



UW'S CARBON REDUCTION JOURNEY

The University of Washington is keenly focused on reducing its carbon emissions. With 2020 and an upcoming 15% carbon reduction goal approaching, here are ways the UW has approached this challenge.

Commitment

Climate Action Plan

The UW published its Climate Action plan in 2009, a result of its commitment to the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

Opportunity

Our "Plan to Plan"

The Climate Action Plan was designed as a "Plan to Plan," identifying strategies and carbon-saving actions. The Marginal Abatement Cost Curve (CAI), prioritizes and ranks potential actions.

Campus as a Living Lab

Teamwork makes the Dream Work

Funds such as the Campus Sustainability Fund and the Green Seed Fund have connected students, faculty and staff with some of our most urgent environmental tasks.

Metrics

A Dashboard of Progress

Reporting tools such as STARS, the Sustainability Dashboard and the annual greenhouse (GHG) inventory help gauge how UW is doing on its carbon-reduction goals.

Bridging the Gap

Carbon Offsets

UW will be offering a Request for Proposals (RFP) in fall 2019 for carbon offsets providers and brokers. We are looking for impactful and innovative offsets solutions to bridge any reduction shortfalls.

An Actionable Plan

Sustainability Action Plan

What's next? UW is working on an actionable, implementable Sustainability Plan with targets and measures to keep UW on its path towards a sustainable and equitable future.

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