

For many, sustainability has long evoked a triple bottom line of economy, environment, and equity that positions these concepts as equal pillars supporting a sustainable world.

We believe it is past time to reject that metaphor and acknowledge that equity and social justice are prerequisite and the foundation upon which the pursuit of sustainability is built.

This is painfully clear as our communities continue to grapple with the tragic killing of Breonna Taylor and the lack of accountability for the individuals and agency involved in this homicide. The systemic injustice and violence experienced by people of color in this country must be acknowledged, condemned and dismantled. The silence of those shielded from this violence by the privileges of birth luck sustains the loss of life tearing apart families and communities.

The Office of Sustainability stands with the black community. We are dedicated to being anti-racist, and we refuse to let these words to be a meaningless statement. Never was a better world built without taking action.

We will show up, stand back, listen, and then offer support for black voices and black lives. We challenge our non-black family to do the same. Act.

Donate. Show up. Vote.

If there is anything that we can do to help, please feel free to reach out on our social media channels or email us at uksustainability@l.uky.edu.

