



CLIMATE ACTION

Since 2006, PCC has reduced its Scope I and Scope II emissions by nearly 46% from 22,959 Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (MTCO₂e) to 12,450 MTCO₂e.



ENERGY MANAGEMENT

PCC has decreased its building energy use by over 50% per square foot since 2006 due in part to energy efficiency and green tech purchases.



EVENTS

PCC co-sponsors the annual Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference and on-campus events like Earth Week and Harvest Fest.



GREEN BUILDING

PCC has 15 LEED certified buildings in its portfolio and a variety of green building features including a new LEED Gold mass timber Opportunity Center.



ECOSOCIAL JUSTICE GRANT

Students have provided over \$1.2 million for sustainability projects through the EcoSocial Justice Grant.



RENEWABLE ENERGY

With PCC onsite solar, community solar and renewable energy purchases, PCC is replacing about half of its grid electricity with 100% solar and wind power.



RESILIENCY

At PCC, resiliency takes an intersectional approach to ecological health, wellness and belonging, supported by initiatives like the Basic Needs Sustainability and Leadership student program.



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ELECTRIFICATION

PCC is transitioning college vehicles to electric, supporting cleaner air for everyone, and now has eight electric and five hybrid vehicles in its fleet.

ECOLOGICAL STEWARDSHIP

PCC is Bee Campus and Tree Campus USA certified. Our grounds and the Rock Creek Environmental Studies Center are home to over 15,000 trees.

LEARNING GARDENS

PCC has five learning gardens, which provide food for the college's food pantries, hands-on learning and community engagement.

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

PCC supports inter-campus shuttles, access to frequent bus routes, subsidized transit passes for students, bike rentals and more!

WASTE MANAGEMENT

PCC has composted nearly 1.5 million lbs and recycled 11.3 million lbs since 2010. Specialty programs for items like batteries, electronics and film help out.

SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION

PCC offers over 145 sustainability courses across 46 subjects, a sustainability focus award and technical degrees in areas such as Landscape Technology.

STARS RANKING

PCC has consistently ranked among the top performers for associate and short-cycle institutions in AASHE's Sustainability Campus Index.



PCC 2021 Climate Action Plan Update - Summary of Goals



SCOPE 1 & 2

Goal 1 – Energy Reduction: By 2026, PCC has reduced college energy consumption per square foot by 60% below 2006 levels.

Goal 2 – Renewable Energy: By 2026, PCC has reduced its scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 75% below 2006 levels, through decarbonization of its energy sources.

Goal 3 – Fleet Emissions Reduction: By 2026, PCC has reduced college fleet fuel emissions by 25% below 2006 levels.



SCOPE 3

Goal 1 – Sustainable Transportation and Travel: By 2026, PCC has reduced commuter and business travel greenhouse gas impacts per full time equivalent by 20% below the 2006 baseline.

Goal 2 – Sustainable Procurement: By 2026, PCC purchaser and vendor contracts align with PCC's diversity, equity and inclusion, sustainability and climate action goals and values to ensure long-term viability of PCC's enterprise.

Goal 3 – Water Reduction: By 2026, PCC has reduced the college's water consumption per square foot by 10% below 2019 levels.

Goal 4 – Waste Diversion: By 2026, PCC has reduced greenhouse gas emissions from solid waste by 50% below 2006 levels.



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Goal 1 – Sustainability and Climate Justice Curriculum:

By 2026, all students are supported and encouraged to engage with sustainability and climate justice education through student-centered curricular and co-curricular offerings that are equity-conscious.

Goal 2 – Outreach and Engagement:

By 2026, the college community is supported with outreach and engagement opportunities to develop the skills, knowledge and practices necessary to lead a life active in sustainability and climate justice.

Goal 3 – Community Connection: By 2026, PCC is an anchor institution to advance sustainability and climate justice in the broader community, with a focus on engagement with Black, Indigenous and People of Color-led initiatives and frontline community priorities.



RESILIENCY

Goal 1 – Assessment: By 2026 PCC has completed a college resiliency assessment on the vulnerabilities and hazards associated with climate change to ensure the long-term viability of our enterprise. This assessment highlights threats to our frontline and vulnerable communities and centers those communities.

Goal 2 – Support and Resources: By 2026, all departments and campuses at PCC have equitable access to ongoing financial support and resources for sustainability across all departments and campuses at PCC to ensure long-term viability.

Goal 3 – Energy Resiliency: By 2026, PCC has developed energy resiliency strategies to reduce the impact of climate change in emergency scenarios and be agile in the face of change.

Goal 4 – Ecological Health and Well-being: By 2026, PCC has incorporated design criteria that promote habitat stewardship and the well-being of students, staff, faculty, and the neighborhoods the college inhabits. These criteria contribute to healthy learning and working environments, ecosystem health, and a sense of belonging for all.

Goal 5 – Alignment and Planning: By 2026, PCC has aligned its climate action and resiliency efforts with planning efforts both within PCC and across the region to cultivate sustainability and climate justice with service towards frontline and vulnerable communities as a guidepost.

