Sustainability is the simultaneous pursuit of **HUMAN** health & happiness, **ENVIRONMENTAL** quality and **ECONOMIC** well-being for current and future generations.
Engaged Scholarship Definition

At Penn State, engaged scholarship is defined as out-of-classroom academic experiences that complement in-classroom learning.
Carnegie Foundation

Defines Community Engagement as:

“the collaboration between institutions of higher education and their larger communities (local, regional/state, national, global) for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.”
The Sustainable Communities Collaborative

Mission:
To connect faculty, students, and staff with local communities to address sustainability challenges through an engaged collaborative effort.

- Bridge the gap between town and gown
  Explore possibilities that make a difference
- Apply student expertise to community’s needs
  Share technical and creative expertise across the community
- Create high quality, high impact projects
SCC’s Goals for Community Partners:

- Valuable service and research to communities ready to transition to a more sustainable future
- Support towards achieving community sustainability goals
- Inspiration and education on sustainability resources and developments
- Understanding sustainability in its broadest definition
SCC’s Goals for Students

• Expanded definition of sustainability
• Connect major and/or minor to sustainability
• Gain real-life experience with community partners
• Inspire to continue to apply their knowledge and skills to sustainability challenges in their personal, professional and civic lives after they graduate
Campus and Community Sustainability Expo

A community-wide opportunity to celebrate and learn about all student and community projects, with community members, administration, students, and faculty.
Sustainable Communities Collaborative at University Park

WHAT COUNTS
2017/2018

46 DISTINCT PROJECTS

446 Students

8 COLLEGES

17 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

5 Commonwealth Campuses

9 PSU PARTNERS
PLAN SECTIONS:
- Environment
- Social
- Fiscal Viability
- Smart Growth & Resiliency

- Waste Reduction
- Transportation
- Urban Tree Canopy
- Stormwater Mgmt. & Water Conservation
- Energy

increase awareness & participation for alternative transportation

- Clean Air Awareness Week
- Borough Hybrid Fleet
- Bicycle Friendly Community
# Multi-Semester Traffic Safety Project, State College, PA

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