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Name:

Austin Sutherland

What year did you start working at FRES?

2022

Job title (and brief description of what you do at FRES):

As the Sustainability Analyst, I support the Penn Sustainability Office in advancing the University's climate and sustainability goals, primarily through data reporting and benchmarking campus progress.

How does what you do at FRES move Penn, the city, or our region forward?

Our team actively addresses the pressing issue of climate change, which poses significant challenges to our environment. Despite the University's substantial carbon footprint, we collaborate closely with campus partners to implement initiatives aimed at reducing our environmental impact. By championing sustainability practices, we contribute to the University's efforts to become responsible stewards of resources, thus moving our institution, city, and region forward in combating climate change.

Have you or any family members attended Penn for classes or a degree (i.e. children, parents, spouse)?

My fiancé's grandfather graduated from Wharton in 1957. Presently, I'm utilizing Penn's tuition benefit to pursue a Master of Environmental Studies in the Department of Earth and Environmental Science. Since starting the program, my fiancé's grandfather is very excited to see the Penn legacy continuing through me.

Who is your favorite hero (fictional or real life)?

X-Men's Storm (Halle Berry); She's just undeniably cool!

What talent or power would you most like to have?

I don't have the greenest thumb, so I would love to have the ability to bring plants back to life.

What are your favorite things to do in your free time, outside of work?

In my spare time, outside of work, I love indulging in outdoor adventures like camping, hiking, and kayaking, especially when accompanied by my two dogs.

What is your motto, words to live by, or best advice?

"What we practice at the small scale sets the patterns for the whole system."

- *Emergent Strategy* by adrienne maree brown