

2026 Preliminary Policy and Project Priorities

City-County Advisory Board on Climate and Economic Equity
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The Office of Sustainability is Guided by...

[File No. 21-389](#)

Commits Milwaukee County to achieving carbon neutral operations by 2050 and requests the Sustainability Director to develop and administer a strategic plan to achieve carbon neutrality in Milwaukee County facilities and operations by 2050.

[File No. 25-262](#)

Board of Supervisors approval of the Milwaukee County Climate Action 2050 Plan to achieve carbon neutral operations by 2050.

Signed by County Executive David Crowley on April 25, 2025.



2026 Policy Priorities

Operational Carbon Emissions Reduction - ([Files No. 21-389 / 25-262](#))

Collaboration and Funding Opportunities - ([File No. 24-652](#))

Waste Diversion in County Facilities - ([File No. 20-147](#))

Support for Data Center Accountability - ([File No. 25-781](#))

PFAS and GHG Mitigation - ([File No. 25-784](#))

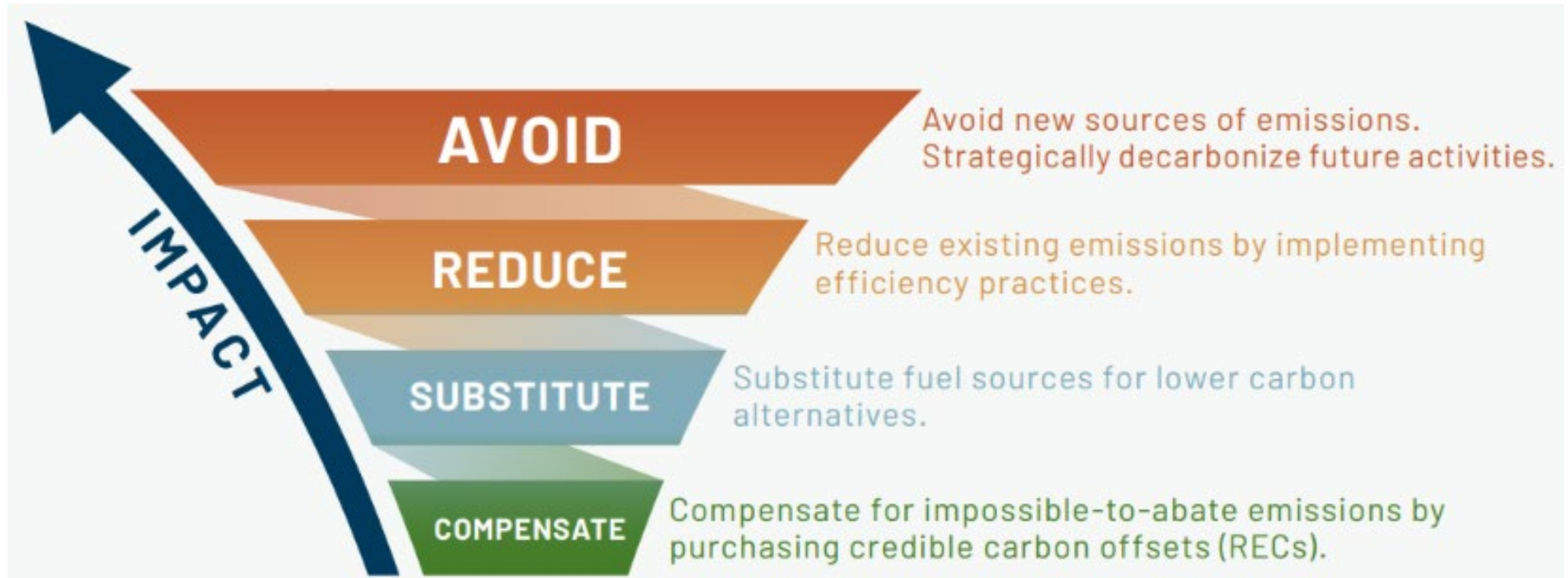


Climate Action 2050 Plan Next Steps

Together, the Office of Sustainability, Sustainability Task Force and a Third-Party Consultant are:

- Developing progress tracking tools & methods
- Identifying ways to communicate progress (internal & external)
- Measuring ongoing progress on emissions reduction and achieving strategy milestones

Strategy Implementation



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AVOID

↳ Sustainable Design Standards (*ex: 2026 Capital Projects*)

REDUCE

↳ Equipment Upgrade & Replacement Projects (*ex: CHC Steam Trap Upgrades*)

SUBSTITUTE

↳ Renewable Energy Implementation (*ex: Marcia P Coggs Rooftop Solar PV*)

Ongoing Efforts

The Office of Sustainability Continues to...

- Reflect changes in County operations and new technologies for long-term implementation plans
- Build out annual implementation by department
- Monitor changes in policy and funding opportunities
- Engage with residents and community groups



GHG Inventory + Public Dashboards

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GHG Inventories

2024 Operational Emissions Inventory



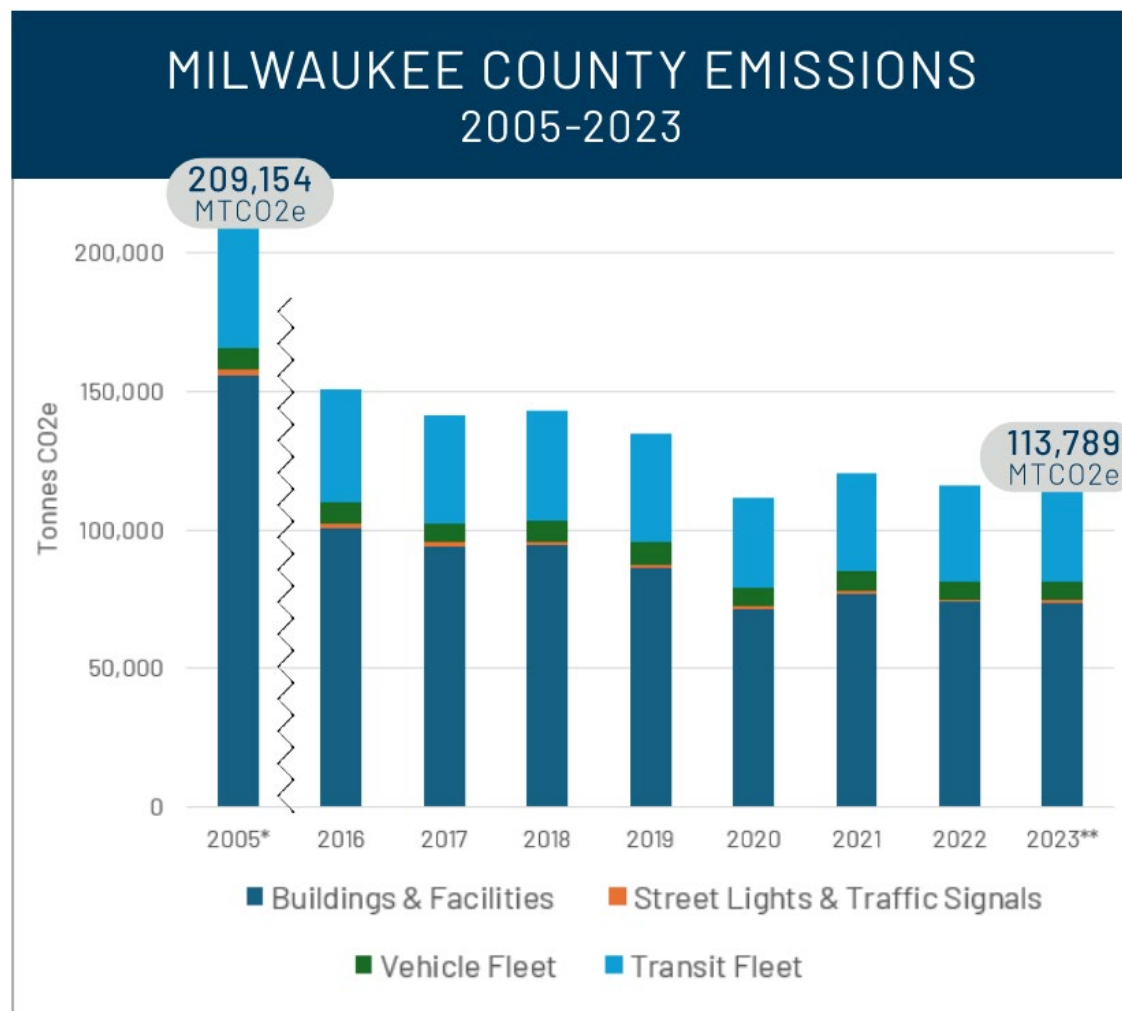
Tracking ongoing progress toward goals - 50% reduction by 2030
100% reduction by 2050

SEWRPC Metro Milwaukee Pollution Reduction Action Plan

Regional GHG Inventory informing OS work



GHG Inventories



Includes:

- Scope 1 and 2 emissions
- Scope 3 emissions attributed to County operations

47% reduction!

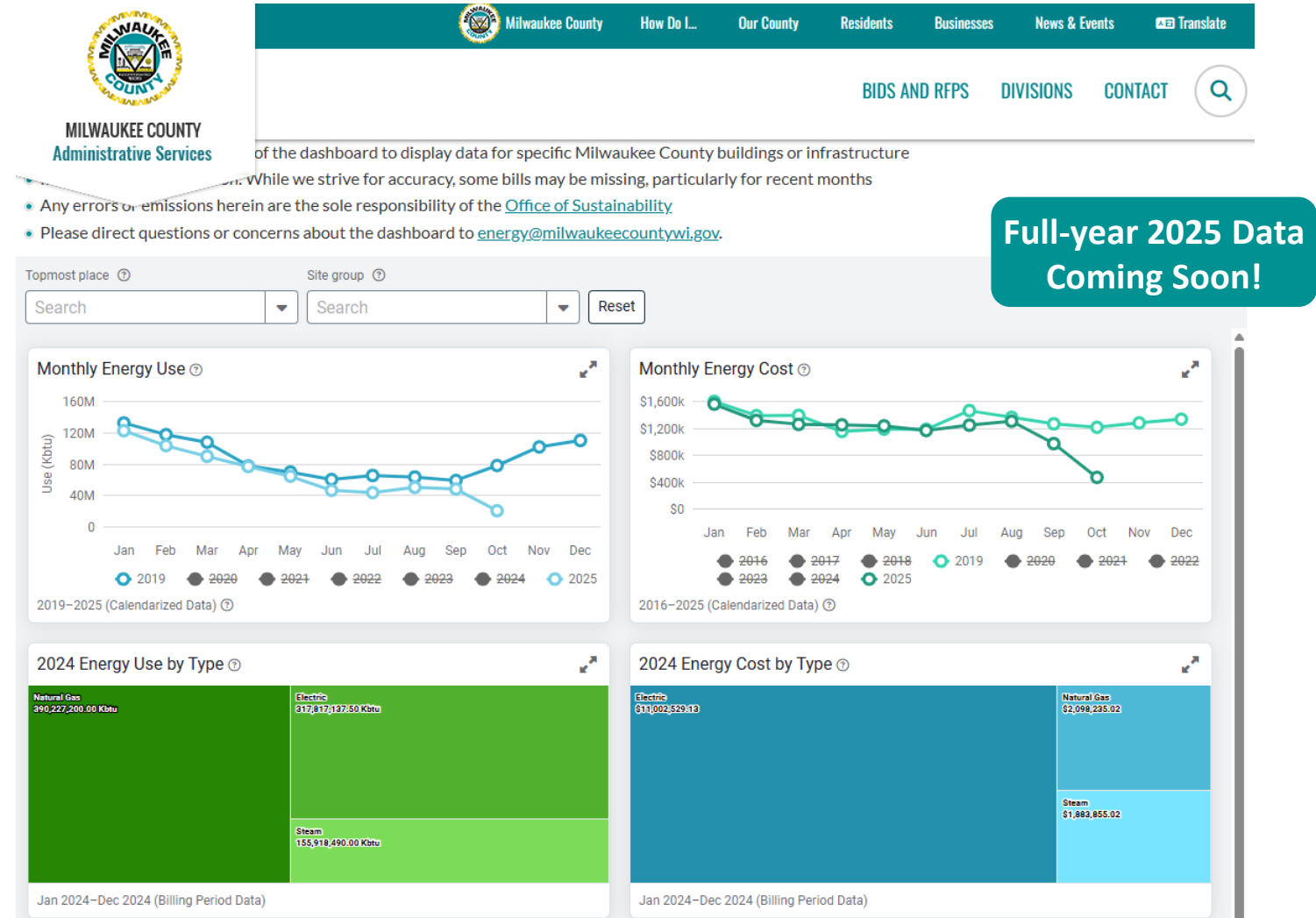
50% reduction goal for 2030 – ahead of the curve!

Excludes:

- Scope 3 emissions
- Non-County operations



County Energy Dashboard



Full-year 2025 Data
Coming Soon!

**2026 = Continuous Improvement of
Energy Management Practices and
Reporting**

[County Energy Dashboard](#) continues
to be updated quarterly and is
available to access.



CA50 Implementation Dashboard

Dashboard to report progress and KPIs is currently being developed

- Targeting July 2026 public availability

Opportunity to inform What and How OS shares this information!

- Technical vs Visual
- Reporting vs Informative/Educational
- What you do and don't like

You can always share input with us – grant.helle@milwaukeecountywi.gov



Questions?

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