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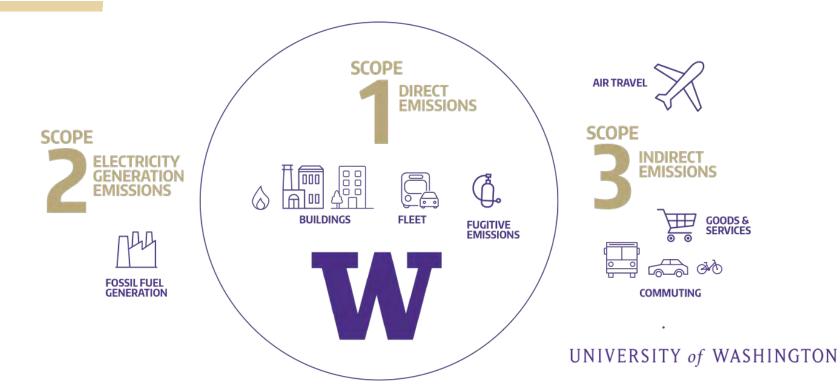


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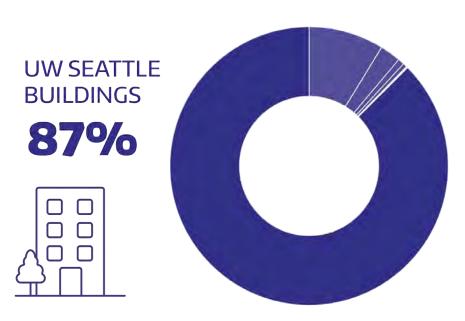
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## **Greenhouse Gas Emissions '101'**



## **UW SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS**

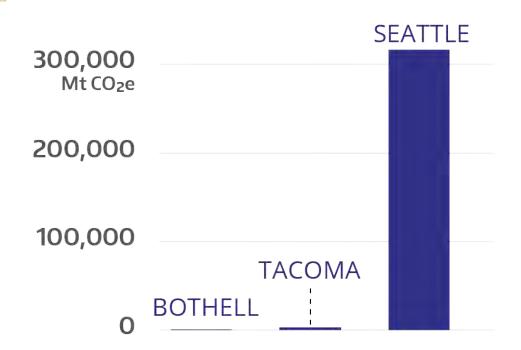


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## **UW SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS: campus split**





## **STATE MANDATES: SCOPE 1 Emissions**



### **Climate Leadership Act**

- → 2030 target: 45% reduction
- → 2040 target: 70% reduction
- → 2050 target: 95% reduction

### **Climate Commitment Act**

- → Cap, and invest
- → >25,000Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e must pay to emit
- → State-wide GHG reduction targets for 2030, 2040 and 2050

## **STATE MANDATES: SCOPE 2 Emissions**

#### **SCOPE**

ELECTRICITY GENERATION EMISSIONS



### **Clean Energy Transformation Act**

- → Applies to electric utilities serving retail customers in Washington
- → Milestones to reach 100% clean electricity by 2045

## **Clean Buildings Performance Standard**

→ Energy efficiency performance standards for commercial buildings

## **STATE MANDATES: SCOPE 3 Emissions**

### **Commute Trip Reduction Law**

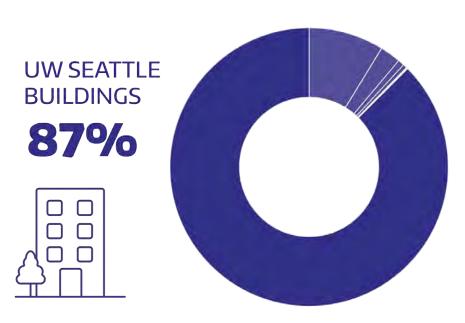
- → Applies to large employers in Washington
- → Reduce single-occupancy commute trips
- Promote transit and other alternatives

### **Executive Order 20-01**

Requires Washington State agencies to address emissions and environmental performance. State agencies must consider and lower emissions associated with building materials



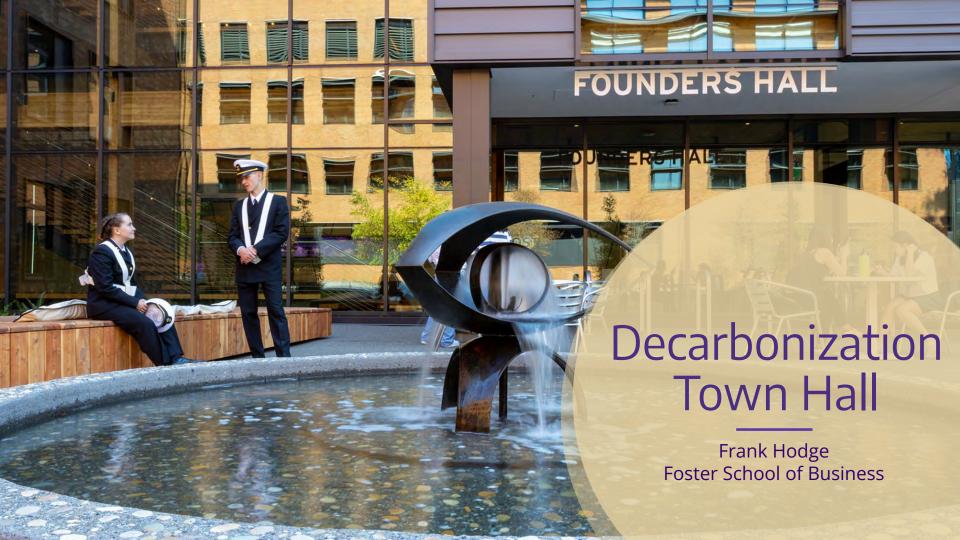
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## Together...

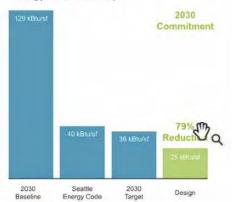
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#### Sustainability

#### **Energy Use Intensity**



#### Sustainability Goals

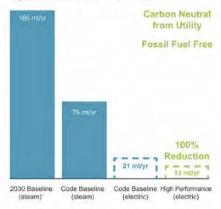
2030 Challenge

#### UW Green Building Standards

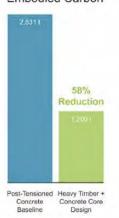
- · 50% water use reduction below code
- · 15% energy use reduction below code
- · LEED NC v4.1 Gold



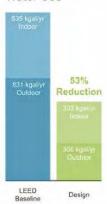
#### Operational Carbon (CO2e)



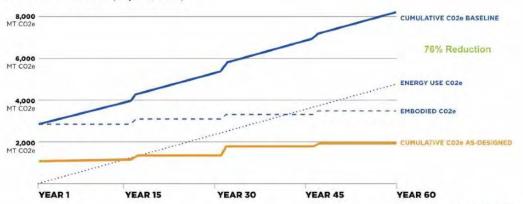
#### **Embodied Carbon**



#### Water Use



#### Cumulative Carbon (60 years, CO2e)





# Aureus Earth and the University of Washington Execute Ground-Breaking Carbon Offset Transaction for a Mass Timber Building

Project to store 1,000 tons of CO2 for decades in the University of Washington's Founders Hall, keeping carbon out of the atmosphere for the lifetime of the building

BOULDER, Colo. (PRWEB) September 22, 2022 -- Aureus Earth, the leading provider of carbon offsetting incentive programs for the construction industry, today announced its first transaction that values the long-term biogenic carbon storage in a mass timber building. The transaction was accomplished in partnership with the University of Washington (UW) Foster School of Business, using the newly completed Founders Hall mass timber building as a proof of concept.





## **About the UW Climate Risk Lab**

The UW Climate Risk Lab is a cross-campus initiative equipping organizational leaders with the data, analysis and tools they need to manage present and future risks posed by climate change.

# Solutions Facilitated by UW CRL

- An open access data platform
- Faculty- and student-led climate risk research projects that bridge the researcher-corporate divide
- Multi-stakeholder forums, networking events and case competitions
- Courses and training for students, faculty and business leaders
- Mentoring and support for data- and software-driven climate tech startups

## **Partners**





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Executive Director of Campus Energy, Utilities, and Operations



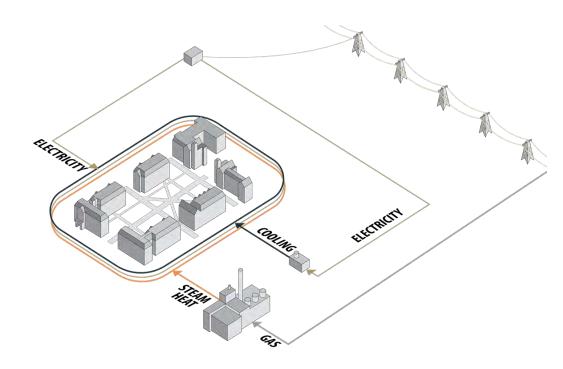
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GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY** 

ELECTRICAL CAPACITY CONSTRAINT

AGING
UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE







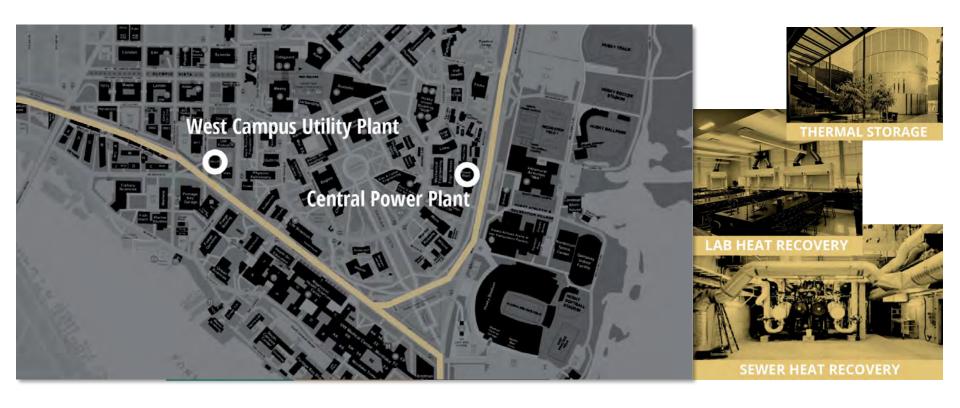


## **ENERGY TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY**

3 CONVERT TO 2 ELECTRIFY **ENERGY** CENTRAL FINAL PUSH (FULL DECARBONIZATION) **EFFICIENCY** HOT WATER COOLING Expand metering, upgrade Replace inefficient chillers, controls, data analytics use lake water for cooling, and green revolving fund. and add thermal storage. **ENERGY** SYSTEM ISSUES **Greenhouse Gas** 15% 20% 45% 20% no additional Emissions reduction 30% 10% Energy 20% 15% Consumption energy reduction energy reduction 2% 25% 30% Electrical Capacity Constraint more capacity **Aging Utilities** Infrastructure

PHASE 5 will remove the remaining carbon from our energy system

## **ENERGY RENEWAL STRATEGY**



## **ENERGY TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY**

**PART 3:** reduces energy costs and frees up electrical capacity







### 5-PART TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY

### ENERGY 1 EFFICIENCY

Expand metering, upgrade controls, data analytics and green revolving fund.



## CONVERT TO 2 HOT WATER

Convert from steam to hot water heating.



#### CENTRAL COOLING

Replace inefficient chillers, use lake water for cooling, and add thermal storage.

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#### ELECTRIFY HEATING

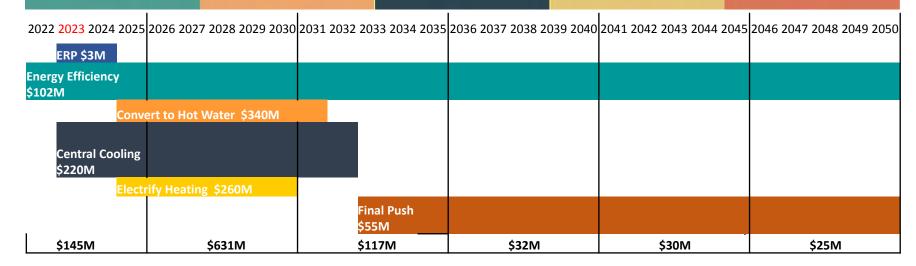
Use heat pumps to extract heat from cooling towers, sewer and lake water.

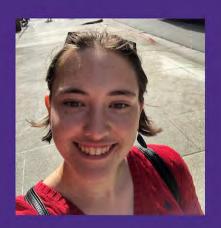


### FINAL PUSH (FULL DECARBONIZATION)

Continuously evaluate emerging technologies for full decarbonization.







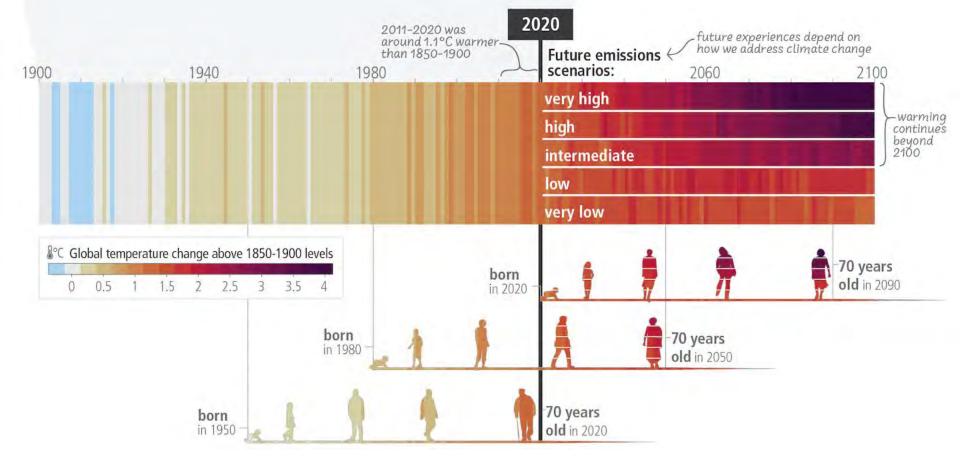
# LELA CORSON

Institutional Climate Action Student Group



## **The Youth Perspective**

- > Young people (16 25) across all countries:
  - 59% are very or extremely worried
  - 84% are at least moderately worried
- > "45% of respondents said their feelings about climate change negatively affected their daily life and functioning"
- > Emotions: sad, anxious, angry, powerless



## **The Student Perspective**



Dargan Frierson

**Grant Vu** 



95 By 2035

Margo Polley

## We've Done it Before!

- > Husky Stadium Remodel
  - \$261 million in < 2 years</p>
  - \$139 million/yr
- > Interdisciplinary Engineering Building
  - \$102 million in 2 years
  - \$51 million/yr
- > Methane Gas Plant?
  - \$700 \$900 million in 12 years
  - \$75 million/yr



## "Like many others of this generation, climate change is existential to them..."

- Quote from a president's blog

# Be Leaders - Act Now! TAT



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