

HOW SHARED GOVERNANCE CAN IMPACT SUNY SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

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The "What" of Clean Energy and Sustainability







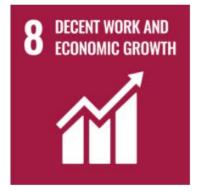
























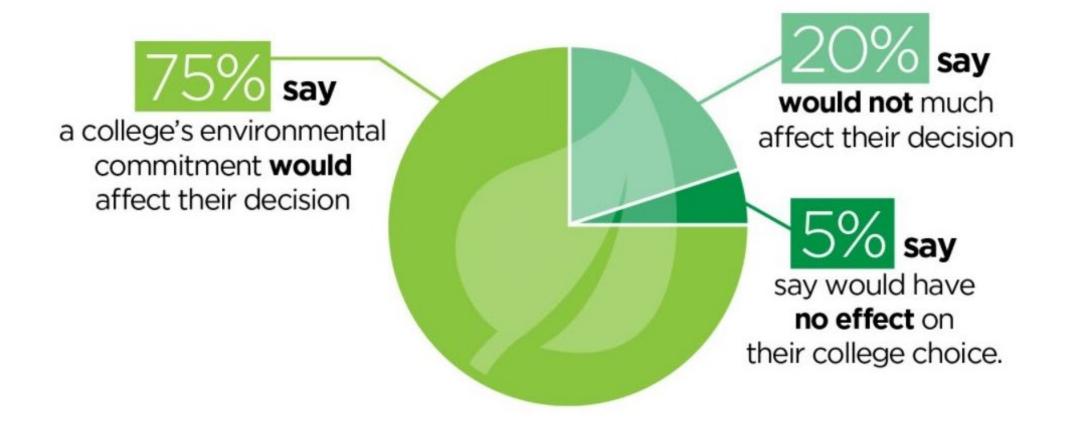








School commitment to the environment affecting school choice



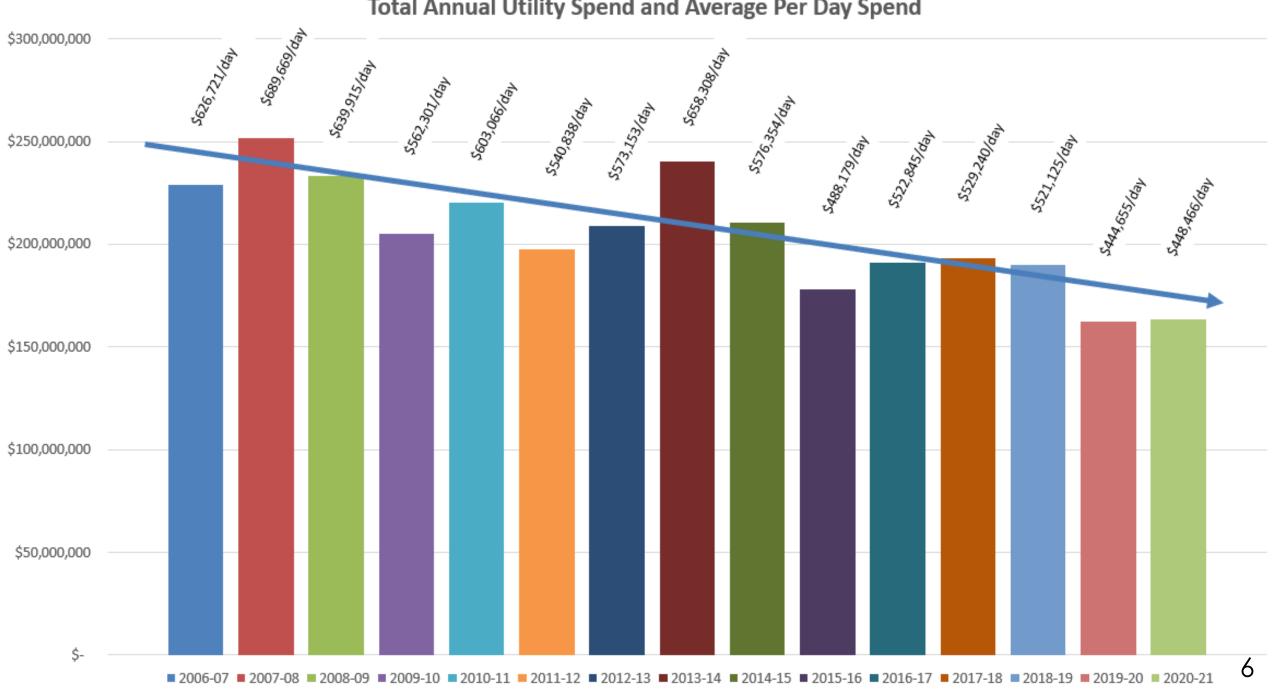
2021 University of Bath Survey

A survey across 10 countries (including the US) led by Bath University, with responses from 10,000 people aged between 16 and 25.

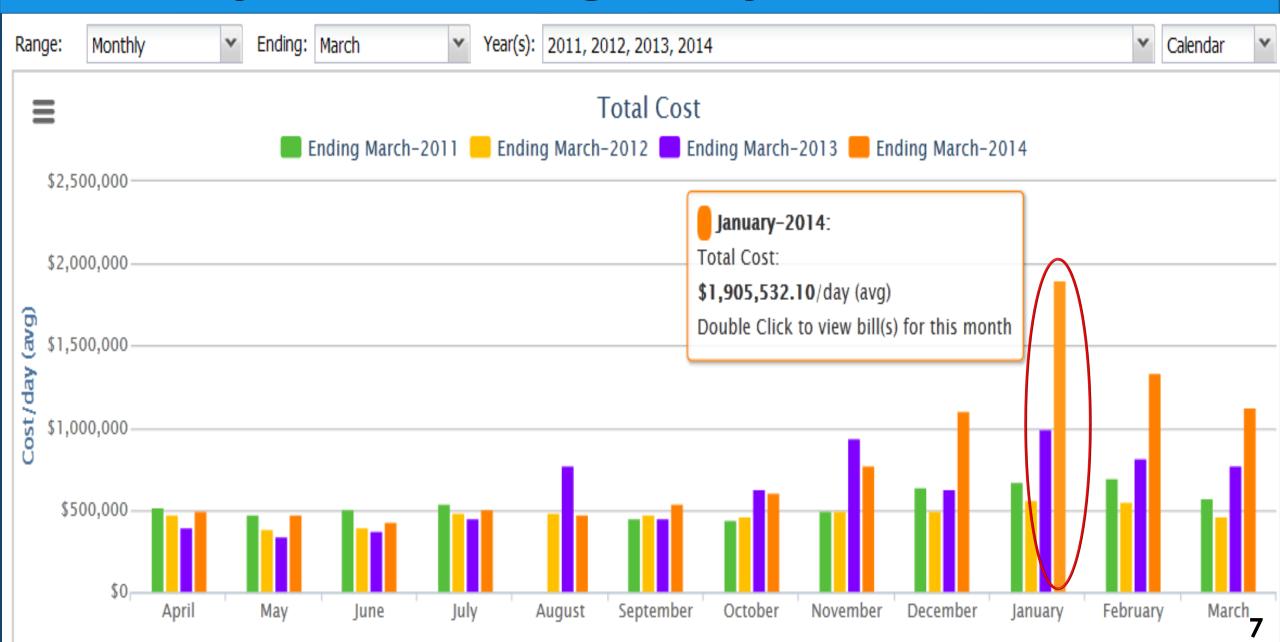
- ✓ Nearly 60% feel very or extremely worried about climate change
- √ 45% feel climate affected their daily lives.
- ✓ Three-quarters said the future was frightening.
- ✓ Over half (56%) think humanity is doomed
- √ 40% are hesitant to have children because of climate change

One 16-year-old summed it up well, "It's different for young people - for us, the destruction of the planet is personal."

Total Annual Utility Spend and Average Per Day Spend



January 2014 - Average Daily Cost - \$1.9 Million



CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

- 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- Beginning in 1995 the annual Conference of Parties (COP) began
- COP 21 (the 21st COP) in 2015 in Paris established the Paris Accord

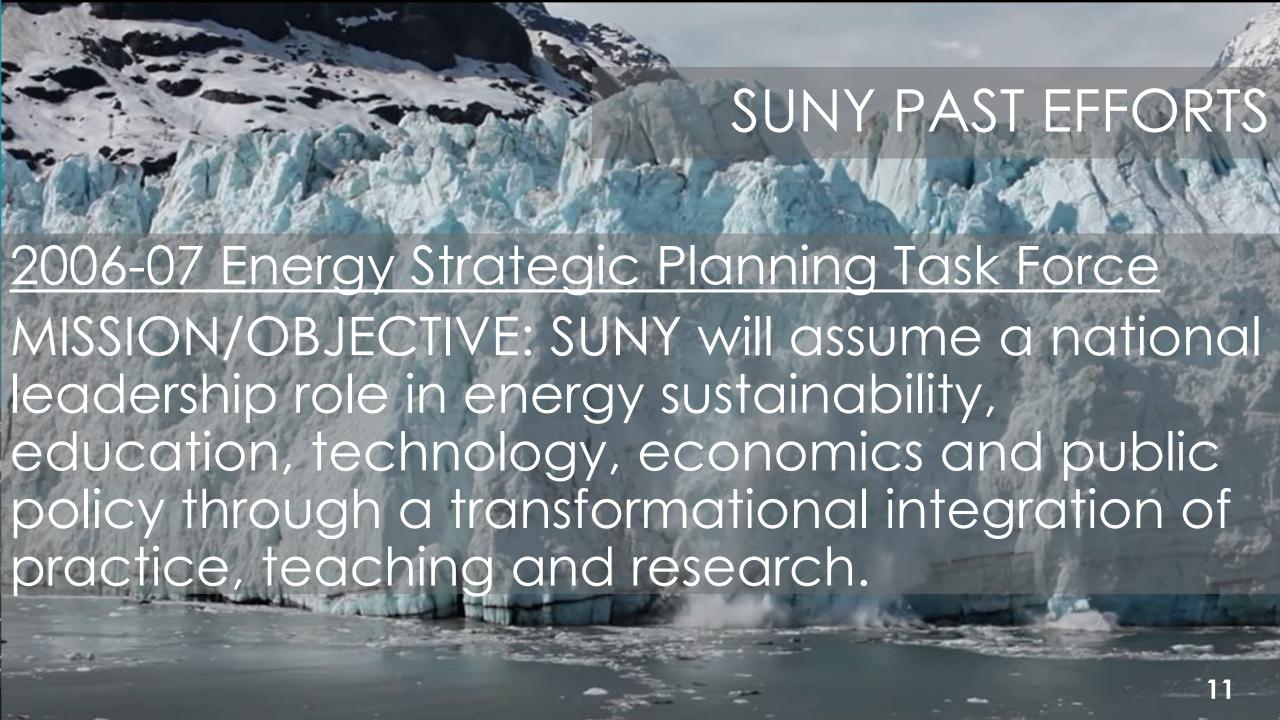


CLIMATE LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

- 2019 CLCPA Legislation signed by the Governor
- Climate Action Council (CAC) created 22members
- CAC draft Scoping Plan Released January 2022
- Public comment due April 30th
- Final Scoping Plan to be delivered to Governor and Legislature by Jan 1, 2023
- DEC to release regulations by 2024

NEW YORK STATE

- EO 166 affirms Paris Accord
- New Efficiency: New York 185 Trillion Btu reduction
- BuildSmart 2025
- Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling Law
- Renewable Heating and Cooling Framework
- Zero Emission Vehicle MOU
- Waste Management
- Reduction of single use plastics



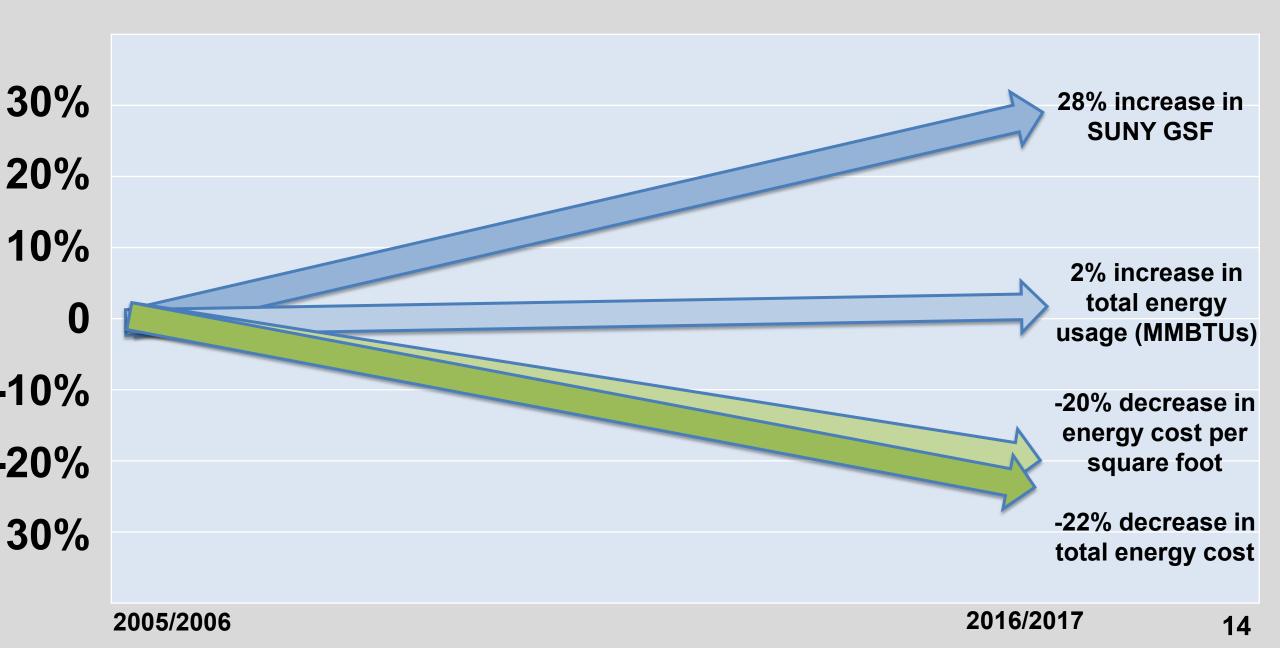
GOALS ESTABLISHED BY 2006-07 TASKFORCE

- More Education focused on energy and the environment
- Engage with NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- Procure energy at lowest possible costs
- Increase use of bio-fuels
- Reduce Greenhouse Gas
- LEED Silver for all new buildings and major renovations



LEED v4.1 is the next generation standard for green building design

SUNY ENERGY EFFICIENCY - UPDATE



Six Big Ideas

To revitalize the economy of New York and enhance the quality of life for its citizens, SUNY will commit our energy and resources to the realization of Six Big Ideas:

SUNY and the Entrepreneurial Century
SUNY and the Seamless Education Pipeline
SUNY and a Healthier New York
SUNY and an Energy-Smart New York
SUNY and the Vibrant Community
SUNY and the World



SUNY SMART GRID

Incorporating information technology and communication tools, a Smart Grid transforms our existing electricity grid into one that is cleaner, safer, and more reliable and efficient.

Among other things, a Smart Grid accepts energy from virtually any fuel source (including solar and wind); allows consumers to tailor their

NEW YORK AS A GREEN INCUBATOR

When it comes to green energy, SUNY and New York State are already rich in talent and resources. We have an incomparable base of experts in both academia and industry who are researching, analyzing, developing, and commercializing cutting-edge energy initiatives,

LIVING SMART

With an annual energy bill of about \$280 million, SUNY is among the state's largest energy consumers—now, we need to be its smartest.

While each of our campuses has a sustainability coordinator and committee, and while we've established stringent energy standards for new buildings and renovations, we can and must do much more to shrink our carbon footprint.

educe SUNY's system-wide energy otion by at least 30 percent over the ade by becoming the nation's first of "energy smart" campuses. Our students, meanwhile, represent a critical mass of green thinkers and specially if we offer courses and degree s that equip them with the best thinking tices. And if our campuses get it right, munities will too.

SUNY and An Energy-Smart New York

Achieving sustainability demands action on multiple fronts at once. SUNY's collective intelligence makes it New York's renewable resource for ideas.

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as our own "grid" of colleges and universities
reaching every corner of New York, SUNY
Smart Grid is uniquely suited to help invent, test,
commercialize, train, and educate for this energy
revolution, leading the way in making Smart Grid
a reality for New York.

will fast-track our strategies, putting us on the leading edge of opportunities. And we will tap into more and different kinds of financing—including venture capital and angel investment funding—to place New York at the forefront of the clean energy economy.



SUNY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

New Framework Highlights

Label: World History and Global Awareness

II. Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- demonstrate knowledge of a broad outline of world history and/or the development of the distinctive features
 of at least one civilization or culture in relation to other regions of the world; and
- demonstrate an understanding of the structures, systems, and interrelationships among civilizations and cultures within historical and/or contemporary contexts, and their impact on wellbeing and sustainability.

III. Guidance (draft)

Courses on specialized topics or periods—examples include: classical mythology, the Renaissance, the Bible,
French civilization, the history of theater—are approvable so long as the materials demonstrate that the
primary focus of the course relates to larger cultural developments of world history. Courses that focus narrowly
on particular authors or figures are generally not approvable, even if the authors in question should be very
important ones. The operative idea is that the core of the course must be central to world history and global
awareness, and the treatment of that core placed in broader cultural perspective so that students gain an
acquaintance with world history and not just specialized knowledge of one narrowly defined topic. The study of
indigenous populations is approvable in this category.

Environmental Justice

The CP in the CLCPA is Community Protection

"The Climate Justice Working Group is tasked with establishing criteria for identifying disadvantaged communities for the purposes of co-pollutant reductions, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, regulatory impact statements, and the allocation of investments pursuant to the CLCPA."

Minimum of 35% to be directed toward disadvantaged communities

NYCSHE

New York Coalition for Sustainability in Higher Education

NYCSHE, the NY Coalition for Sustainability in Higher Education unites representatives of higher education and supporting organizations with a common interest to promote, sustain and advocate for environmental, economic and social responsibility as envisioned by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

The SUNY Sustainability Coalition (SSC), a subgroup of NYCSHE, serves as a state forum for sustainability initiatives, bringing together a broad spectrum of SUNY professionals to discuss issues critical to the acceleration, expansion and adoption of sustainable initiatives around curriculum, operations, research and engagement.

Supporting Sustainability in Higher Education Throughout New York State

SUNY'S ACTIVE RESEARCH AND PROGRAMS



Stony Brook Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center



University at Buffalo RENEW Institute



Binghamton Northeast Center for Chemical Energy Storage

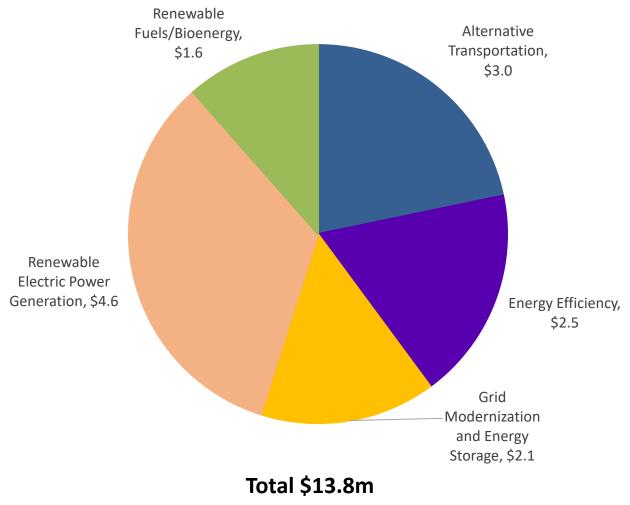
Areas of Expertise

- Off Shore Wind Energy
- Photovoltaics Generation
- Fuel cells, Hydrogen Production
- Energy Storage: Batteries,
 Supercapacitors

- Al for Energy Optimization
- Energy Efficient Materials, Lighting
- Superconductors
- Smart grid
- Sensors

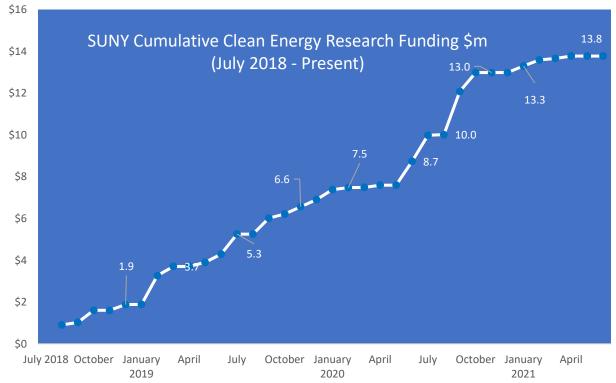
- Photocatalytic reduction of CO2 to methanol
- Batteries Recycling Technology
- Clean Energy and Energy Storage Workforce Training Programs

SUNY Clean Energy Sponsored Research* (cumulative as of July 2021)



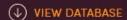
Other Clean Energy Funding categories (not included here):

- Entrepreneurship (\$6.6m)
- Community Support (\$0.3m)
- Education / Workforce Development (\$0.3m)
- Trial or Demonstration (\$4.4m)



^{*} Amounts shown only include awards processed through the RF

The database of fossil fuel divestment commitments made by institutions worldwide





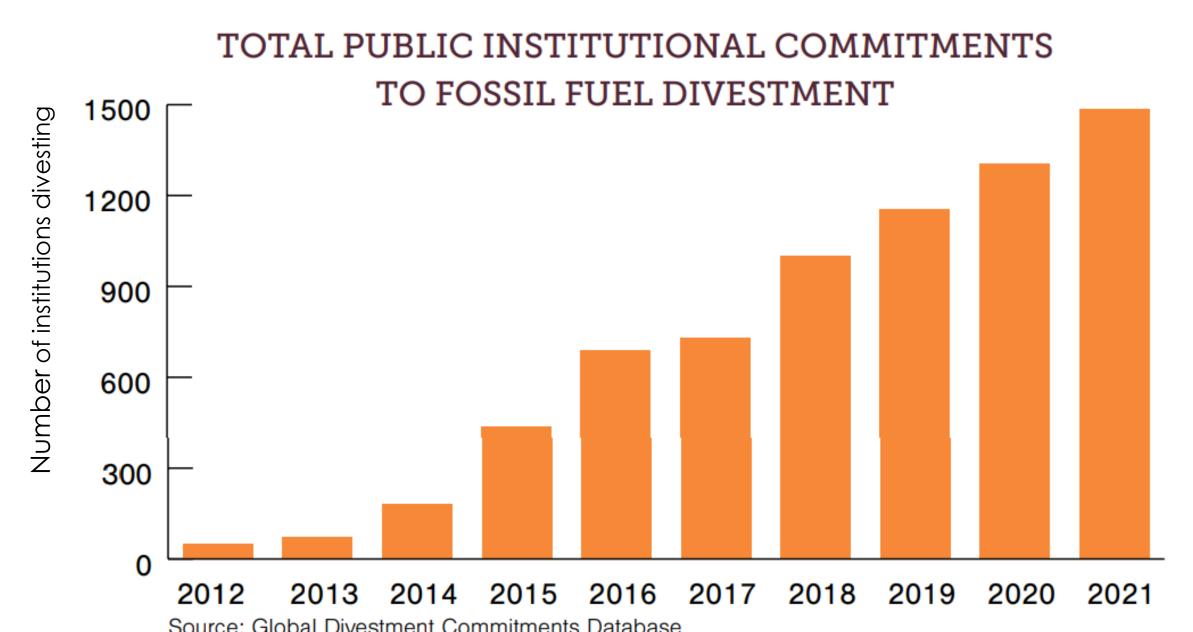
\$39.88 TRILLION

Approximate value of institutions divesting.

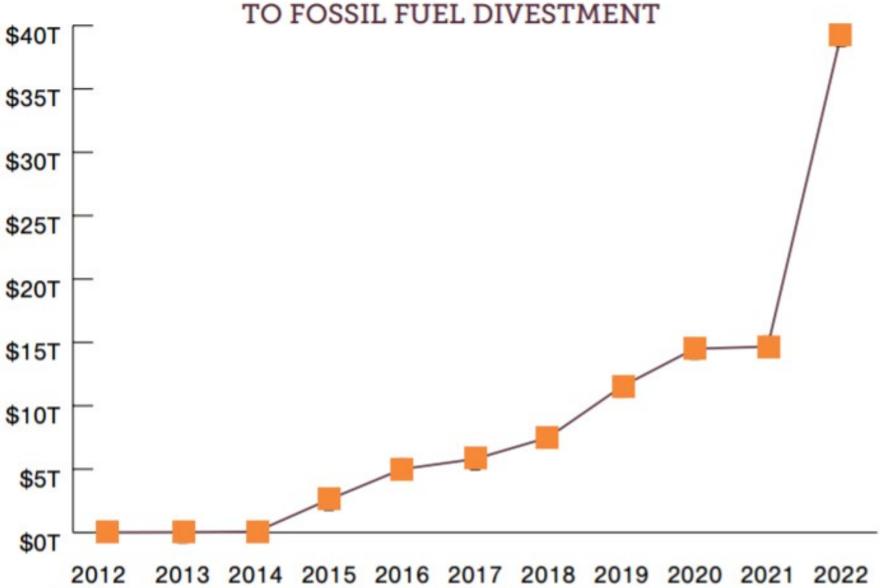
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Institutions Divesting

GROWTH IN DIVESTMENT COMMITMENTS



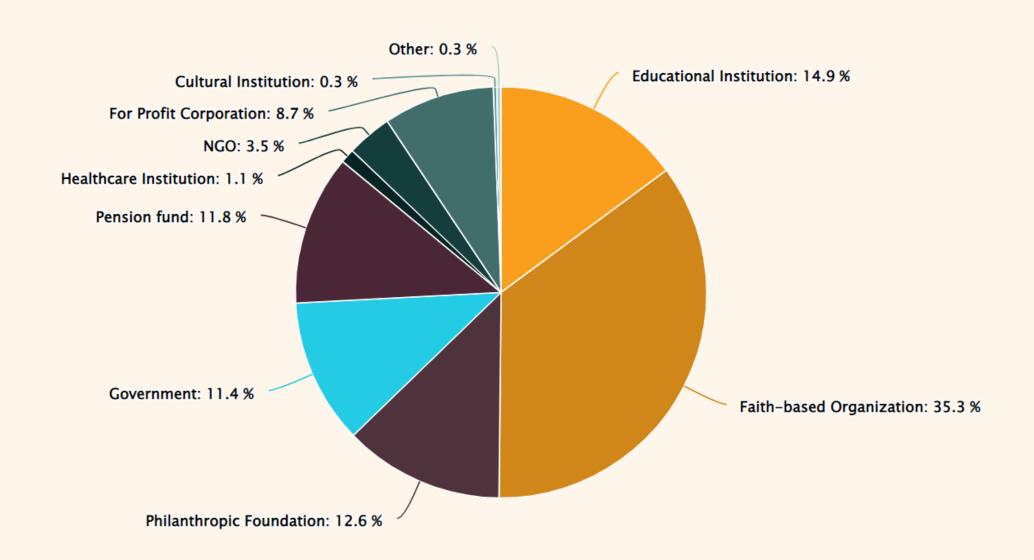
TOTAL ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT COMMITTED



^{* 2021} figures represent an update of some institutions' total assets under management. See Methodology section.

Source: Global Divestment Commitments Database

What kinds of institutions are divesting?



Clean Energy Master Plans

Campus Specific Plans
Orbiting Carbon Observatory-2
(OCO-2)

Incorporating facilities master plan needs, critical maintenance needs and a goal to eliminate fossil fuel use, these plans take a long term look at how to get SUNY to a carbon free future.







THE PRIMARY SUNY CAPITAL PROGRAMS

		Number of Buildings ⁽¹⁾	Square Footage (in millions)	Average Age ⁽²⁾
STATE-OPERATED	Educational Facilities	1,830	63.1	51
	Hospitals	27	5.1	35
	Residence Halls	496	21.5	42
	Community Colleges	535	20.7	46
	TOTALS	2,888	110.4	48

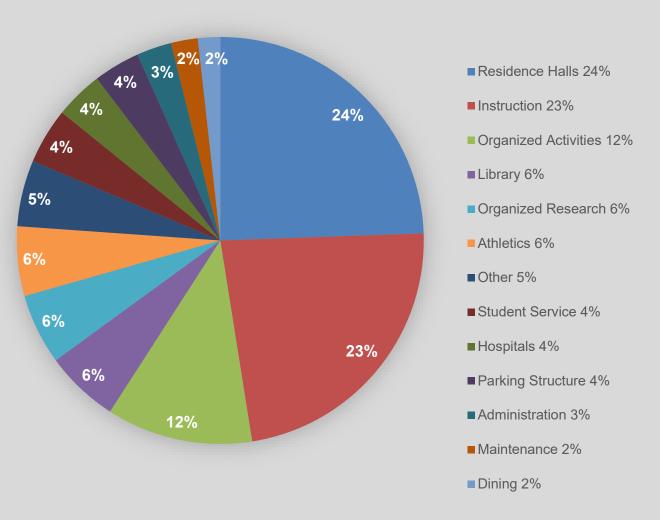
Notes: Data as of August 2021

⁽¹⁾ The SUNY footprint of 29 State-operated campuses, 5 statutory colleges, and 30 community colleges encompasses 2,900 buildings and over 100M square feet of space. The State-operated campus buildings represent more than 40% of all New York State-owned assets. This is second to only the NYS Department of Transportation, which is predominantly infrastructure.

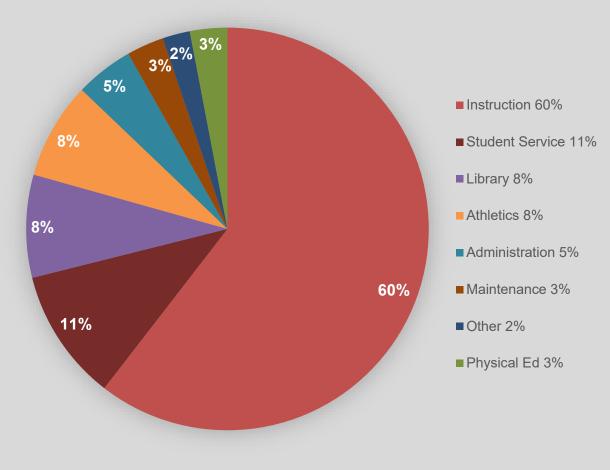
⁽²⁾ Average age (in years) represents the straight average, with no consideration given to the size of buildings or subsequent renovations.

USE OF SPACE, BY GSF AND BY TYPE - UPDATES?

State-operated Campuses 86.8M GSF



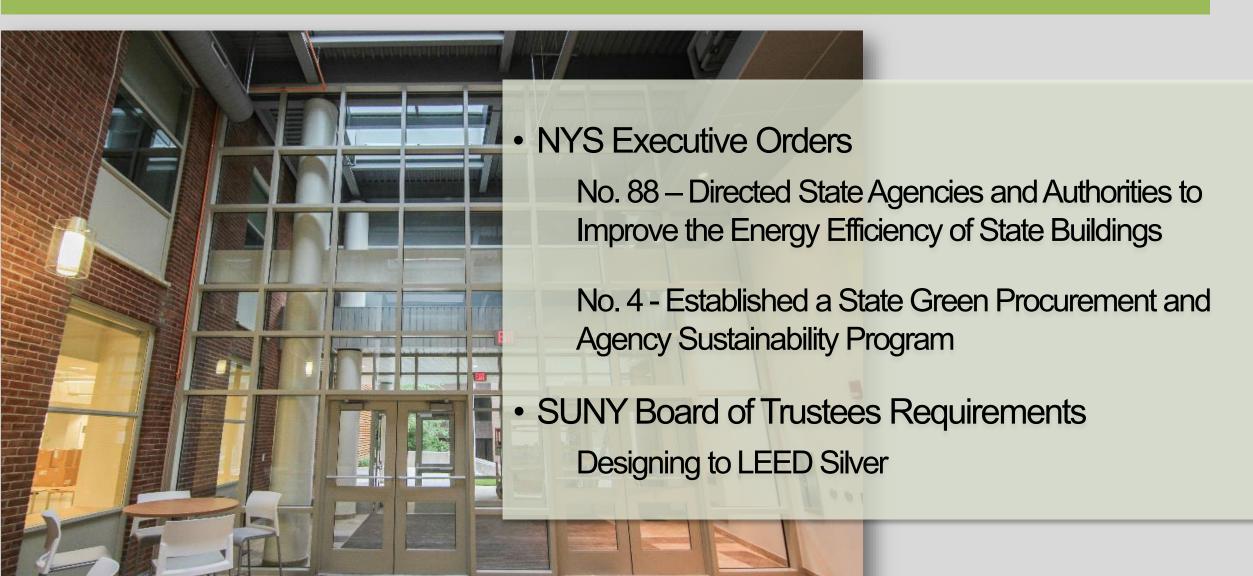
Community Colleges 19.9M GSF



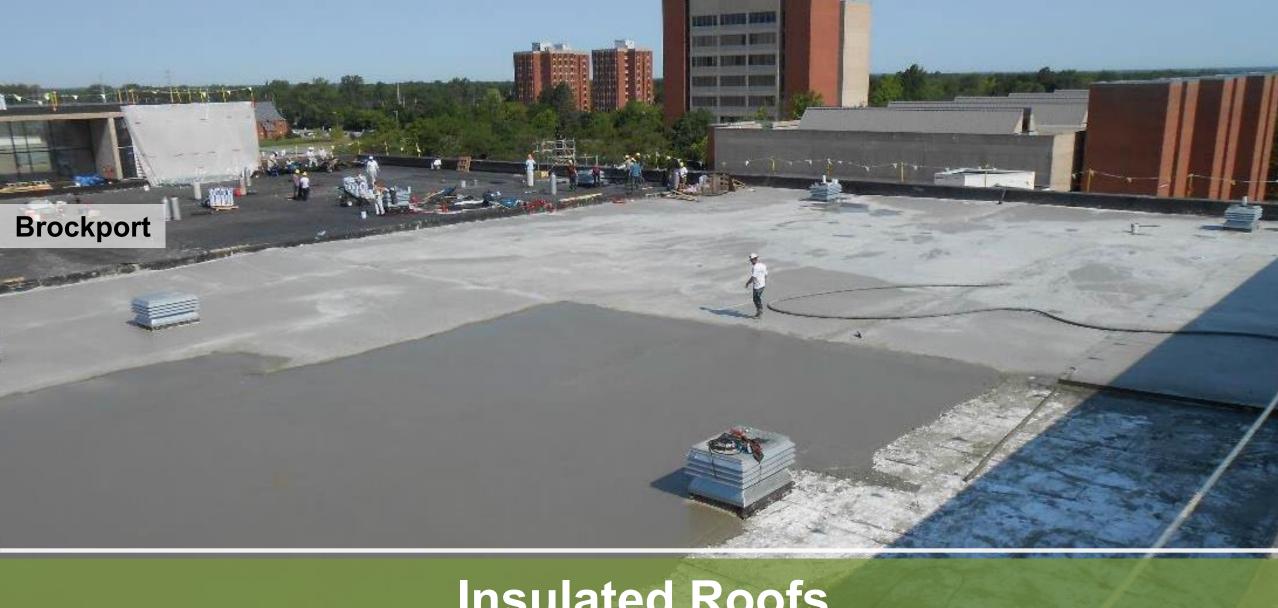
EXAMPLES OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDING COMPONENTS ON SUNY STATE-OPERATED CAMPUSES



CURRENT DIRECTIVES & REQUIREMENTS - UPDATE







Insulated Roofs





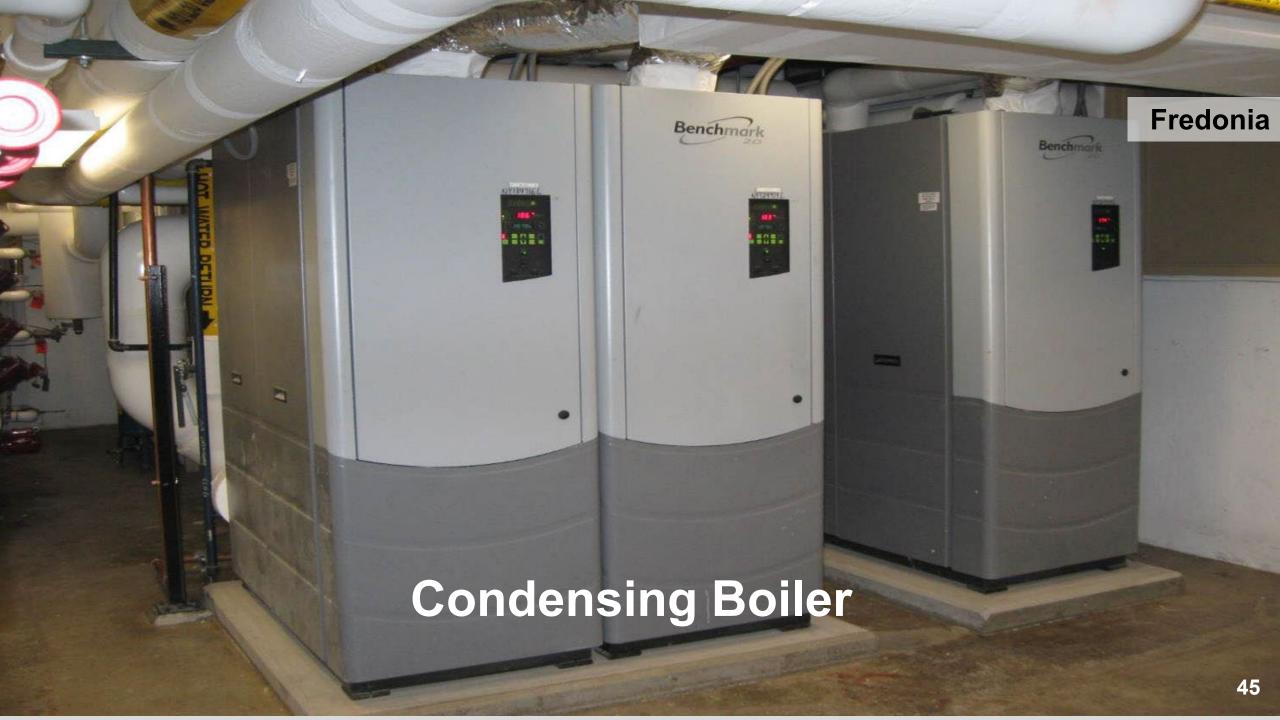






































Oswego Tyler Hall

Oswego: Tyler Hall Rehabilitation

Fredonia: Science Technology Center

Albany: Mohawk Tower

Purchase: Humanities Building Renovation

New Paltz: LeFevre Hall Renovation

Oswego: Richard Shineman Center for Innovation

Albany: University Data Center

Binghamton: Dickinson Community

Oswego: Townhouses

Geneseo: Monroe Residence Hall

Brockport: MacVicar Hall Renovation

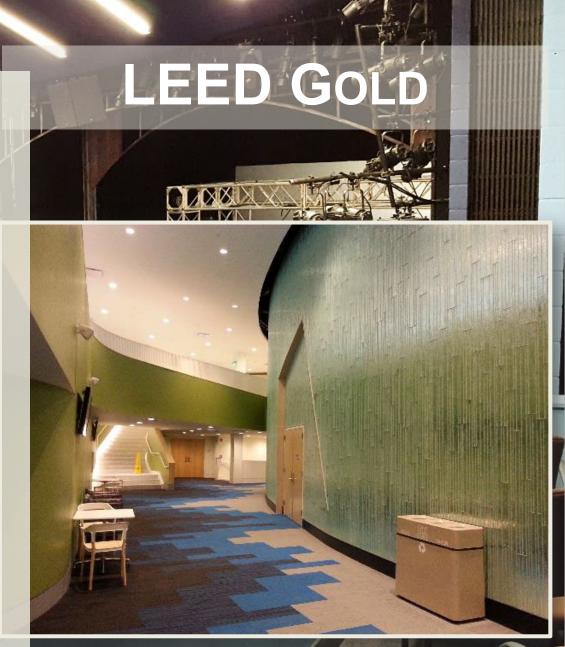
Brockport: SERC

Stony Brook: Nobel Halls Residence

Orange Newburgh Campus: Kaplan Hall

Brockport: Thompson Hall Renovation

ESF: Student Housing





New Paltz: Old Main Renovation

Buffalo State: Tower 1 Renovation

Geneseo: Letchworth Dining Hall Renovation

Buffalo State: Crossroads Culinary Center

Albany: Service Building A/Annex

Broome: Natural Science Center

Stony Brook: Old Chemistry Building

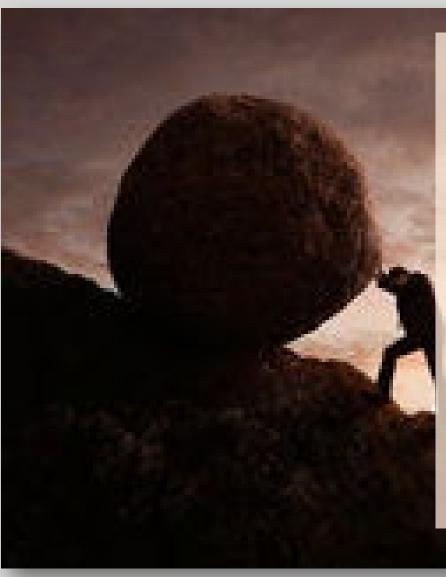
Canton: Convocation Athletic Rec Center

Cobleskill: Frisbie Hall Renovation - Building 1





CHALLENGES



- Affordability of capital in Residence Hall program
- Lack of training in maintenance employees
- Civil Service rules not updated to deal with today's technology
- Community Colleges not controlled by State or by System Administration
- Inability to include integrated design because of lack of Design-Build and Construction Manager at Risk authority