

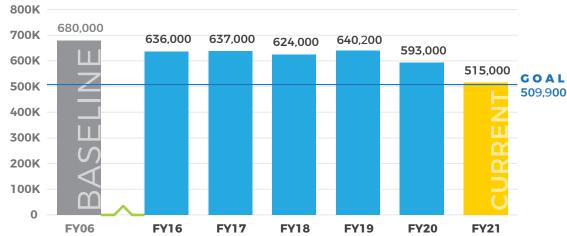
# FY21 SUSTAINABILITY GOAL FACT SHEET

## Climate Action: Greenhouse Gas Reduction

**GOAL: REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 25% BY 2025** 

**STATUS: 24% REDUCTION** 





This chart represents emissions for the Ann Arbor campus, including auxiliary units.

# **COVID-19 IMPACT**

Energy consumption in general fund buildings decreased 11.3% in FY21 compared to FY19. Occupancy levels decreased significantly across all building types. The operation of HVAC systems in laboratory buildings was unchanged during the pandemic regardless of building occupancy.

# **KEY INITIATIVES**

- Energy conservation: Development and execution of energy conservation measures in general fund buildings slowed dramatically with the pandemic, but increased in FY22 as new projects were funded and launched.
- Wind power purchase agreement: Began sourcing energy from new DTE wind parks in spring 2021, reducing U-M's emissions by more than 100,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> annually.
- Central Power Plant expansion: A new highly-efficient turbine is expected to begin operation in early 2022, reducing emissions by approximately 400,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> within the first 10 years of operation

## **NEXT STEPS**

U-M will soon achieve its 2025 greenhouse gas reduction goal, established in 2011. Concurrently, efforts toward U-M's recently unveiled carbon neutrality commitments are underway.

#### **Highlights include:**

- Launching a revolving energy fund for energy conservation projects starting with \$25 million over five years.
  An initial set of energy conservation projects, across all U-M campuses and auxiliary units, was funded in FY22.
- Launching a selection process to secure all purchased electricity (Scope 2 emissions) from renewable sources by 2025.
- Planning geothermal heating and cooling systems for the Leinweber Computer Science and Information Building.

