling program started by Dr. Patrick Doyle and the MTSU Biology Club.

Center for Energy Efficiency established with Linda Hardymon as the Manager.

Students launched the Clean Energy Fee to fund renewable energy initiatives.

Surpassed five million dollars awarded in Sustainability Campus Fee projects.



MTSU Recycles

For over 50 years, the campus recycling program has reduced non-hazardous waste, reclaimed valuable materials, diverted waste from the landfill, and reduced disposal costs.



2025 Highlights

From sustainability-focused events to pursuing Level 2 Arboretum status, we're excited for the year ahead. We will also be working to reduce campus energy use by analyzing utility data, leveraging TVA incentives, and collaborating across departments on sustainability.



Sustainability Campus Fee

Each fall, applications open for student organizations, faculty, and staff to submit proposals to fund campus sustainability-related projects. To date, over \$6.7 million has been awarded.

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