

# Sustainability Vision

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs will be a recognized leader in sustainability, **integrating social justice, economic, and ecological values** into **institutional policies, programs and practices.**

# Sustainability Mission

Recognizing that institutions of higher learning have a responsibility to exercise leadership and create the future, **UCCS actively pursues sustainability as a way to address the University's focus on increased student recruitment and retention** *through courses which address contemporary and global issues, effective and efficient resource usage, and fiscal responsibility.*

# LEADERSHIP

- Become a **Recognized Role Model** for Economic, Environmental, and Social Sustainability by serving as a **Path Maker** and **Thought Leader** for the Region
- Create a **Thriving Culture of Economic, Environmental, and Social Sustainability** on Campus

# EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

- Students, Faculty, and Staff Will **Understand Sustainability Concepts** and Will be **Able to Apply** Relevant Concepts in all Actions, Interactions, and Decisions
- Provide **Excellent In-depth Sustainability Education** and Encourage **Research**
- Increase Faculty, Staff, and Student Involvement in **Community** Sustainability Initiatives

# **OPERATIONS (1 OF 2)**

- **Design a Food Environment on Campus that Promotes a Sustainable, Healthy Community**
- **Implement a Transportation Demand Management Plan that Reduces the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Generated from Campus Fleet Operations and Commuting**
- **Pursue Zero Waste in all Functions Throughout the Campus**
- **Demonstrate Sustainable Purchasing Practices for all Purchases on Campus**

# OPERATIONS (2 OF 2)

- Demonstrate **Sustainable Purchasing Practices** for all Purchases on Campus
- Achieve Progress toward a **Net Zero Energy Campus** through Conservation, Energy Efficiency Technologies, and Producing or Purchasing Renewable Energy
- **Reduce Water Use**
- Build **High Performance Facilities** that Minimize Environmental Impact and Improve Occupant Well-Being