Sustainable DU: Goals, Renewables

Transformative Direction 4: One DU

Continuing to establish and meet goals related to reduction of our carbon footprint by meeting green building requirements on new construction and retrofitting older buildings, resulting in cost savings and eventual carbon neutrality and exploring alternative energy options on campus and via partnerships.

Goals

Carbon neutrality by 2050 24% Carbon footprint reduction by 2020 (over 2006 baseline)

We are currently at over 35% carbon footprint reduction



Goals approved in June, 2017

Energy Efficiency



The Green Fund (established in June, 2017) provides funding for energy efficiency projects with a blended return on investment of ten years or less. Projects this year included LED lighting upgrades in Nelson Hall, parking garages, and all of the Ritchie Center. Cumulative savings from these projects will be over 2,000,000 KWH, and over \$268,000 annually. Since 2008, over \$3m of energy efficiency projects have yielded annual savings of over 9,000,000 KWH and \$874,000.

Green Buildings

New buildings continue to be built at LEED Silver standards or higher. Reaching these standards requires a focus on energy and water consumption, daylighting, bicycle amenities, heating and cooling systems, indoor air quality and more. The Green Fund is providing incremental funding for more efficient building systems. The Denver Advantage buildings will be the first on campus to comply with the new Denver Green Roof Ordinance. The first year residence hall and the Pioneer Career Achievement Center are both being designed with solar arrays.



First year residence hall rendering

Energy Saving Projects - Cumulative Q2 FY18 FY17 and Prior - Completed Annual Savings (@Prior Rates) Average Construction Rehates ayback (yrs Cost Investmen Amount Controls \$ 406 687 \$(126,882) \$ 279,805 30.650 2.020.433 \$ 204.615 1.37 \$(275,480) 508,994 3,118,252 \$ 278,559 1.83 \$ 784,474 2,337,517 \$ 252,086 12 122,543 \$ 280.556 \$(158.013) \$ \$2,640,574 \$(925.622) \$1,714,952 118 968 7 476 202 \$ 735 260 2.33

			F	Y18 - Comple	ted or In P	rogess		
		Construction	Less	Net	Annual	Savings (FY	17 Rates)	Average
Туре	#	Cost	Rebates	Investment	Therms	Kwh	Amount	ayback (yrs
Controls Lighting Mechanical	0 1 0	\$ 387,925	\$ (19,516)	\$ 368,409		1,548,330	\$ 139,349	2.64
Survey Totals	0 1	\$ 387,925	\$ (19,516)	\$ 368,409		1,548,330	\$ 139,349	2.64
Cumulative	82	\$3,028,499	\$(945,138)	\$2,083,361	118,968	9,024,532	\$ 874,609	2.38

FY18 - In Progress Projects:
1 Lighting - Ritchie Center (Common Areas, Williams Tower, Stapleton Tennis)



N/A
450
200
200
145
115
55
145
123
50
310
32
45
35
50
45
35
85
30
2,150 kW
50
50

Solar panel arrays and sizes

Solar Energy University of Denver - Solar Options Jenny Heeter, Jesse Dean, Paul Schwebe. Aug 3, 2017

Request for Proposals #B900648

Renewable Electricy



A grant from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) provided an analysis of solar options and funding mechanisms for DU. A partnership with CSU allowed DU to participate by name in their request for proposals for sourcing 100% of electrical demand through renewables. CSU did not accept any of the proposals, but DU awarded a contract to Pivot Energy for on campus solar photovoltaics. This project will place over 7,000 panels on 18 rooftops, for a total of 2,250 kW. These panels will produce over 3,100,000 kWh annually, 7-8% of the total campus electricity consumption. DU will retain all of the renewable energy credits (RECs) associated with this energy, allowing us to reduce our carbon footprint 3-4%.,