

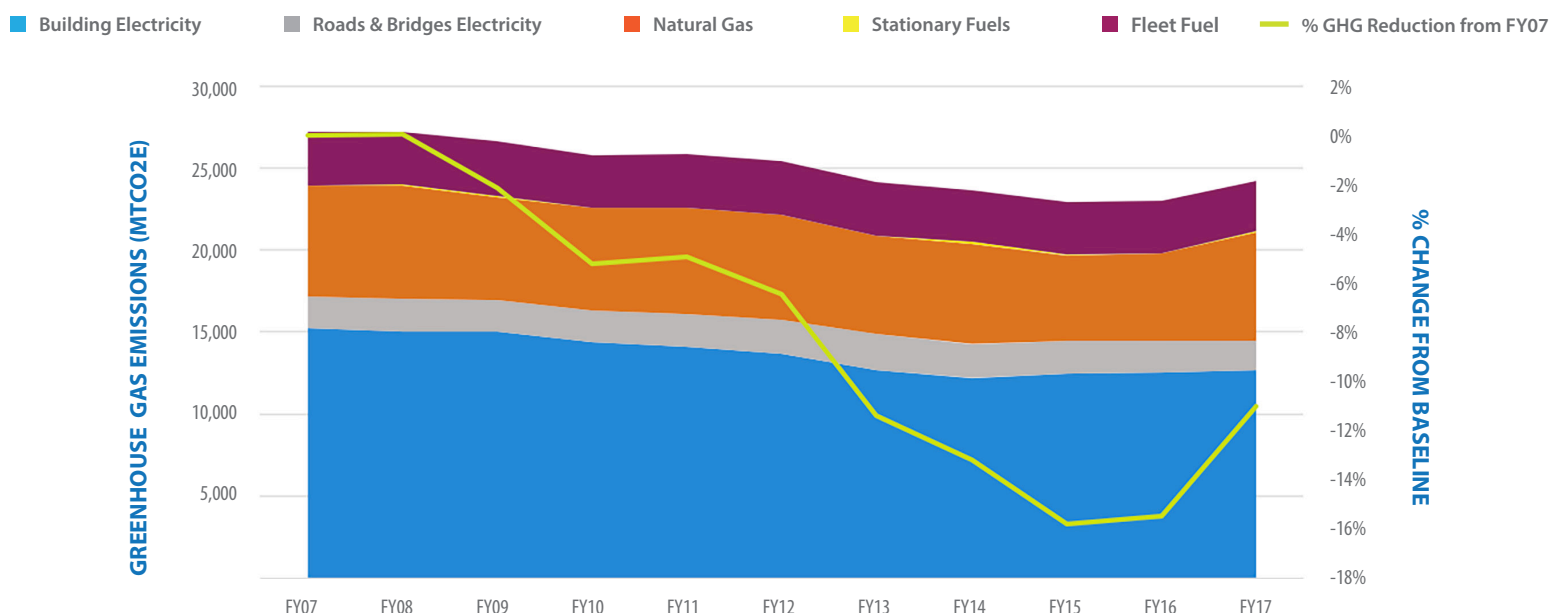
# Multnomah County Resource Conservation Report 2017

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 over the past ten years.



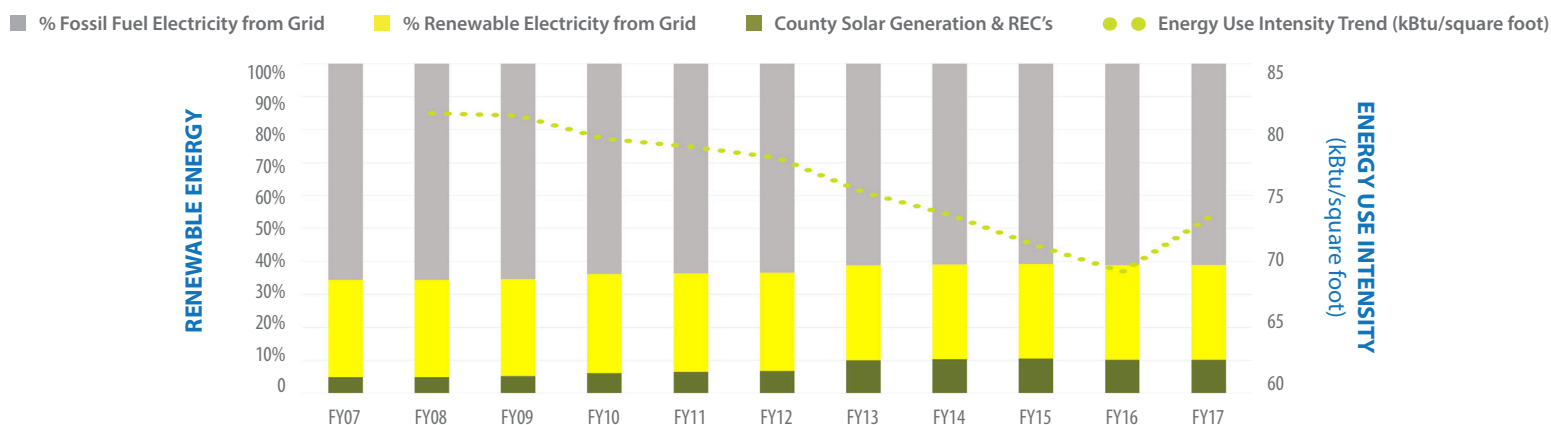
**GOAL:** By 2030, reduce greenhouse gas emissions from County operations by 53 percent from FY07 levels.

Emissions in FY17 are 11% below FY07 levels. To reach the 2030 goal the County must reduce emissions 3% every year, on average. Key opportunities include reducing fuel consumption from fleet services and switching to greener sources of 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).

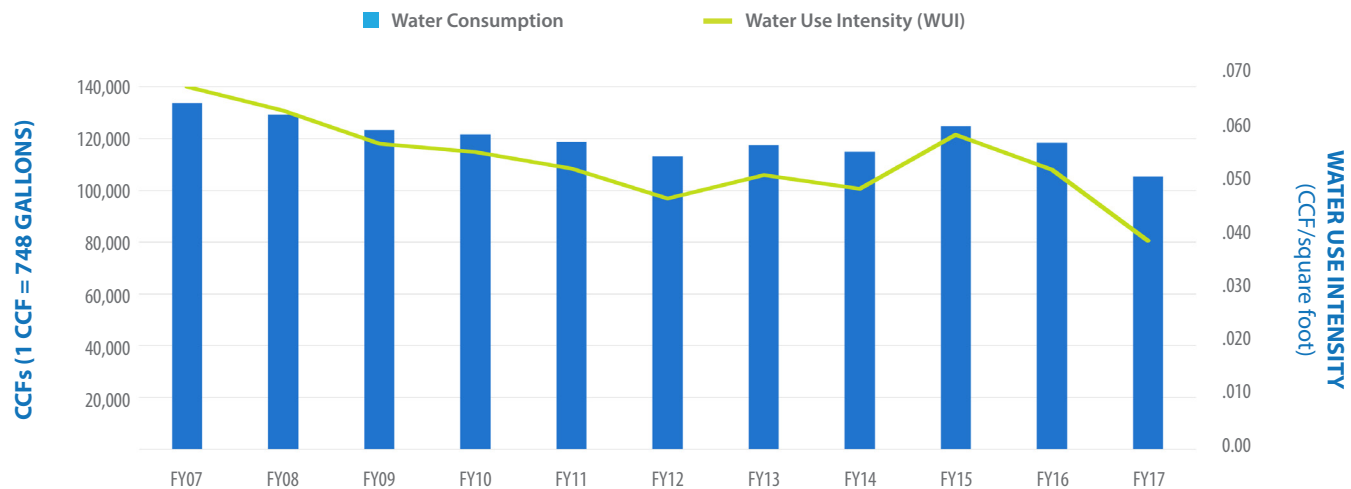
Buildings are the County's largest source of emissions. To address this, the County has become more efficient (average Energy Use Intensity, or energy used per square foot, is down 4% from FY07) and by using more renewable energy (42% of electricity used in FY17).



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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, Multnomah County water use has decreased 21% and water use per square foot at County facilities has decreased 19%.



## 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 has reached 65% and the amount of trash going to the landfill has decreased by 14%. Reuse of materials is a key priority for the County; one major accomplishment has been to annually reallocate 1,500+ surplus computer and associated equipment to Free Geek, where the equipment is reused to support the organization’s mission of promoting digital inclusion and literacy for underserved populations.

