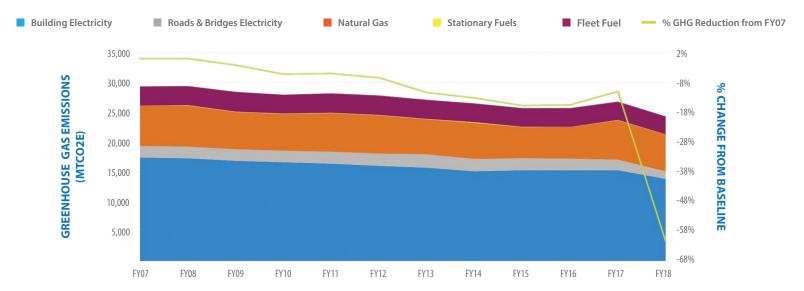
Multnomah County Resource Conservation Report 2018

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 eleven years.



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

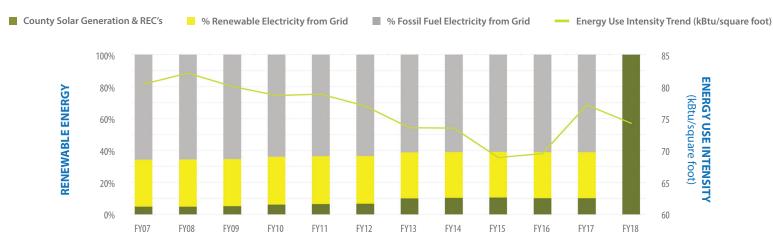
Emissions in FY18 are 61% below FY07 levels. This was accomplished by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits to ensure the County's electricity was supplied with all renewable power. More work remains, including continuing to reduce fuel usage in fleets and buildings.





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).

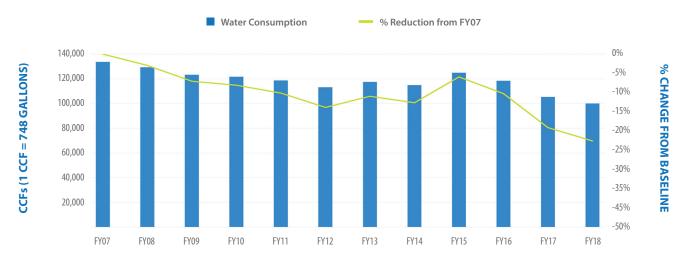
Buildings are the County's largest source of emissions. To address this, the County has made investments to become more efficient, leading to a reduction in Energy Use Intensity (energy used per square foot) by 7.6% from FY07. Also, the County acquires REC's equivalent to 100% of its electricity use to reduce the climate impacts of its remaining energy use.



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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 25.1%, and water use per square foot at County facilities has decreased by 22.8%.





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 has reached 62% and the amount of trash going to the landfill has decreased by 4.6%. FY2018 was marked by a transition in vendors for the Solid Waste & Recycling contract.

