

VILLANOVA FOOD SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

An interdisciplinary university institute will be the academic home for research, curricula, and community outreach with focus on climate, environmental justice, health, and sustainability. The work of the institute will be performed by faculty fellows, undergraduate and graduate student assistantships, and by visiting scholars. The institute will oversee academic and project work. The institute will empower new leaders and develop innovative strategies to address the highly complex interdisciplinary challenges of climate, justice, and sustainability.

The institute will launch as an initiative in the first two years of operation.

PROJECT UPDATES

Dependent on the launch of the Villanova Institute for Climate, Justice and Sustainability (VICJS).

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Reduce Villanova’s environmental footprint associated with food systems

AFFECTED METRICS



Metric	Metric Description	2021 Key Result
2.2	Proportion of students, faculty, and staff that are meeting their caloric and nutritional needs without consuming in excess.	Measure the nutritional health of Villanova's population and assess the needs of those with restricted diets due to allergies, religious restrictions, or other dietary restrictions.
2.3	Percentage of food disposed of in a non circular manner.	Divert 100% of pre-consumer food waste from landfill or incineration.
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12.4	Proportion of campus products sourced sustainably as verified by third party certifications.	Evaluate options for sustainable procurement.
14.3	Proportion of seafood consumed on campus that is sustainably caught or raised and certified sustainable by third party standards.	Assess third party sustainable seafood standards for adoption.