

THE GRIND + UNION MARKET – SERVICE REPORT

PROJECT: SUNSTAINABILITY IN THE MSU

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OBJECTIVE: Provide an overview of current business operations and sustainability goals for The Grind and Union Market

WHAT DOES SUSTAINABILITY MEAN FOR THE GRIND + UNION MARKET?

- Decreasing carbon footprint
- Offering services/food with minimal impact on the environment
- Implementing environmentally friendly practices such as recycling, composting, and eliminating plastic straws

CURRENT SUSTAINABLE EFFORTS AND PRACTICES

- Switching to the use of plates and mugs as opposed to plastics
- Currently only doing takeout orders
- Using compostable coffee cups
- This is relevant to both the Grind and the Union Market

SUSTAINABILITY GOAL:

Obtain beverages in actual cups for the Grind which can be washed and reused + decrease plastic and aluminum as much as possible + get pop machine with recyclable cups

CURRENT BARRIERS/OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVING GOAL

- Current funding and finances don't allow for quality equipment
- COVID is a barrier (pre-covid was relatively sustainable)
- No currently designated short-term or long-term planners in terms of sustainability (pandemic makes it harder to acquire these people)

WHAT CAN THE MSU DO TO HELP ACHIEVE THIS GOAL?

- Giving a clear direction with regards to what the MSU expects and where they want to go from here
- Audit units to give more specific feedback would enlighten the services
- A more lucrative budget plan that allows room for more sustainable business practices