WELCOME TO SERVE-LEARN-SUSTAIN (SLS)

GEORGIA TECH’S QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP) LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 2016
WHAT DOES SLS DO?

SLS works with all six colleges to offer students opportunities inside and outside the classroom to collaborate with diverse partners - across the community, nonprofit, government, academic, and business sectors – on key sustainability challenges.

Through SLS, students learn to use the knowledge and skills they are acquiring at GT to help “create sustainable communities.”
SLS offers 6 signature programs with different levels of commitment:

- Sustainable Cities Minor
- Innovating for Social Impact
- Internship Program
- Linked Courses
- Events and Workshops
- RCE Greater Atlanta
We also offer these additional courses and programs:

- Affiliated Courses
- SLS Foundation Courses
- Study Abroad
SLS approaches sustainability:

- as an *Integrated System*
- with a special focus on *Society/Social Sustainability*
SLS programs focus on these priority sustainable communities issues:

- Community Health
- Equitable & Sustainable Development
- Green Infrastructure
- Climate Change & Energy
We work with communities as collaborators, rather than clients.

Increasing level of community involvement, impact, trust and communication.

- **Outreach**: Some community involvement
- **Consult**: More community involvement
- **Involve**: Community involvement
- **Shared Leadership / Participatory**: Strong bidirectional relationship
- **Community-Driven**: Strong community leadership

*From Schematic of Community Engagement Continuum (EPA, 2015; NCER CEnR Primer; note that this is one piece of a larger diagram)*
OUR PARTNERSHIP PRINCIPLES

1. Start with assets
2. Focus on equity and justice
3. Champion systems change
4. Support community innovators
5. Prioritize process before outcomes
6. Contribute to the neighborhood
7. Apply technology in social context

SLS 2019 Partnership Advisory Council
Read the SLS Partnership Strategy
SLS approaches technology:

• as a tool to support community visions that benefit society and nature
**THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO CREATE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE & NATURE FLOURISH**

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WE AIM TO:
ACT LOCAL TO ACHIEVE A GLOBAL VISION – UN SDGS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1. NO POVERTY
2. ZERO HUNGER
3. GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
4. QUALITY EDUCATION
5. GENDER EQUALITY
6. CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7. AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY
8. DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
9. INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
10. REDUCED INEQUALITIES
11. SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES
12. RESponsible CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13. CLIMATE ACTION
14. LIFE BELOW WATER
15. LIFE ON LAND
16. PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS
17. PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

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