

# Sustainable Cities and Communities Policy



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# Introduction



Lankaran State University recognizes that universities are key contributors to sustainable urban development, inclusive communities, resilient infrastructure, and social wellbeing. As a public institution serving the South region of Azerbaijan, the University acknowledges its responsibility to create a safe, accessible, and environmentally responsible campus while supporting the sustainable development of surrounding communities.

This policy establishes the University's commitments, priorities, governance mechanisms, and measurable targets to advance sustainable campus life and community partnership through 2030.

# Policy Objectives

This policy aims to:

- Create a safe, inclusive, and accessible learning environment;
- Promote sustainable campus planning and efficient land use;
- Improve mobility through low-impact transportation options;
- Strengthen community cohesion and local partnerships;
- Enhance campus resilience, safety, and emergency readiness;
- Increase environmental quality through responsible operations;
- Support regional sustainable development through education, research, and outreach.



# Scope of Application

This policy applies to:

All university campuses, buildings, roads, parking areas, and shared spaces;

Academic, administrative, technical, and support units;

Students, staff, visitors, and contractors;

Infrastructure development, renovation, and maintenance projects;

University-led partnerships involving community or public benefit initiatives.



# Strategic Principles

Inclusion and  
Equal Access

All members of the university community shall have fair access to facilities, services, and opportunities.

Safe and  
Healthy  
Environments

Campus spaces shall support physical safety, wellbeing, and respectful coexistence.

Sustainable  
Growth

Physical development shall balance functionality, environmental responsibility, and long-term value.

Community  
Responsibility

The University shall contribute positively to local communities through cooperation and shared initiatives.

Resilience and  
Preparedness

Campus systems shall be prepared to respond to emergencies, risks, and changing future needs.

# Institutional Actions

## **Sustainable Campus Planning**

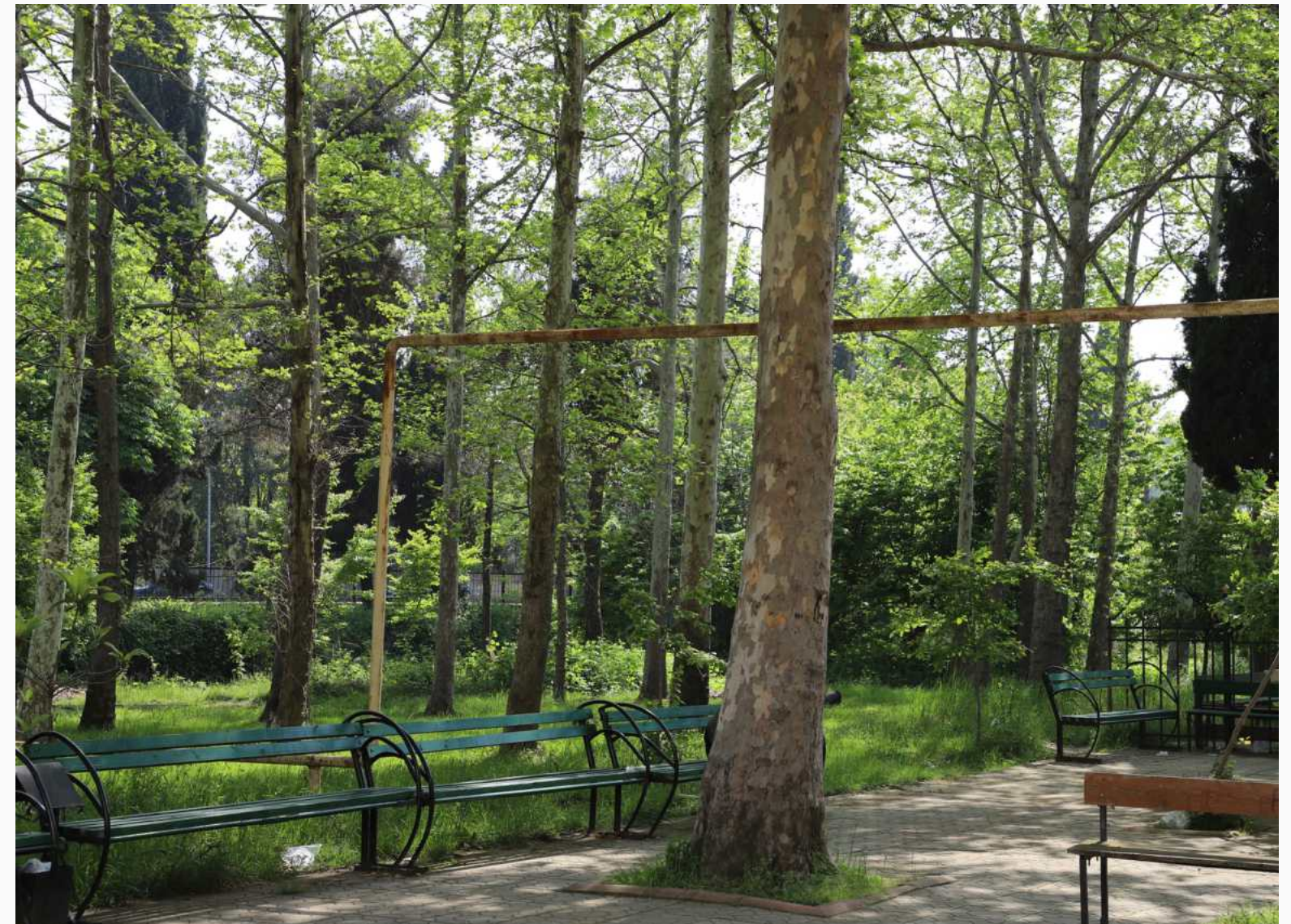
The University shall:

Optimize use of land, buildings, and shared facilities;

Expand green areas, shaded spaces, and outdoor learning environments where feasible;

Apply sustainability criteria in construction and renovation decisions;

Preserve campus functionality, aesthetics, and environmental quality.



## **Sustainable Mobility**

The University shall:

- Encourage walking, cycling, and public transportation use;
- Improve pedestrian pathways and safe crossing areas;
- Reduce unnecessary traffic congestion on campus;
- Assess opportunities for low-emission mobility solutions.



## **Accessibility and Inclusion**

The University shall:

- Improve step-free access, ramps, signage, and user-friendly facilities;
- Consider accessibility standards in all future infrastructure upgrades;
- Support equal participation in academic and social life;
- Identify and reduce barriers affecting campus users.



## **Community Engagement**

The University shall:

Cooperate with municipalities, schools, NGOs, businesses, and local organizations;  
Deliver public lectures, volunteer projects, and awareness campaigns;  
Support initiatives improving local environmental and social wellbeing;  
Share university expertise to address community needs.

## **Safety and Urban Resilience**

The University shall:

Maintain emergency response procedures and evacuation readiness;  
Improve campus lighting, security measures, and safe public areas;  
Promote disaster risk awareness and preparedness training;  
Strengthen operational continuity during disruptions.



# Measurable Targets (2026–2030)

By 2030, the University aims to:

Increase accessible infrastructure coverage across major campus facilities each year;

Conduct at least 3 community engagement activities annually;

Increase green and shared public space capacity where feasible;

Deliver at least 2 annual awareness initiatives promoting sustainable mobility;

Integrate sustainability and accessibility criteria into 100% of major renovation projects;

Improve annual campus safety and satisfaction survey results;

Support at least 12 academic, research, or outreach initiatives linked to sustainable communities.

# Governance and Responsibilities

Coordinate implementation of this policy;  
Monitor progress indicators and collect evidence;  
Prepare annual sustainability reporting.

Administrative and Facilities Units

Maintain campus infrastructure, safety systems, and accessibility measures;

Implement approved improvement projects.

Faculties and Academic Units

Support teaching, research, and civic engagement aligned with SDG 11.

Students and Campus Community

Participate in volunteer, awareness, and community improvement initiatives;

Respect shared spaces, safety procedures, and university facilities.



## Monitoring and Performance Review

The following indicators shall be reviewed annually:

- Accessibility upgrades completed;
- Number of community partnerships and outreach activities;
- Green space improvements;
- Sustainable mobility actions implemented;
- Campus safety statistics and survey outcomes;
- Participation rates in engagement activities;
- Progress toward 2030 targets.

## Compliance and Corrective Action

All university units shall support implementation of this policy. Failure to comply with applicable safety, accessibility, environmental, or operational procedures may result in corrective action under university regulations.

## Policy Review and Amendment

This policy shall be reviewed annually and revised when necessary to reflect institutional priorities, infrastructure needs, legal developments, risk conditions, or sustainability commitments.

## Institutional Commitment

Lankaran State University is committed to building a safe, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable university environment while contributing meaningfully to surrounding communities. Through implementation of this policy, the University seeks to improve quality of life, strengthen civic responsibility, and support sustainable development by 2030.