

Institute for a Sustainable Future



The mission of the Sustainable Communities community is to connect scholars working on social, ecological, structural and technical systems to address how to create more just and sustainable futures with a focus on people-centered solutions. People are at the center of environmental challenges and solutions. Members of the Sustainable Communities research community identify equitable and effective solutions for addressing global environmental change. The researchers focus on several overlapping areas including:

- Decision making and governance
- Human behavior
- Values and cultural norms
- Critical infrastructure systems
- Complex social-ecological systems and dynamics
- Participatory research designs

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Drawing on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Purdue's Institute for a Sustainable Future fosters and promotes research, partnerships, and engagement that advances understanding of persistent global sustainability challenges. The Institute supports the research and development needed to provide viable solutions to grand challenges in these areas by connecting faculty and researchers with one another and by forging linkages between disciplines and communities within Purdue and beyond.

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