



Zero Cities Project

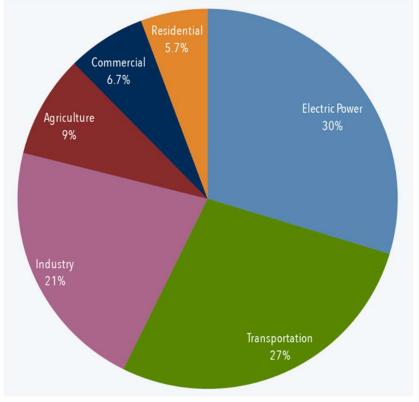
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Why Zero Carbon Buildings?

Need to quickly and reduce carbon pollution and phase out fossil fuels by 2050.

Buildings are a major source of U.S. emissions, and often account for half of city emissions.



U.S. EPA 2015 GHG Inventory Source: Center for Climate and Energy Solutions



About the Zero Cities Project

- Three-year grant funded project to develop a <u>policy roadmap</u> toward a zero net carbon building sector by 2050
 - Zero net carbon: produce on-site, or procure, enough carbon free renewable energy to meet the building operations' energy consumption
- 12 U.S. cities selected to participate
- Policy process informed by technical analysis that will include community collaboration and a focus on equity
- Meant to create a plan the City will implement to achieve the zero net carbon goal by all buildings – with economic incentives and planning programs
- Thank you to USGBC West Michigan and the Wege Foundation

About the Zero Cities Project

Zero Cities project goals are to:

- Help cities develop roadmaps or advance strategies to achieve carbon neutral buildings
- Focus on equitable and actionable solutions
- Share learnings w/ next wave cities

Zero Cities is a partnership with:



















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Project Phases & Timelines

May 2017 May 2018 May 2019 May 2020

Establish Baseline

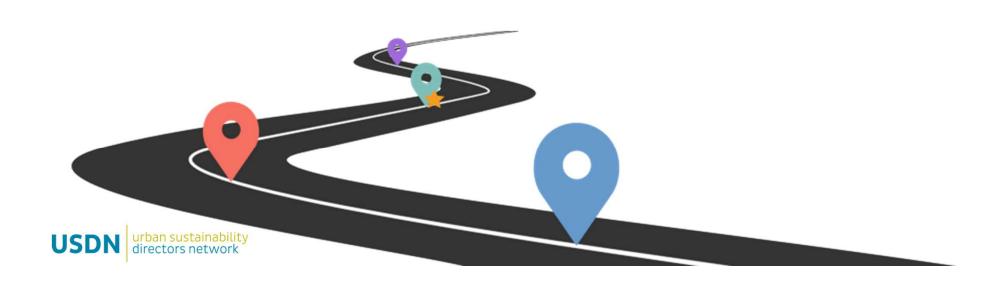
Engage Communities & Develop Roadmap

Support Roadmap Implementation

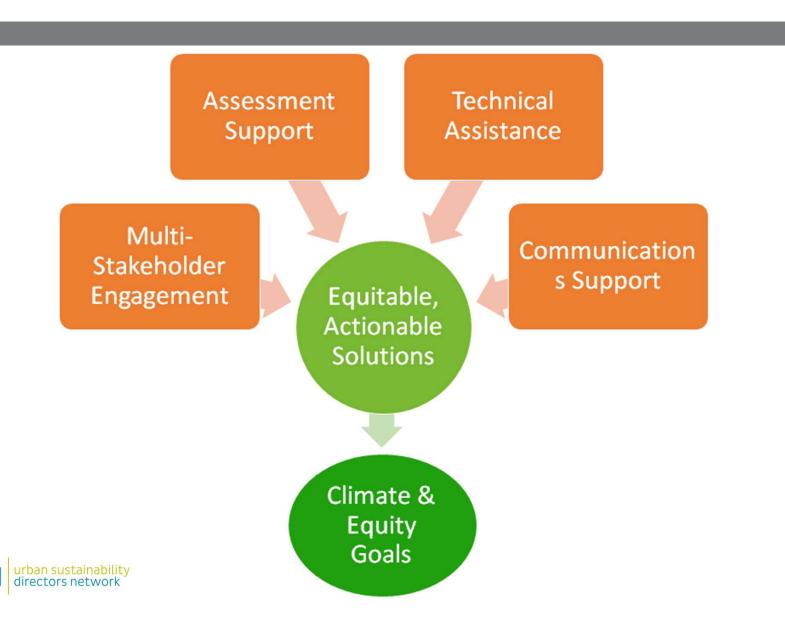
Share Knowledge & Replicate Successes

What Does a Roadmap Include?

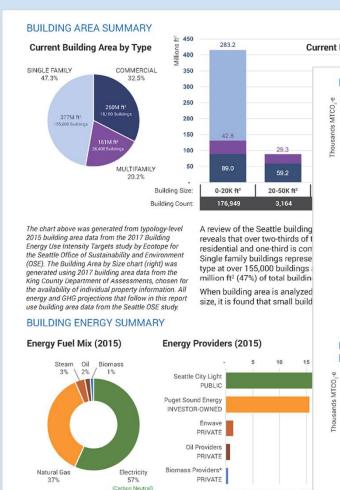
- Policies & Programs
- 2050 Implementation Plan
- Assessments, Tools & Support



Project Framework and Approach



Assessment Support: Building Sector Analysis



The charts above were generated from a review of

2015 energy consumption data in the 2017 Building

Energy Use Intensity Targets study from the Seattle

Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE).

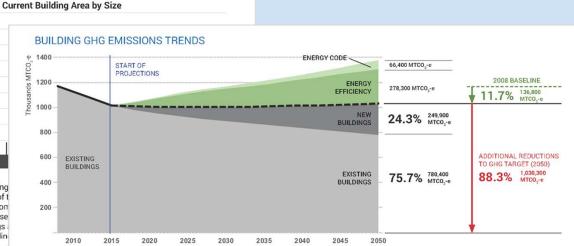
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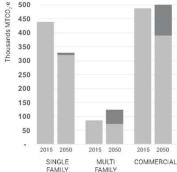
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When energy use is viewed by



The chart above is generated by applying greenhouse gas intensity factors, as reported in the 2017 study from Seattle OSE, to the previously stated energy use trends. Energy code savings and energy efficiency savings are calculated with similar application of GHG intensity factors to the savings reported in Building Energy Trends.

BUILDING GHG EMISSIONS BY TYPE



The Seattle building sector is projected to produce 11.7% less GHG emissions by 2050 compared to the 2008 baseline emissions. GHG emissions from the existing building stock are projected to decrease by nearly a third from 2008 due to increased efficiency, fuel switching, and demolition. However, the emissions contributed from new buildings are projected to overcome the existing building emissions reductions from 2015 onwards, leading to an increase in total building sector emissions by 2050.

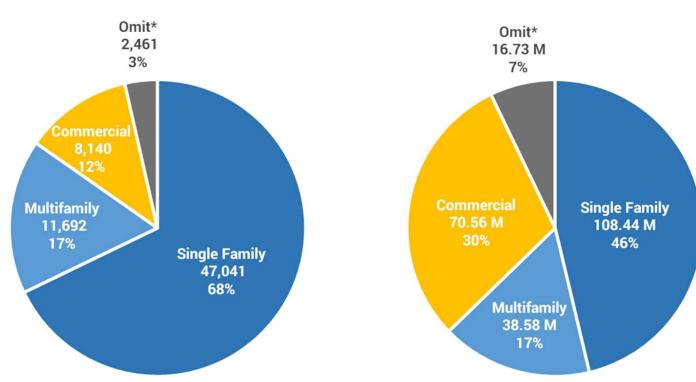
When GHG emissions are analyzed by building type, it is found that the majority of emissions reductions from 2008 are associated with single family buildings, due to a significant reduction in energy intensity that is primarily fossil fuel based. Conversely, multifamily and commercial buildings are expected to generate more GHG emissions

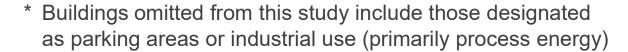
Overall, over one million metric tons of additional CO2 emissions must be reduced in order to meet the City of Seattle's carbon neutral goals. Because existing buildings are projected to contribute over 75% of GHG emissions in 2050, it is recommended that proposed policies be prioritized to specifically accelerate energy efficiency while transitioning to carbon free energy sources (via on-site or off-site procurement of renewable energy). While new buildings are projected to come online with enhanced energy efficiency, supplemental policies should be proposed to achieve even greater performance targets while ensuring that no new on-site fossil fuel based energy systems are introduced.

BUILDING STOCK TOTALS



BUILDING GROSS FLOOR AREA (FT²)

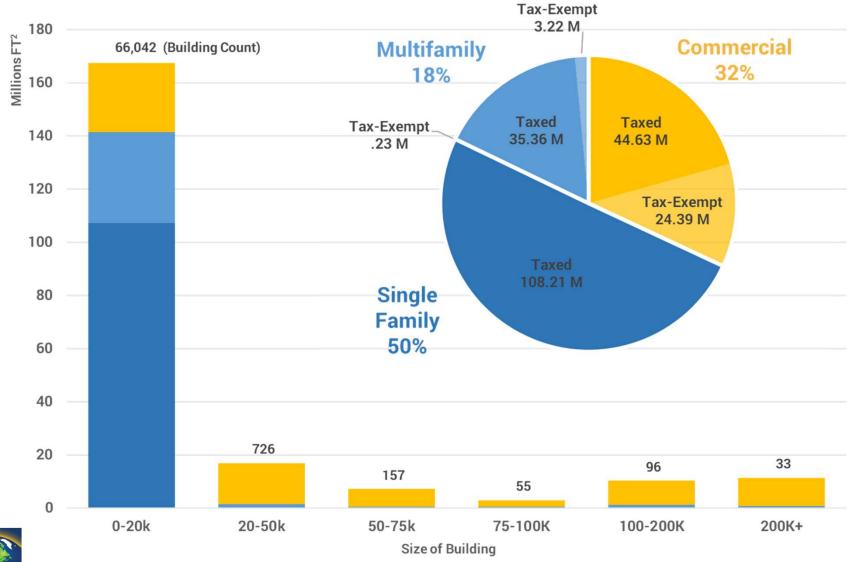






GROSS FLOOR AREA BY BUILDING SIZE

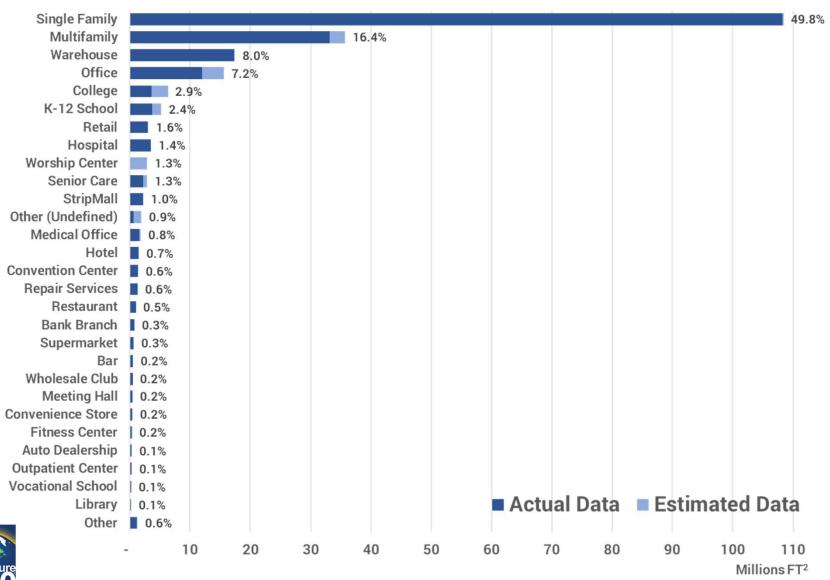
(Million FT²)





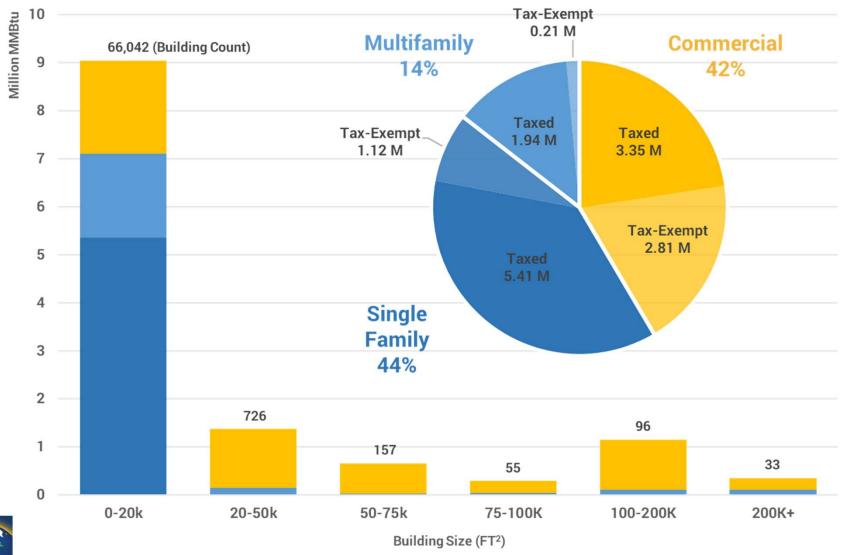
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ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY BUILDING SIZE

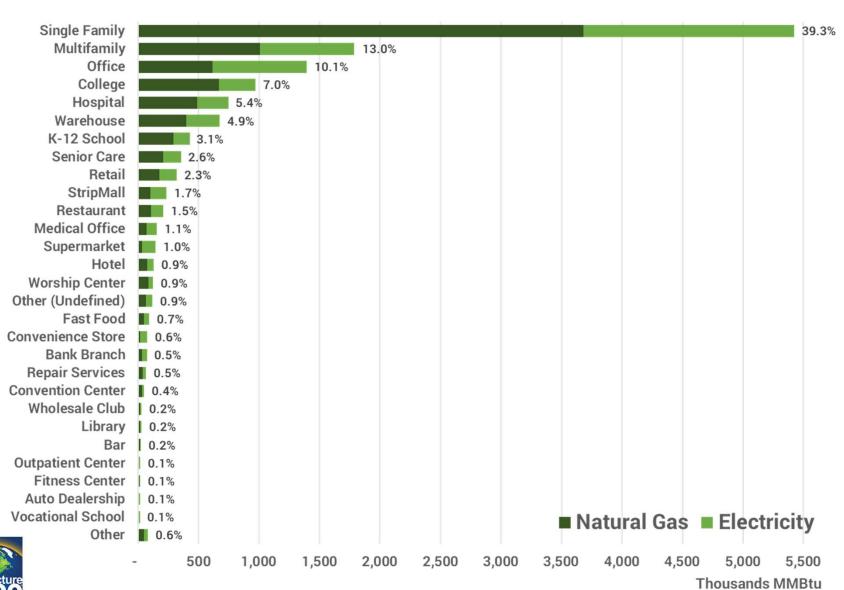
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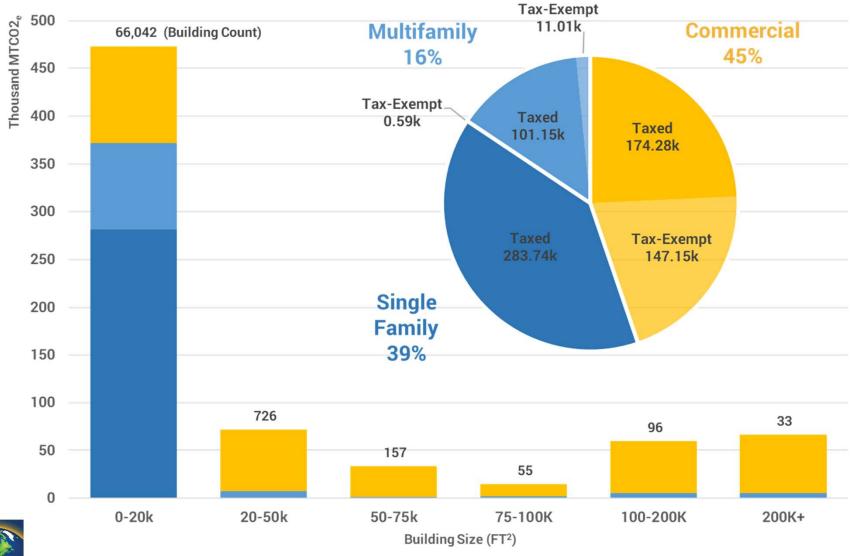
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GHG EMISSIONS BY BUILDING SIZE

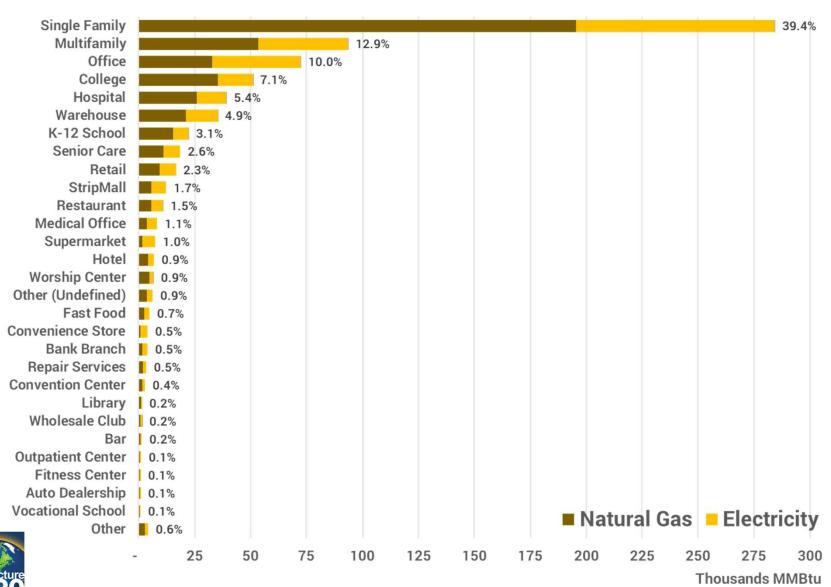
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GHG EMISSIONS BY BUILDING TYPE

(Thousand MTCO2_e)



AVERAGE EUI BY BUILDING TYPE

(kBTU/ft²/year)

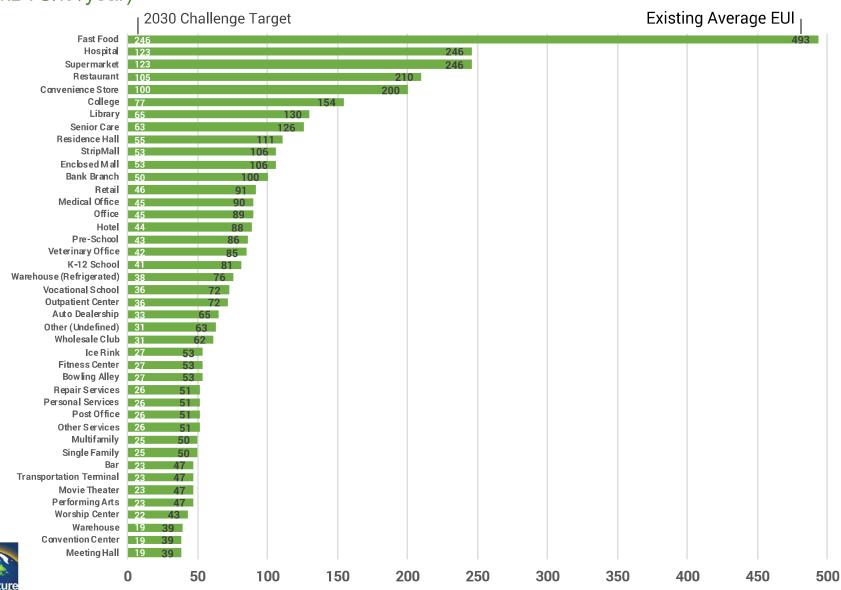
Building Use Type	Average EUI
Auto Dealership	65
Bank Branch	100
Bar	47
Bowling Alley	53
College	154
Convenience Store	200
Convention Center	39
Enclosed Mall	106
Fast Food	493
Fitness Center	53
Hospital	246
Hotel	88
Ice Rink	53
K-12 School	81
Library	130
Medical Office	90
Meeting Hall	39
Movie Theater	47
Multifamily	50
Office	89
Other (Undefined)	63

Building Use Type	Average EUI
Other Services	51
Outpatient Center	72
Performing Arts	47
Personal Services	51
Post Office	51
Pre-School	86
Repair Services	51
Residence Hall	111
Restaurant	210
Retail	91
Senior Care	126
Single Family	50
Strip Mall	106
Supermarket	246
Transportation Terminal	47
Veterinary Office	85
Vocational School	72
Warehouse (Refrigerated)	76
Warehouse	39
Wholesale Club	62
Worship Center	43



AVERAGE ENERGY USE INTENSITY

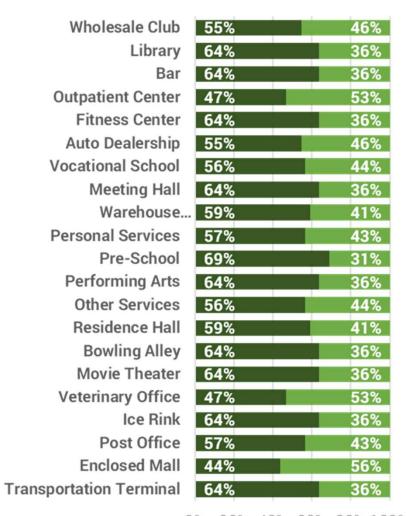
(kBTU/ft²/year)



ESTIMATED FUEL MIX BY SPACE TYPE

(Listed in descending order of total energy consumption)

Single Family	68%	32%
Multifamily	56%	44%
Office	44%	56%
College	69%	31%
Hospital	66%	34%
Warehouse	59%	41%
K-12 School	69%	31%
Senior Care	59%	41%
Retail	55%	46%
StripMall	44%	56%
Restaurant	52%	48%
Medical Office	44%	56%
Supermarket	22%	78%
Hotel	59%	41%
Worship Center	71%	29%
Other (Undefined)	56%	44%
Fast Food	52%	48%
Convenience Store	22%	78%
Bank Branch	44%	56%
Repair Services	57%	43%
Convention Center	64%	36%





0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%



PROJECTIONS METHODOLOGY

1. Develop Population Projections to 2050

Historical data + Growth Projections

2. Project Total Building Area & New Construction to 2050

Total Area = Existing – Demolition + New Construction

3. Project Building Energy Consumption to 2050

(New Area * Code EUI) + (Existing Area * Current EUI)

4. Project Building Energy GHG Emissions to 2050

Energy Consumption * GHG Emissions Factors



Assessment Support: Building Sector Analysis

NEXT STEPS:

Complete Projections to 2050

- → Change in Building Area
- → Added New Building Energy Consumption
- → Reduced Existing Building Energy Consumption
- → Change in Electricity Grid Carbon Intensity

Assess Impact of Potential Policies at Building Intervention Points

- → Renovations/Reclassification
- → Building Maintenance Cycles
- → Building Sales & Lease
- → Time-Certain Mandates

Aligned to Capital Improvement Cycles

Thank you!

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