

# Public Leadership for Sustainable Development: Releasing Creativity in a Community of Scholars - Practitioners

## Sustainability Leadership Collaborative: Integrating Theory and Practice



The Hatfield School of Government's Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) is pioneering the development and dissemination of a new public sector leadership model designed to promote sustainable development. The model is responsive to the growing demand for public leaders – both locally and globally – to facilitate integrated and adaptive policy solutions that contribute to economic vitality, environmental health and community resilience while minimizing the impact of our ecological footprint. The model is being co-produced with experienced practitioners who will assist ELI in developing a new theory-based leadership curriculum. This joint effort will provide the foundation for developing new educational and professional development training programs to prepare the next generation of public servants for responsible leadership in a globalized world. This project is funded through a grant from the Miller Foundation.

**Purpose:** To enhance the relevance and effectiveness of PSU's leadership curriculum focusing on sustainable development.

### Project Outcomes:

1. The creation of a Sustainability Leadership Collaborative, a community of scholars & practitioners, who provide a forum for future learning & curricular development.
2. Hold a public leadership curriculum conference at PSU for domestic and global partners.

These outcomes advance faculty research and curriculum expansion to enhance the ability of students and practitioners to serve as effective public leaders for sustainable development.

**Committed Organizations Outside of PSU:** Key partners include the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington County, and select U.S. policy institutions. In addition, ELI is adding a cross-cultural dimension to this scholarly effort by partnering with the Ho Chi Minh National Academy for Politics and Public Administration in Hanoi, Vietnam.

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