

2026 PRIORITIES

SUSTAINABILITY & RESILIENCE PROGRAM



Sustainable Madison Committee

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Program Highlights

1. Air Quality
2. Building Energy Efficiency & Decarbonization
3. Renewable Energy
4. Electric Vehicles
5. Sustainability Plan
6. Zero Waste
7. Program Management

1. Air Quality Monitoring

Leading a collaborative project to build and maintain a [citywide network of air quality sensors](#) to help understand particulate pollution in our community.

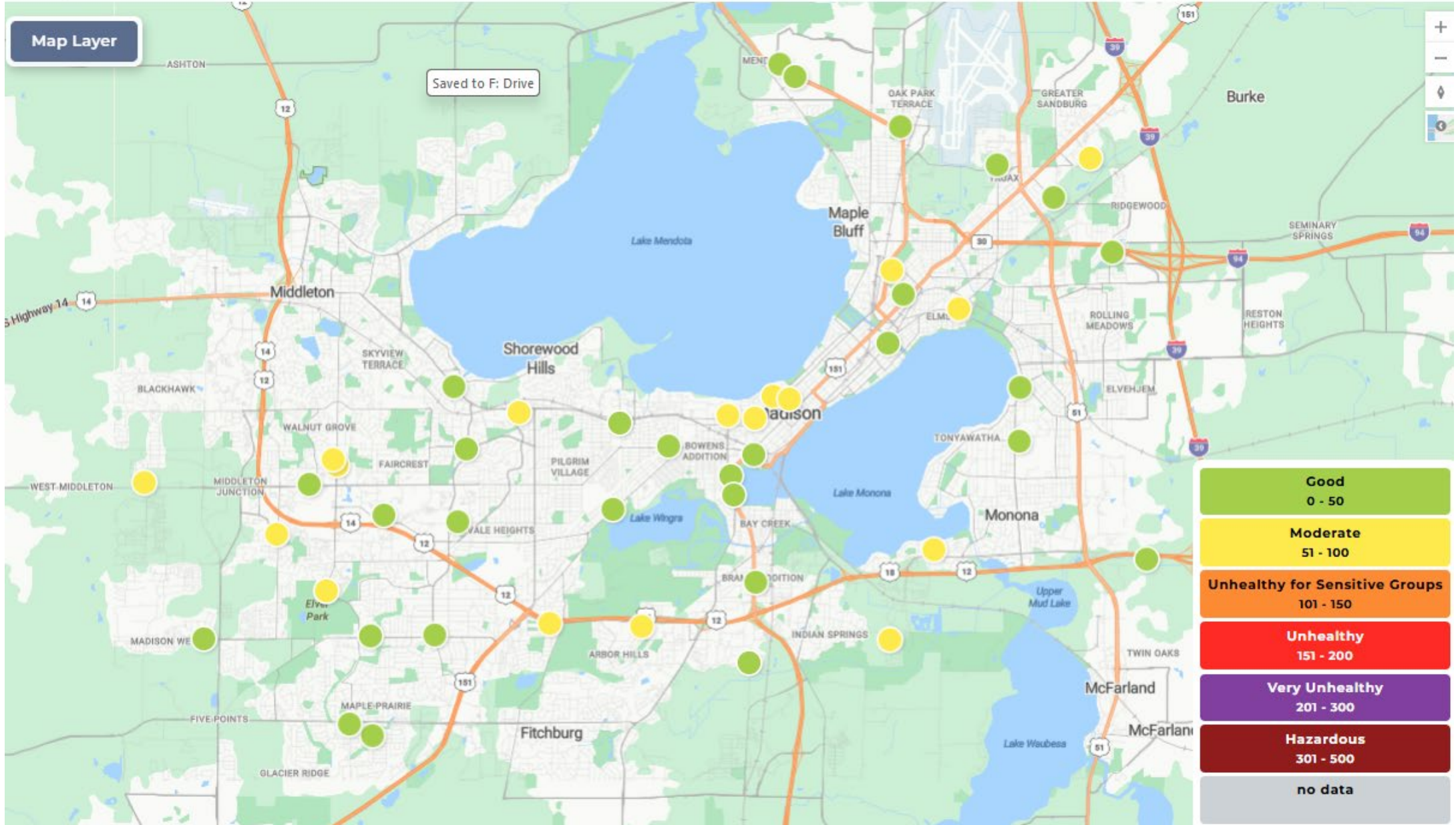
2025 Highlights

- Upgraded batteries and solar panels
- Team provided community outreach and education at numerous events, including West High's Equity Day, Parks Alive events, The Foundation for Black Women's Wellness Wear Read Day, Centro Hispano's weekly El Mercado, and more

2026

- Provide the public with access to the data online via LoveMyAir Wisconsin
- Education and outreach events
- Wrap up EPA grant





2. Building Energy Efficiency & Decarbonization

Leading programs to improve energy efficiency and reduce fossil fuel use in buildings community-wide and across the city's portfolio.

Programs include:

- Building Energy Savings Program
- Efficiency Navigator
- Building Decarbonization Analysis and Planning

Collaborating to include efficiency and decarbonization in work across agencies, including:

- CDD's Rehabilitation Programs & Affordable Housing Fund programs
- Development Assistance Team
- CDA building energy efficiency and decarbonization planning



Building Energy Savings Program

Implementing the City's energy benchmarking and tune-up requirements for large commercial buildings.

2025 Highlights

- Onboarded 215 additional buildings (383 total)
- 92% benchmarking compliance rate
- 43 early bird tune-up submissions
- 6 Lunch & Learns
- Many, many support calls & emails

2026

- Launch year 3 of benchmarking, adding ~423 new buildings to the program (806 total)
- Launch year 1 of tune-ups (170 buildings)
- Providing extensive outreach and education to building owners about the program and support to comply



IMPACTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025

90

Residents

23

Children & Seniors

40,825 kg

Annual CO₂
Emissions Savings

34

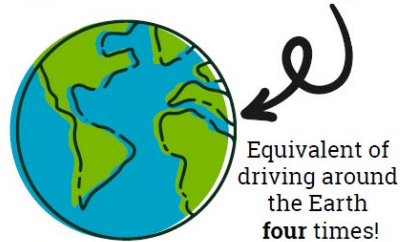
Energy Efficiency Measures

19

Health & Safety Measures

101,617

Vehicle Miles Traveled
Avoided



“
The Efficiency Navigator is real-life sustainability. It keeps our focus on allowing the building to stay affordable and resilient for long-term residents.
— Madison Property Owner
”

Efficiency Navigator

Provides technical assistance and free energy upgrades to affordable multifamily homes in partnership with Sustain Dane and Elevate Energy.

2026

- Launch the 5th year of the program
- Provide upgrades that
 - Improve energy efficiency by at least 20%
 - Reduce tenant energy bills by \$300-\$500/year per building

Building Decarbonization

Providing data analysis, policy research, and strategic support to chart a path to reducing fossil fuel use in buildings community wide and in the City's portfolio to achieve 2030 goals.

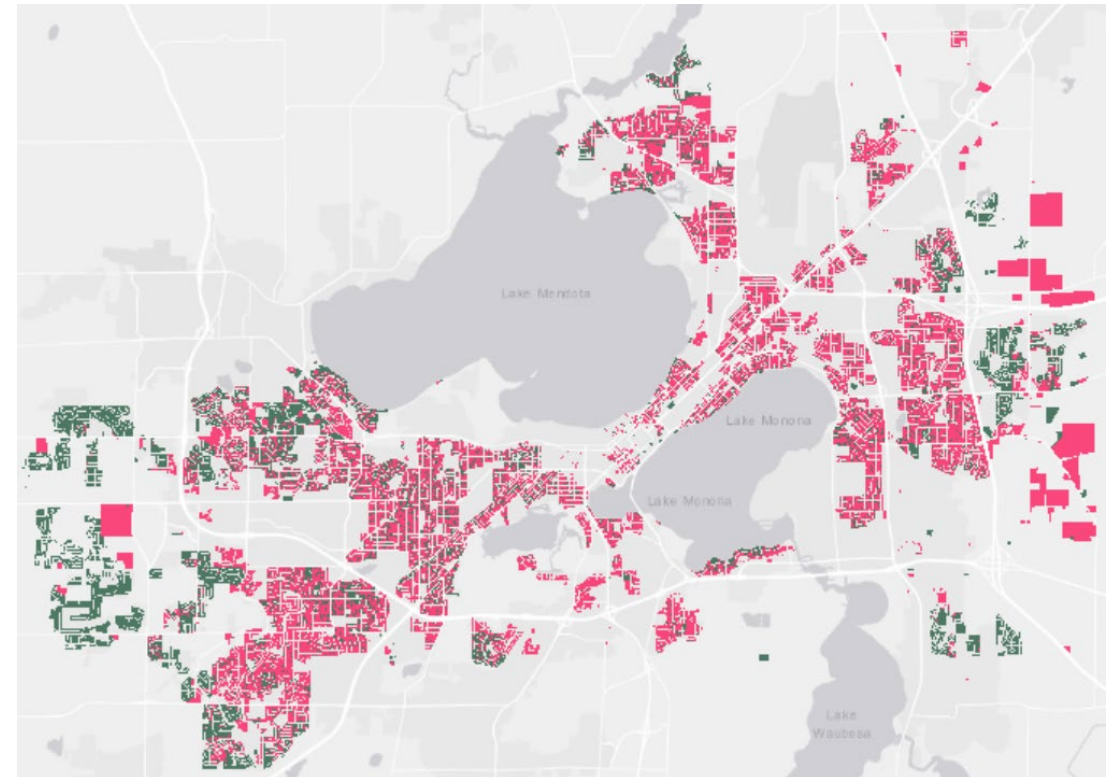
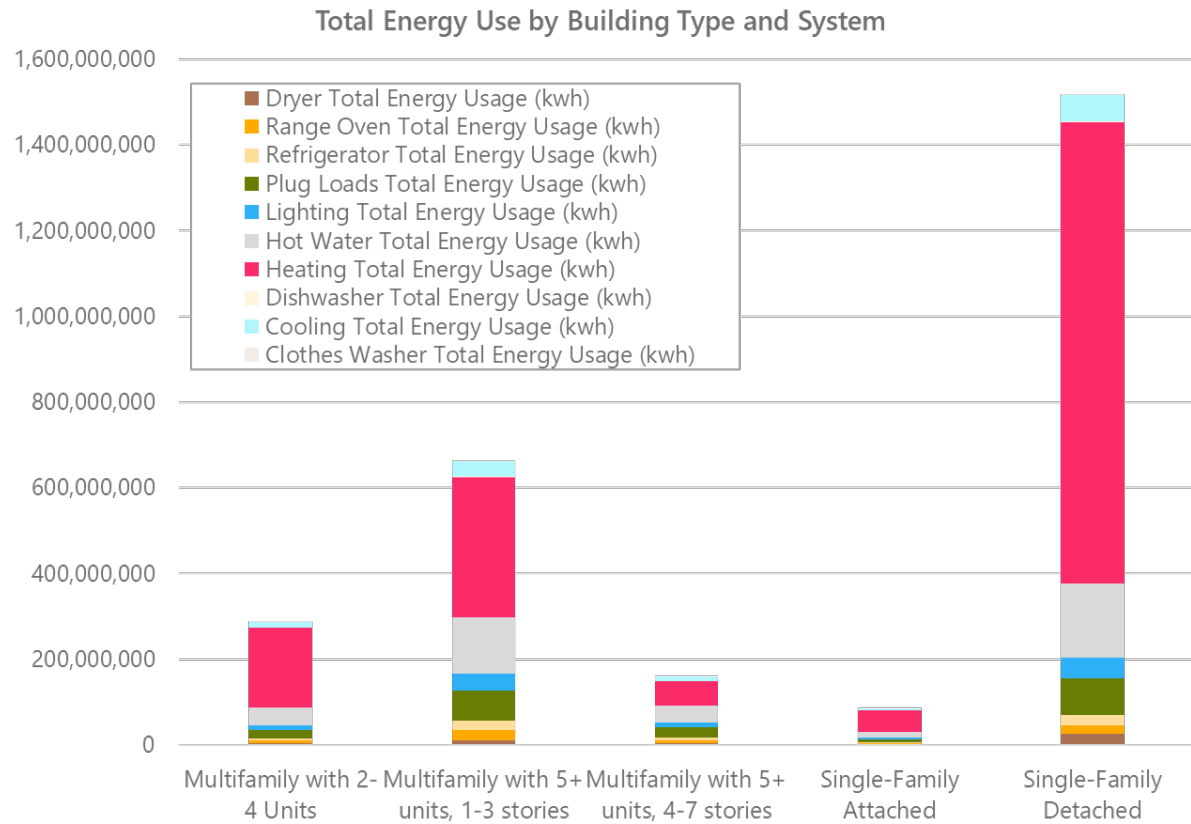
2025 Highlights

- Strengthened the City's green building policy
- Completed community-wide building stock analysis and electrification-ready study
- Joined the Bloomberg City Ideas Exchange focused on energy retrofits for public housing in partnership with CDA
- Formed staff working group focused on decarbonizing City buildings.

2026

- Collaborate across agencies to plan for decarbonizing City buildings
- Organize facilities managers community of practice
- Partner with CDA on housing efficiency and decarbonization policy/plan
- Decarbonization assessment and strategic plan for City buildings

Building Stock Analysis Example



ELECTRIFICATION READY ANALYSIS

- 200A or Greater Panel
- Less than 200A Panel

3. Renewable Energy

Working to implement goal of 100% renewable energy for city operations by 2030 and support renewables adoption.

Currently at ~84% renewable electricity for city operations.

2025 Highlights

- Provided input to inform MGE's Community Shared Solar Program
- Another successful year of MadiSUN:
 - 30+ Participants in the Residential Group Buy Program
 - 3 Back Yard Solar Grants
- Collaborated with Engineering and consultant on Monona Terrace Geothermal Study

2026

- Participate in MGE's Community Shared Solar program or other REC purchase to reach 100% renewable electricity.
- Implement MadiSUN programs to help Madisonians go solar.
- Inform next steps for the City's purchase of steam from the Capital Steam Plant



4. Electric Vehicles

Supporting adoption of electric vehicles community-wide, including engagement with utility and regulatory agencies.

2026

- Continue to serve on the leadership team for Dane County's Clean Fueling Infrastructure grant
- Serve as liaison for installation of chargers at up to 4 City locations
- Coordinate across City agencies to plan for next phase of City EV charging
- Collaborate with Fleet to advance biodiesel adoption by local govts and state



5. Sustainability Plan

Coordinate with agencies to implement and track progress for the City of Madison Sustainability Plan.

2026

- Outreach and collaboration with City agencies to ensure alignment
- Serve on operations and capital budget teams
- Collaborate with Sustainability Champions
- Issue year 2 progress report



6. Zero Waste

Collaborate across City agencies to review, update, and create Administrative Procedure Memoranda (APMs) to guide purchasing of products and services by the City.

2025 Highlights

- Drafted updates to 3 Sustainable Purchasing APMs on building and equipment efficiency, efficient fleet vehicles, and green cleaning products
- Drafted 1 new Sustainable Purchasing APM on single-use plastics

2026

- Finalize Sustainable Purchasing APMs
- Develop Sustainable Purchasing Guidance to implement Sustainable Purchasing APMs
- Zero Waste Planning with SMC



7. Program Management



Implement strategic planning, evaluation, and resource allocation to ensure sustainability and resilience initiatives are staffed, funded, and operating effectively, including regulatory issues, policy development, and grant opportunities.

2025 Highlights

- Managed 5 federal grants and collaborated on 2 more
- Participated in two regulatory proceedings at the Public Service Commission, including support for the changes to electric metering rules

2026

- Hire new Sustainability Program Coordinator
- Co-Lead Youth Climate Action Fund grant program
- Complete ACEEE Clean Energy and Carbon Disclosure Project Reporting
- Serve on Data Center Working Group
- Participate in energy regulatory processes by the Public Service Commission

Youth Climate Action Fund

Supporting Young Climate Leaders

- Secured \$100,000 for 2025 and \$50,000 for 2026
- Provided grants and mentorship for 17 projects driving climate solutions
- Another round of applications will open late summer 2026

>>> Youth Climate Action Fund <<<<
Grant Applications Are Open!

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What is the Youth Climate Action Fund?

With 84% of young people around the world reporting they are worried how **climate change threatens people and the planet**, Bloomberg Philanthropies launched the Youth Climate Action Fund to provide funding for 100 mayors to **activate young people to design and implement climate solutions** in their cities. The participating cities (including Madison, Wisconsin!) span 38 countries across 6 continents, representing over 62 million residents.





Thank you!

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