

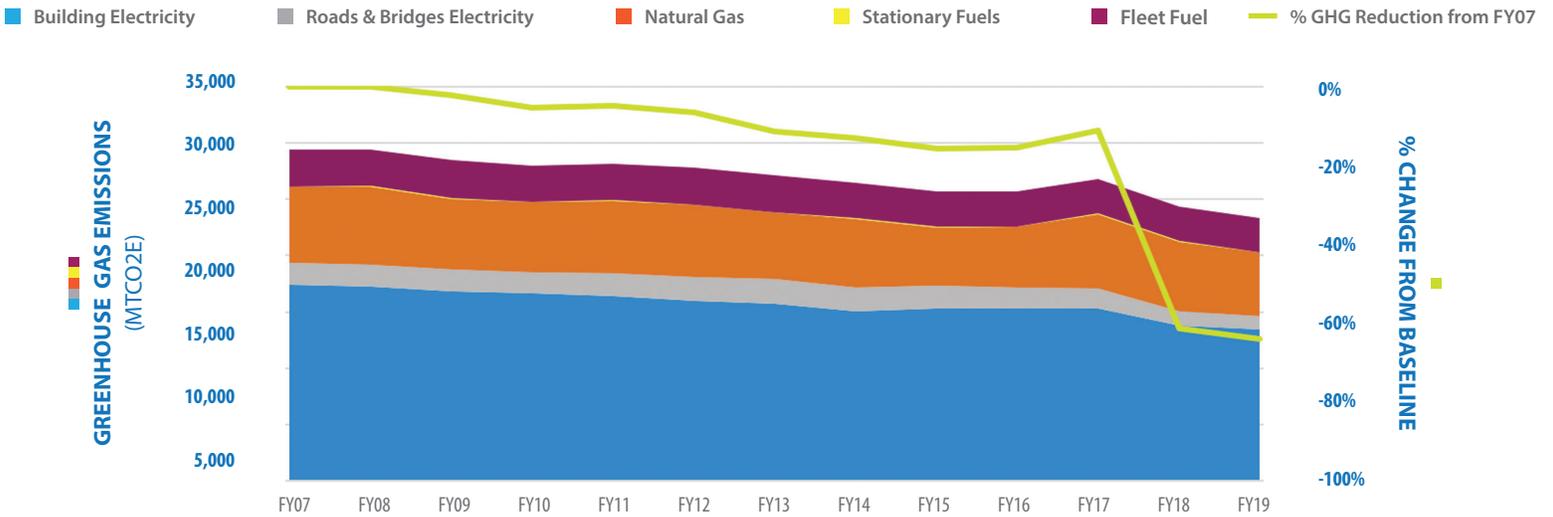
Multnomah County Resource Conservation Report 2019

Multnomah County is committed to protecting people and natural resources. Guided by Board-adopted policies, including the 2015 Climate Action Plan, the County has made major strides in advancing these values. This report summarizes the County's progress toward reducing environmental impacts from County operations over the past twelve years.

EMISSIONS

GOAL: By 2030, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from County operations by 53 percent from FY07 levels.

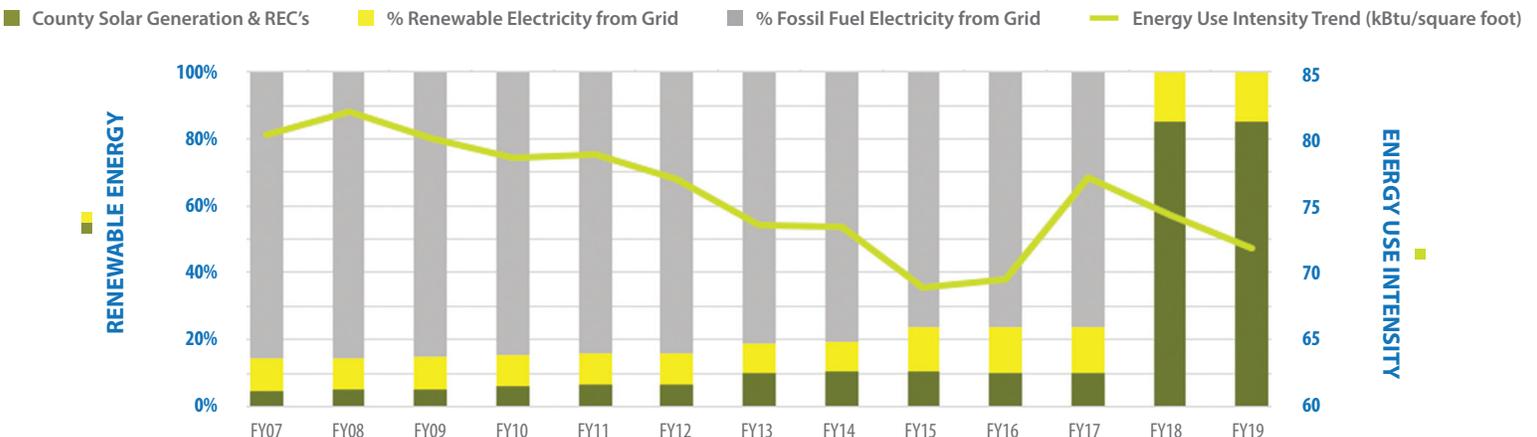
Emissions in FY19 are 64% below FY07 levels. This was accomplished in part by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits to ensure the County's electricity was supplied with renewable energy. The County's recent commitment to the PGE Green Future Impact program will leverage County resources to ensure the creation of new solar capacity in Oregon.



ENERGY

GOAL: To obtain 100 percent of electricity used at County facilities from renewable energy sources through a combination of on-site renewable electricity generation, utility-supplied renewables, dedicated off-site renewable resources, and renewable energy credit purchases (REC).

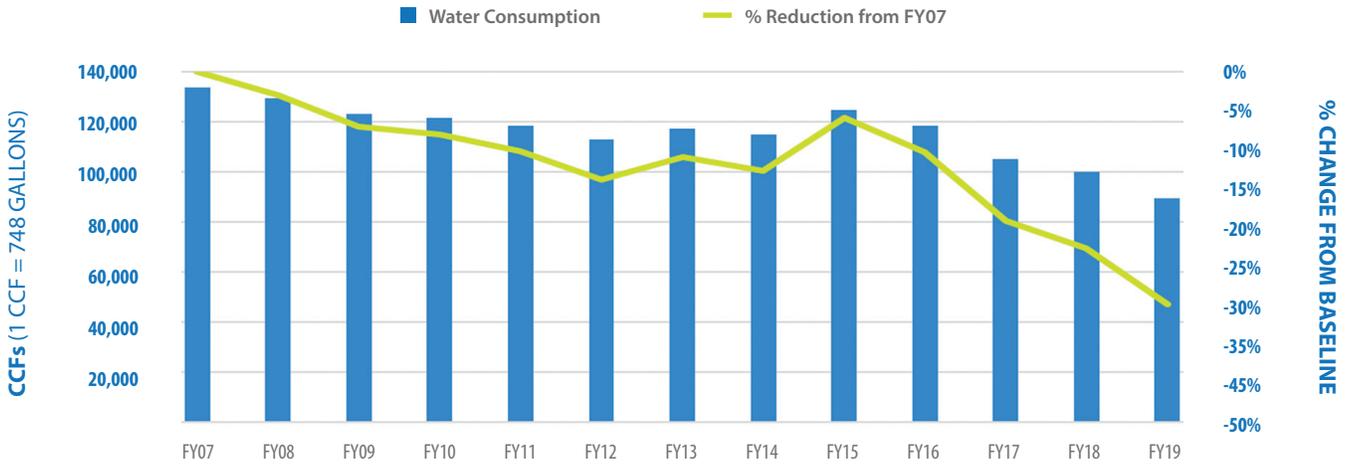
Buildings are the County's largest source of emissions. To address this, the County has made investments to become more energy efficient, leading to a reduction in Energy Use Intensity (kBtu used per square foot) by 11% from FY07.



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Multnomah County has not established a water savings goal, however, reducing potable water use over time is critical for saving money and increasing resilience. Water and sewer rates are the second most costly utility with steadily increasing rates for the foreseeable future. Since FY07, overall Multnomah County water use has decreased by 33%, and water use per square foot at County facilities has decreased by 29%.



SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING

GOAL: To reduce total waste 12.5 percent below FY09-10 levels and recover 65 percent of all waste generated by County operations.

The County's recovery rate reached 58%, marking a decline from recent years, and the amount of total waste generated has increased by 12%. While recycling rates are holding relatively steady, the County has added service to new locations and increased service at some locations as we adjust to a new vendor.

