Climate Action at UConn

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UConn's Climate Action Commitment Adopted 2008 – Reaffirmed 2012



Section 2:





The University of Connecticu Climate Action Plan:

Section 3:



2010: UConn's 1st Climate Action Plan (Updated in 2012 and 2015)



March 26, 2012 - President Herbst Reaffirms UConn's Climate Commitment



June 2017: UConn Joins WASI Coalition Upholding Paris Agreement



SIGNATORY OF American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment



March 2008: President Hogan signs ACUPCC while DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy looks on



2019 Climate Strike & President's Response

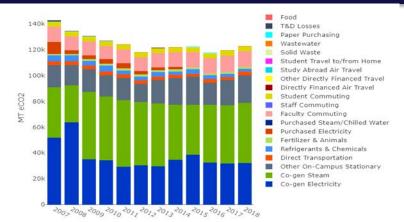
- UConn has made "great progress" but not enough to meet our goals
- Climate Change:
 - "More than an emergency"
 - "Global crisis worsening by the day"
- Accelerate emissions reductions - 45% by 2030
- Dedicate Board TAFS
 Committee to CC
- Form Sustainability
 Workgroup
 - Analysis, Policy, Strategic
 Planning →2020 Report
 - Update Sustainability
 Framework to 2015
 Campus Master Plan

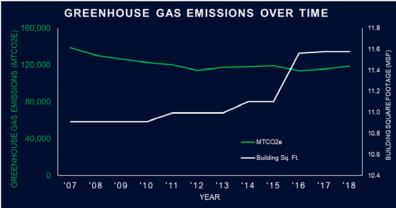




Carbon Reductions Under Climate Action Plan

- Steam System Pipe and Infrastructure Replacement
- LED/Lighting Retrofits
- eCO2 Credits
 - Ag Composting
 - UConn Forest (Sequestration)
- Energy Efficiency
 - Occupancy Sensor HVAC
 - Heat Recovery
 - Insulation
 - Retro-Commissioning
 - ⁴ LEED Gold Construction Policy





Accelerating Carbon Reductions: Renewable Energy & Clean Transportation

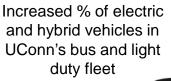
Co-gen Steam

Co-gen Electricity
 Other On-Campus Stationary
 Faculty & Staff Commuting

Student Commuting
 Direct Transportation

Fertilizer & Animals

Refrigerants & Chemicals

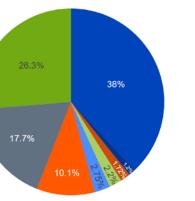


Since 2015, all UConn purchased power is 100% renewable (offset by RECs)





2018 GHG Emissions by Source



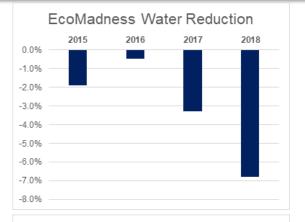


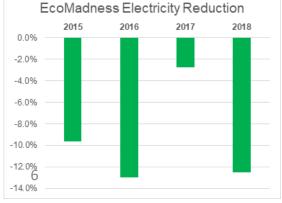
Bicycle/Active Transportation Subcommittee Working for a More Bike-Friendly Campus

500 kW Solar Array Proposed for Science 1 Building → 2022



EcoMadness – Student Engagement











Green Offices – Faculty & Staff Engagement

93 Certified Green Offices

- 2020 goal: 100 certified offices
- 26 possible energy conservation points, including:
 - No screen savers
 - Sleep mode for electronics
 - Centralized coffee & tea makers, fridge, microwave for multiple users
 - Smart power strips for "phantom load"
 - Minimal use of space heaters
 - Lights off in empty rooms and maximum use of natural daylight
 - LED task lighting
 - No blocking radiators & HVAC vents
 - Blinds closed at night



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