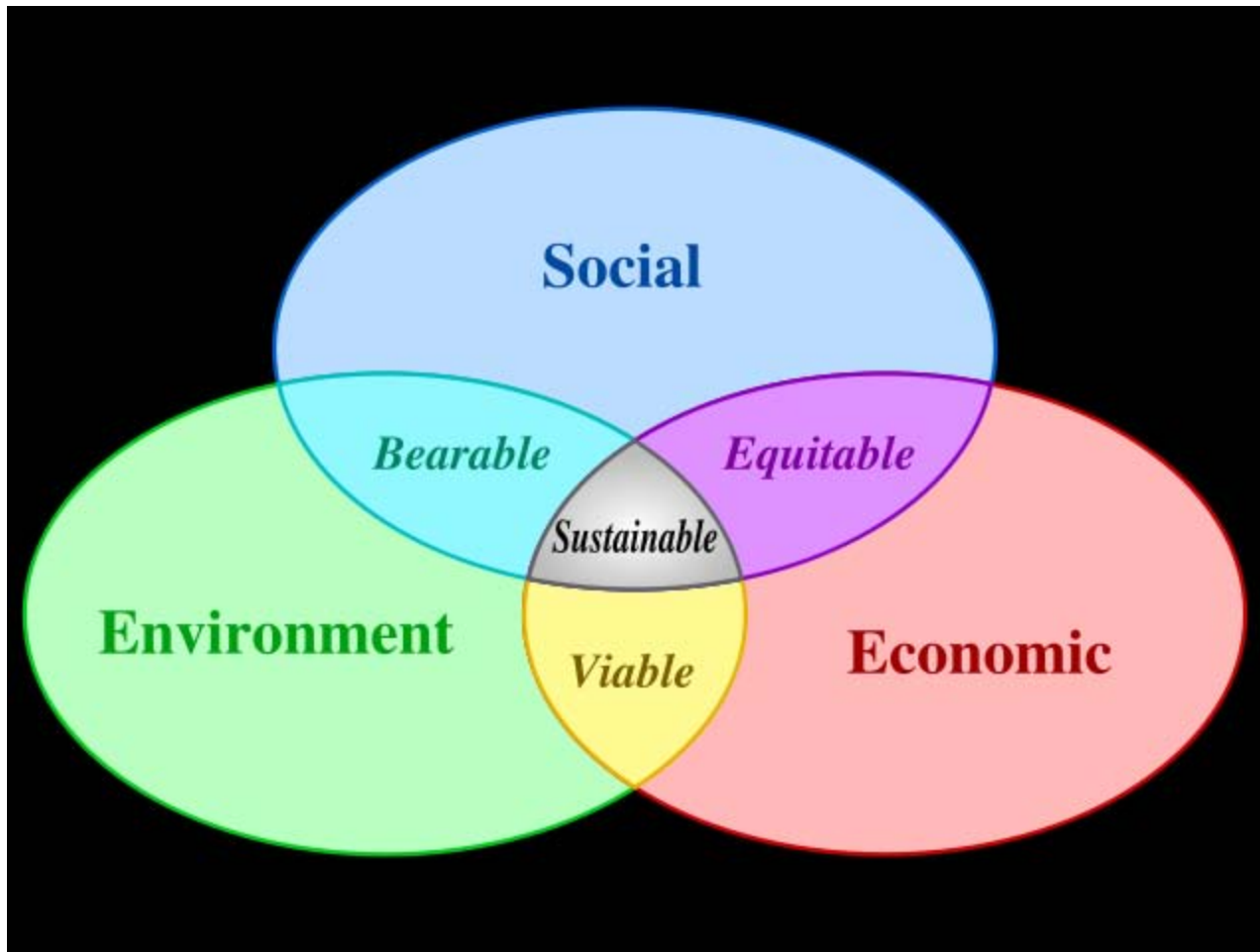




Sustainability?
What is that?!?

Sustainability defined on
the ISU campus & the
residence halls


Definition of sustainability



The term *sustainability* expresses the human **desire for an environment that can provide for our needs now and for future generations.**

Our collective journey to find a way to live harmoniously with each other and within our social, economic, and ecological environments is a quest for sustainability.

A few orgs at ISU

- Council on Sustainability
- Keep Iowa State Beautiful
- Student Organic Farm
- **Farm to ISU (in ISU dining!)** The logo for Farm to ISU features a green fork on the left, a green knife in the center, and a green spoon on the right, all with green leaves at their bases. Below the icons, the text "Farm to ISU" is written in a green, sans-serif font.
- President's Advisory Committee on Energy Conservation and Global Climate Change
- Student Affairs Division Sustainability Committee
- **Department of Residence Sustainability Committee (you can be involved!!)**

Live Green! campaign

- A new **director of sustainability programs** at ISU starting later this semester!
- A revolving loan fund to support green projects
- A goal to achieve LEED gold certification on new construction and major renovations on campus
- Three new facilities being planned at Iowa State -- Hach Hall (chemistry building), the Biorenewables Research Laboratory, and the King Pavilion addition to the College of Design -- all are LEED registered.

What is LEED?



A goal to achieve LEED gold certification on all new campus construction and major renovation projects. (LEED is a third-party certification program administered through the U.S. Green Building Council, and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings). There are now 11 LEED certified buildings in Iowa; 77 other projects in the state (in design or construction phases) are registered for LEED consideration.

ISU's Morrill Hall, renovated and restored in 2007, is certified LEED silver -- the first and only LEED building at an Iowa Regents institution to date.

Sustainability ISN'T just recycling

- A lot of students think that sustainability is just the new buzz word for **recycling...that's not the case!**
- So...what is sustainability?
 - Energy conservation & development (things like wind, water, ethanol/e85, soy, solar, etc)
 - Changing methods of transportation
 - Waste reduction
 - Recycling/Upcycling/Downcycling
 - Purchasing from equitable sources
 - Managing equitable development
 - Much more!!!

But, what IS happening concerning recycling?

- ISU formally organized some efforts in 1993
- Mostly around departmental things like phonebooks, materials, wood, etc.
- **Ames actually burns garbage and recovers electricity through this process, so that is why we don't recycle as a city....but that doesn't mean we can't change our efforts!**

In Fall 2007, in just six weeks, the tube filled one and a half times, collecting 4,757 cans and plastic bottles in JUST the College of Design.



ISU & DoR Sustainability Victories!

- Sustainability coordinator starting in October!
- LEED certified buildings
- Live Green campaign!
- Department of Residence working to **install utility meters** on halls to improve efficiency, have info to share with students, make changes with students
- Department of Residence is gathering utility information from the past three years to share with students
- Creation of **sustainability chairs within hall councils** and house cabinets (more info to come)
- **Guest speakers** to residence halls (more info to come)

Want to get involved?

- **Talk to your Community Advisor** and house cabinet about creating a sustainability chair (maybe combine recycling chair into this position?)
- **Talk to your Hall Director** about being part of the Dept of Residence committee
- **Talk to your roommate and neighbors** about things you can do on your house and in your hall to make life better!
- **Attend programs** and events geared around sustainability
- **Organize students** to make change in the halls!