

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY



Climate Action Plan For Physical Plant

Category: Operations

Responsible Department: Facility Operations

Responsible Officer: Vice President of Facility Operations

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Policy Summary

This policy establishes and formalizes the Climate Action Plan (CAP) for DePaul University's Physical Plant as the guiding document for Facility Operations to plan, implement, and report actions that lower emissions and improve sustainability performance within university facilities and grounds.

The primary deliverable of the Climate Action Plan is to stabilize and subsequently decrease Energy Use Intensity (EUI) across DePaul University's campus portfolio. Achieving reductions in EUI directly contributes to lower utility consumption and reduced Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions. Supporting efforts include improving operational efficiency, integrating sustainability into capital renewal, and fostering campus engagement to sustain long-term progress.

Scope

This policy affects the following groups of the University:

Entire University Community

Policy

DePaul University's Facility Operations division shall maintain a Climate Action Plan (CAP) for the Physical Plant to coordinate and document efforts that lower operational emissions and advance sustainability in campus operations and facility management.

The CAP for the Physical Plant shall serve as the official planning framework for sustainability within Facility Operations. The vice president for Facility Operations shall ensure that the plan is implemented, maintained, and periodically updated to reflect current data, institutional priorities, and technological advancements.

The vice president for Facility Operations shall establish and maintain departmental guidelines specifying reporting and update cadences related to the Climate Action Plan and progress on its associated initiatives. To promote shared understanding and collaboration, the vice president for

Facility Operations will work with the President’s Sustainability Committee, the Student Government Association, and faculty and staff councils to establish and maintain a Climate Action Plan Advisory Group. The advisory group will provide input on implementation progress, emerging priorities, and opportunities for broader campus engagement.

Facility Operations will monitor performance metrics, maintain documentation of initiatives, and share periodic progress summaries with the President’s Sustainability Committee and the broader campus community.

Procedures

Facility Operations shall maintain departmental procedures detailing methods for data collection, performance tracking, reporting, and internal coordination necessary for effective implementation of the CAP for the Physical Plant.

Divisional Collaborations

President’s Sustainability Committee

Office of Continuous Improvement

Contact Information

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Appendices

None.

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