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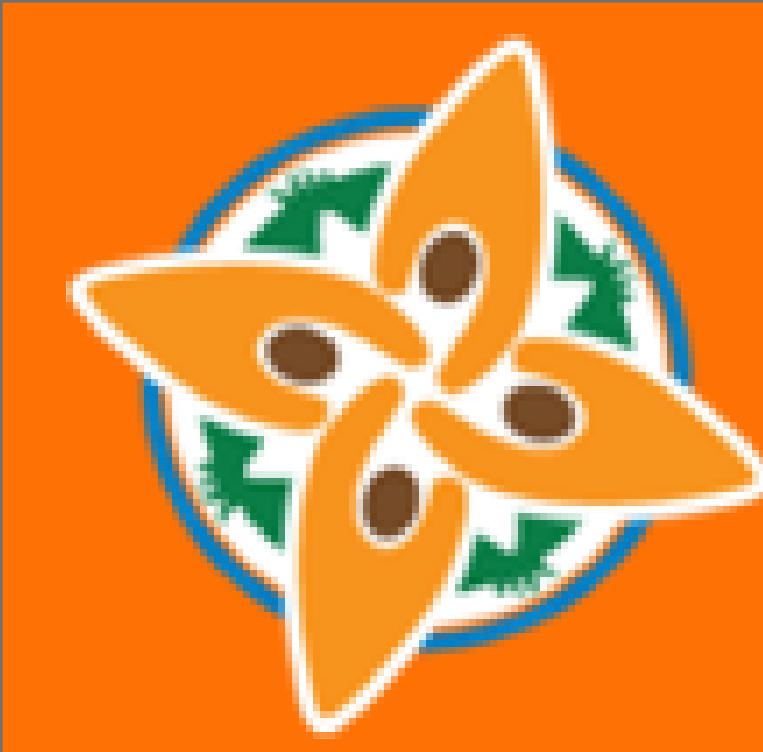
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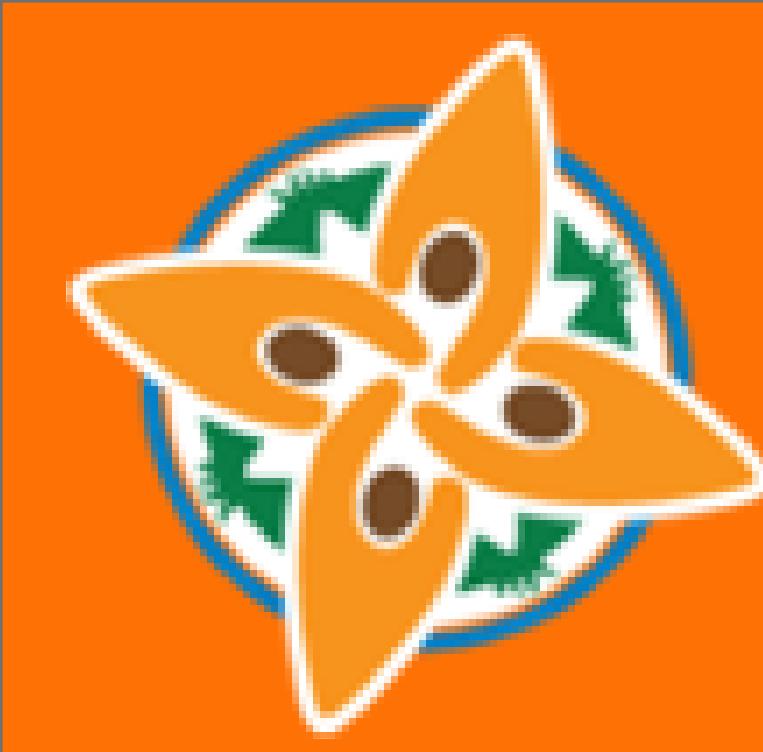
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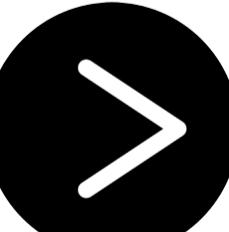
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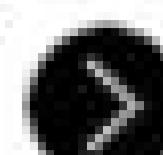
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## Plant Health Care Model

Currently, the University uses a number of pesticides to treat invasive plant species. Although pesticides are very effective at treating these plants quickly, they can be detrimental to human health and the ecosystem. They can persist for up to months after being sprayed, and evaporate and enter building doors adjacent to treatment areas. On campus, the detrimental effects are especially problematic in areas where people congregate to enjoy summer activities, such as the Academic Green Oval.

Chemical fertilizers are also used on campus to increase vitality in a predictable and reliable fashion. However, they often contain ingredients that are toxic to the respiratory system or skin. In the long-term, fertilizer build-up in the soil causes imbalances in pH levels and infertility.

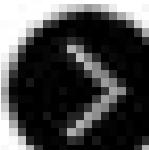
The Plant Health Care Model (PHCM) is an alternative to pesticide and chemical fertilizer treatment. Just as a healthy person has a strong immune system, healthy plants have good defenses. The PHCM helps build defenses of the landscape to prevent disease. This all-natural method includes practices such as handpicking, compost tea and organic fertilizer spraying, as well as dethatching, aerating, and overseeding, to treat grass.

The PHCM study will give the U of R more knowledge regarding the costs and processes involved in this type of lawn care model. The goal is to expand the research into more plots to eventually determine if the PHCM could become a feasible lawn care model for the entire campus. Recently the University has expanded this model to include the Academic Green Oval.

Contact us if you would like to help us with this project. Volunteers are needed and always appreciated. [Email us](#) or contact us through [Facebook](#).



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## Strategic Plan for Sustainability

The [President's Advisory Committee on Sustainability \(PACS\)](#) has developed a Strategic Plan for Sustainability which will serve as a guide to "Make the University a leader in environmental responsibility, put sustainability at the core of our teaching, research, and campus life" (UoR Strategic Plan 2009-2014, Goal A5), as well as complement the university's 2015-2020 Institutional Strategic Plan.

In December 2013 the University of Regina commissioned a Campus Sustainability Survey to gather input on how members of the University community envision the U of R moving towards a more sustainable future. The response was overwhelming with over 1300 Faculty, Students, Staff and Community members completing the survey.

To follow up on the survey, smaller engagement sessions were held in March 2014 to allow for more in-depth discussion of sustainability at the University of Regina.

The result of the survey and the engagement sessions is the Sustainability Strategic Plan Draft, a document that lays out our collective vision of a sustainable University of Regina.

### **[View the Strategic Plan for Sustainability here](#)**

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to send us your thoughts at [sustainability@uregina.ca](mailto:sustainability@uregina.ca).



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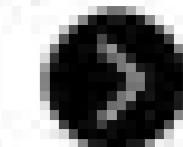
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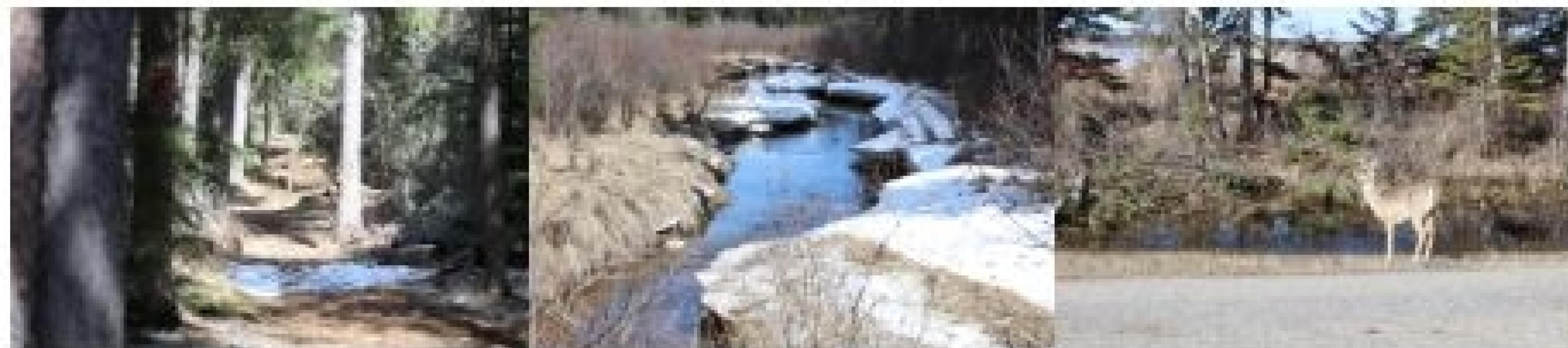
RCE Saskatchewan is a United Nations University designated Regional Centre of Expertise (RCE) on Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Each of the 150+ RCEs around the world is a network of individuals, organizations and experts who are committed to using education as a tool for building a sustainable future. The University of Regina is a founding member of the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development in Saskatchewan (RCE Saskatchewan). RCE Saskatchewan is a network of educational institutions, community groups and non-profits that seek to promote transformative sustainability education in Saskatchewan and share best practices.

The Regional Centre of Expertise program is a United Nations University-Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability global Initiative and RCE Saskatchewan is one of over 140 RCEs found worldwide. For more information about RCE Saskatchewan, please visit their [website](#).

### RCE Sustainability Awards

Each year in Saskatchewan different projects take place all across the province that help to promote excellence in Education for Sustainable Development. To help showcase these projects, RCE Saskatchewan hosts an annual recognition event where educational institutions, community groups and other members of the public can find out more about these projects as well as discuss best practices and lessons learned. The University of Regina is proud to have received 25 Sustainability Awards.

RCE Saskatchewan's 2019 Recognition Event will be held on May 8th, 2019 at the Hannin Creek Education and Applied Research Centre on the shores of Candle Lake, Saskatchewan.



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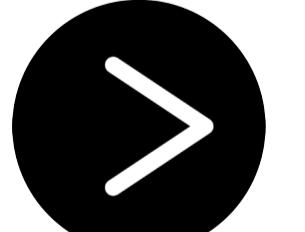
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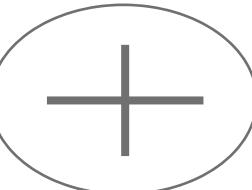
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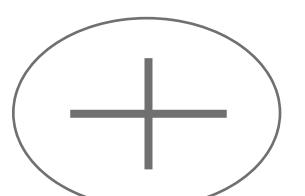
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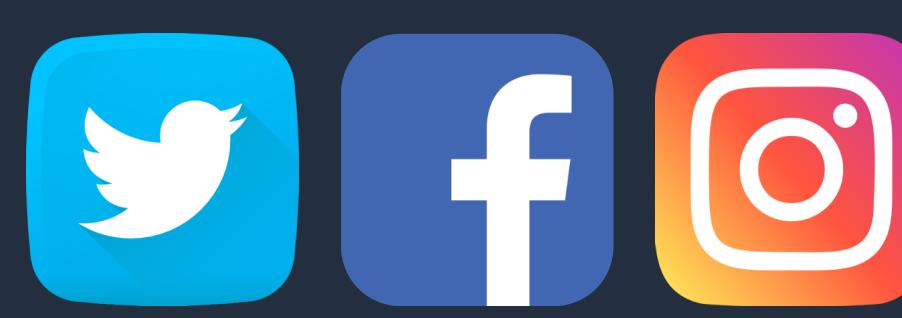
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