

Comprehensive Sustainability Plan

Executive Summary

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT AND STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE
2023 - 2040



The University of Vermont

INTRODUCTION

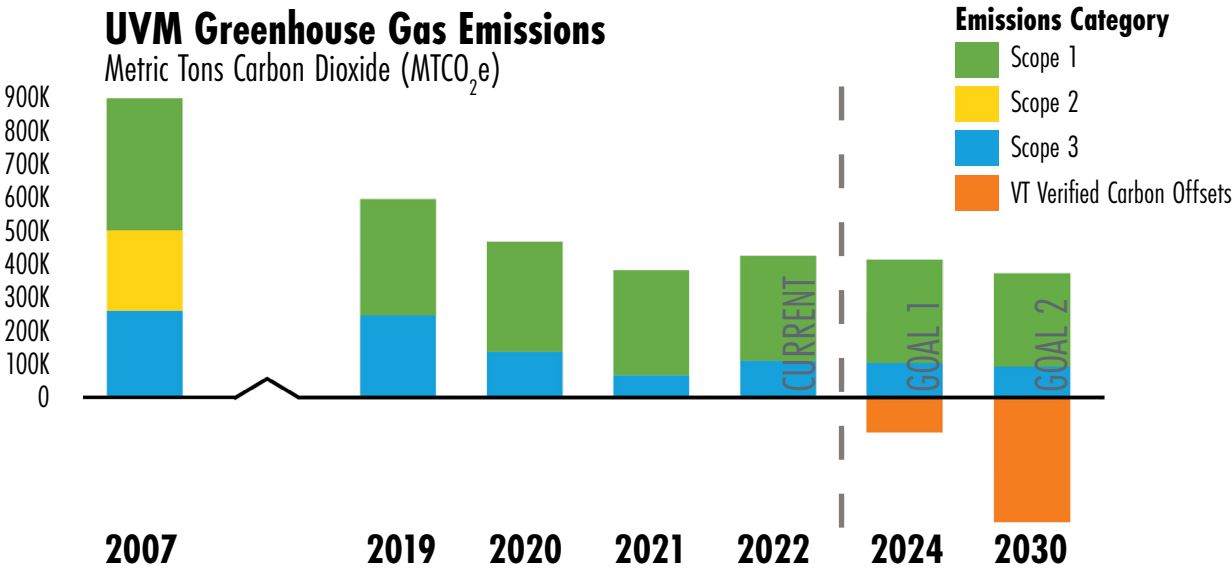
The University of Vermont (UVM, the University) has a history of sustainability leadership in higher education and global recognition. It’s essential that UVM contribute to the growing efforts at colleges and universities to develop sustainable solutions as climate change intensifies. The development of UVM’s Comprehensive Sustainability Plan will allow UVM to step forward, amplify the work we already do, and announce renewed commitment to a healthy environment and healthy societies.

Carbon Neutral
by 2030

60%
below 2007 levels
by 2024

Carbon Neutrality Goals

GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS



KEY GOALS

DECARBONIZATION

- Carbon neutral by 2030.
- Reduce GHG emissions in major University buildings.
- Reduce GHG emissions associated with the UVM fleet.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) 60% below 2007 levels by 2024.

OPERATIONS

- Increase spending on Vermont-grown food to 25% by 2030.
- Reduce total pounds of waste generated per campus user 10% by 2035.
- Increase composting and recycling by a combined 10% or more by 2035.
- Increase the acreage of sustainable and native plantings on campus.

RESEARCH & LEARNING

- Launch Sustainable Solutions Lab and cultivate research that uses campus as a “living lab”.
- Educate students to have a positive impact and contribute to sustainable communities.

