

ERCIYES UNIVERSITY SUSTAINABLE LAND POLICY

Erciyes University operates with a vision of being a leading global university by integrating human-centered, scientific, technological, and social dimensions. Our university is committed to environmental sustainability principles, taking steps to protect the environment and ensure a sustainable future. In this context, it adopts an effective, accurate, comprehensive, and efficient approach to land and environmental management. The main objective of this approach focuses on the conservation, improvement, and sustainable use of ecosystems while supporting the protection of biodiversity.

Our university will regularly evaluate indicators to assess the sustainability of the campus and environmental performance, continuously updating environmental policies in collaboration with relevant administrative units, research centers, and coordinators. In line with these principles, Erciyes University's sustainable land policy includes the following items:

Protection and Sustainable Use of Natural Areas

- Aim to sustainably manage forests, wetlands, and natural ecosystems located on the campus while preserving them.
- Identify priority areas for conserving wildlife and biodiversity in land use planning and put these areas under protection.
- Take special measures to protect areas that host endemic species and prevent habitat loss.

Sustainability of Agricultural and Production Areas

- Manage agricultural and livestock activities on campus sustainably.
- Promote organic farming practices in agricultural areas and reduce chemical usage.

Soil and Water Management

- Implement erosion control measures to prevent erosion and enhance soil fertility.
- Monitor groundwater levels, ensure efficient water consumption, and prevent water pollution to protect water resources and promote their sustainable use.

Environmental Monitoring and Evaluation

- Regularly monitor and evaluate land use and environmental impacts on campus.
- Continuously review policies and practices, updating them when necessary.

Conservation of the *Spermophilus xanthoprimum* Species

- Collaborate with relevant university units to protect the habitats of the *Spermophilus xanthoprimum* (Bennett, 1835) species living on campus and restore habitats.
- Seek opinions from the monitoring committee established for the protection of the species in land use planning on campus.
- Organize educational and awareness programs to raise awareness about the conservation of the *Spermophilus xanthoprimum* species among campus residents.

