



Publishing Sustainability Research and Application

MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF SUSTAINABILITY (MJS)

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Publish in a peer-reviewed journal targeted toward sustainability practitioners who are interested in applying innovative research to address complex challenges. Communicate how your results are relevant to real-world applications.

SUPPORT FUTURE FACULTY

Help the graduate students who manage the sustainability journal to gain expertise with the peer-review and editing process, and the process of publishing and promoting the journal.

ADVANCE SUSTAINABILITY

Elevate the level of sustainability scholarly efforts within your institution by contributing innovative content to advance sustainability research and practice. Communicate emerging best practices, and support sustainability practitioners in the field.

"It [MJS article] helped us continue to build off the work we originally did on our course and forced us to synthesize and focus our ideas."

— Elizabeth Palchak, University of Vermont PhD student

You are invited to submit sustainability research content that will be useful to and usable by practitioners and policy makers who bridge the science-policy-public divide. We encourage timely, innovative, and informative content translating research that involves human-environment interactions.

FOSTER COLLABORATION

The Michigan Journal of Sustainability is managed by graduate fellows, publishing timely, stimulating, and informative content. Contributing authors translate scholarly research, field work and sustainability problems into useful formats for practitioners and policy makers. Journal editors foster transdisciplinary communication about collaborative efforts to understand multiple aspects of projects or problems, often transcending specific disciplines to inform collaborators and project outcomes. Collaborative teams may create new concepts, theories, methods and innovative approaches.

SUBMIT ABSTRACTS

Submission of abstracts, in advance of full manuscripts helps ensure content is in alignment with the current issue's focus area. Previous articles highlight research methods and sustainability best practices. Photo essays show sustainability through the vision of a photographer or videographer. Frequent areas of exploration identify gaps in our understanding of climate variability and change, livable communities, and sustainable freshwater systems.

THREE FOCUS AREAS

- 1 Sustainable ecosystems
- 2 Livable communities
- 3 Climate variability and change

PEER REVIEWED

The journal of sustainability is peer-reviewed by an editorial team. The review process includes these steps:

- Authors submit abstracts for articles through the online submission system.
- The Editorial Review Team, includes in-field experts, external reviewers, and others.
- Comments are provided to author(s) via an online submission application tool.

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CONTENT SUBMISSION, REVIEW AND EDITING PROCESS

Content Submission: MJS publishes two annual issues, including articles, photo essays and other content.

- All content is submitted online, via the MJS website.
- Abstract submission deadlines for the two annual issues occur in September and February (see details online).
- Types of Content and Style Guidelines.
- Example Articles (current issue or browse issue).

Review Process: Content for consideration will be reviewed by two in-field and one out-of-field expert, and a member of the MJS editorial board. All content will be reviewed for accuracy, quality, and relevance to the focus of the Journal.

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