

Department of Administrative Services



Sustainability Program Overview

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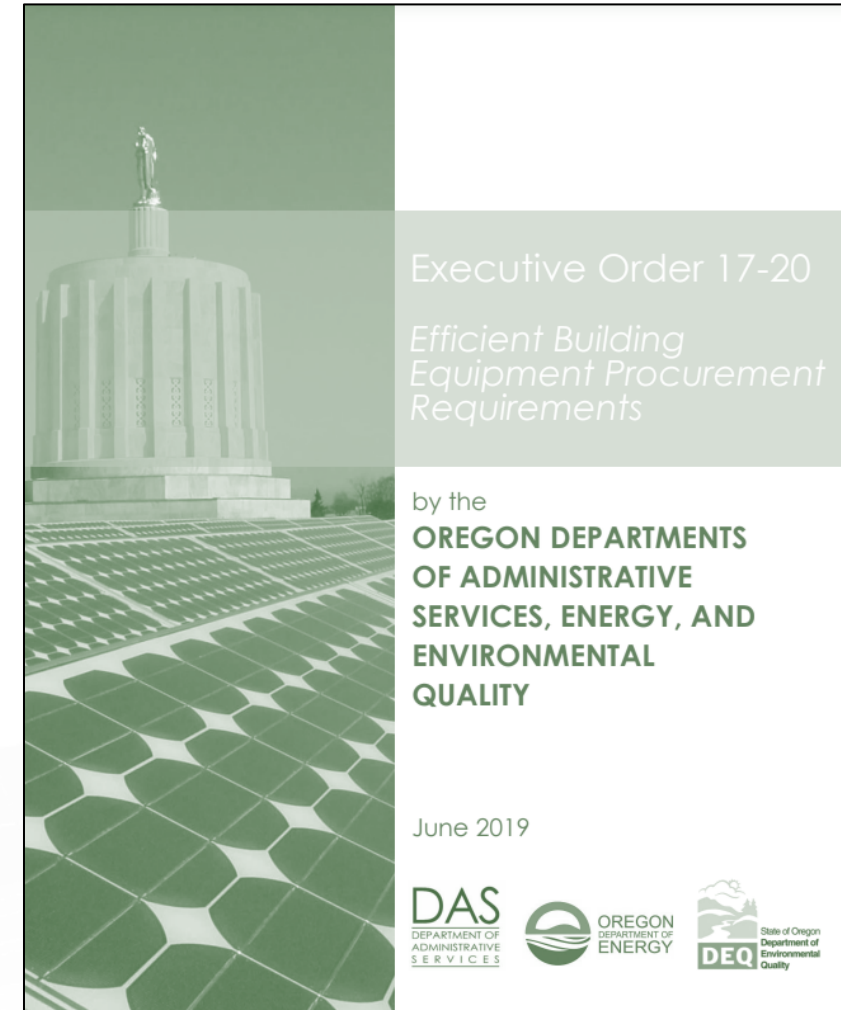
DAS Office of Sustainability



The Office of Sustainability



- Implements executive orders: energy, climate change
- Develops and implements statewide policy
- Develops technical guidance
- Serves as an agency resource



Driving Legislation and EOs



- ORS 184.423: Findings, goals regarding sustainability
 - State purchases, investments, operations
 - Supporting sustainable communities
- House Bill 3409 (2023)
- Executive Orders: 17-20, 17-21, 20-04

ORS 184:421: “Sustainability” means using, developing and protecting resources in a manner that enables people to meet current needs and provides that future generations can also meet future needs, from the joint perspective of environmental, economic and community objectives.

Statewide Policies



Energy and Resource
Conservation



Sustainable
Procurement



Green
Chemistry



Fleet

Technical Guidance to Agencies



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Executive Order 17-20
*Statewide Plug-Load
Strategy*

January 2019



2023 Statewide Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Composting Quick Guide



State of Oregon Agency Climate Planning Guidebook

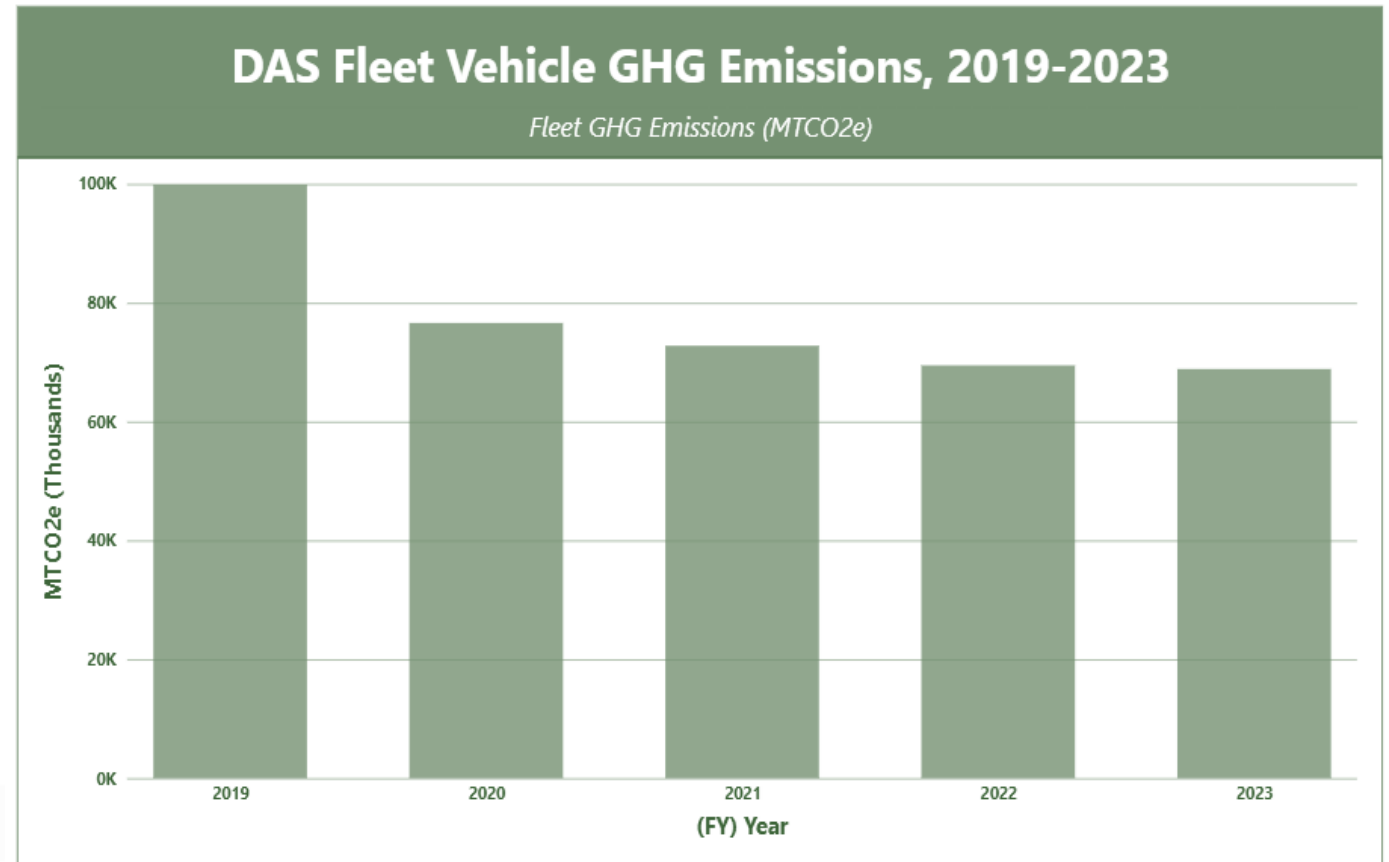
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Enterprise Sustainability Dashboard



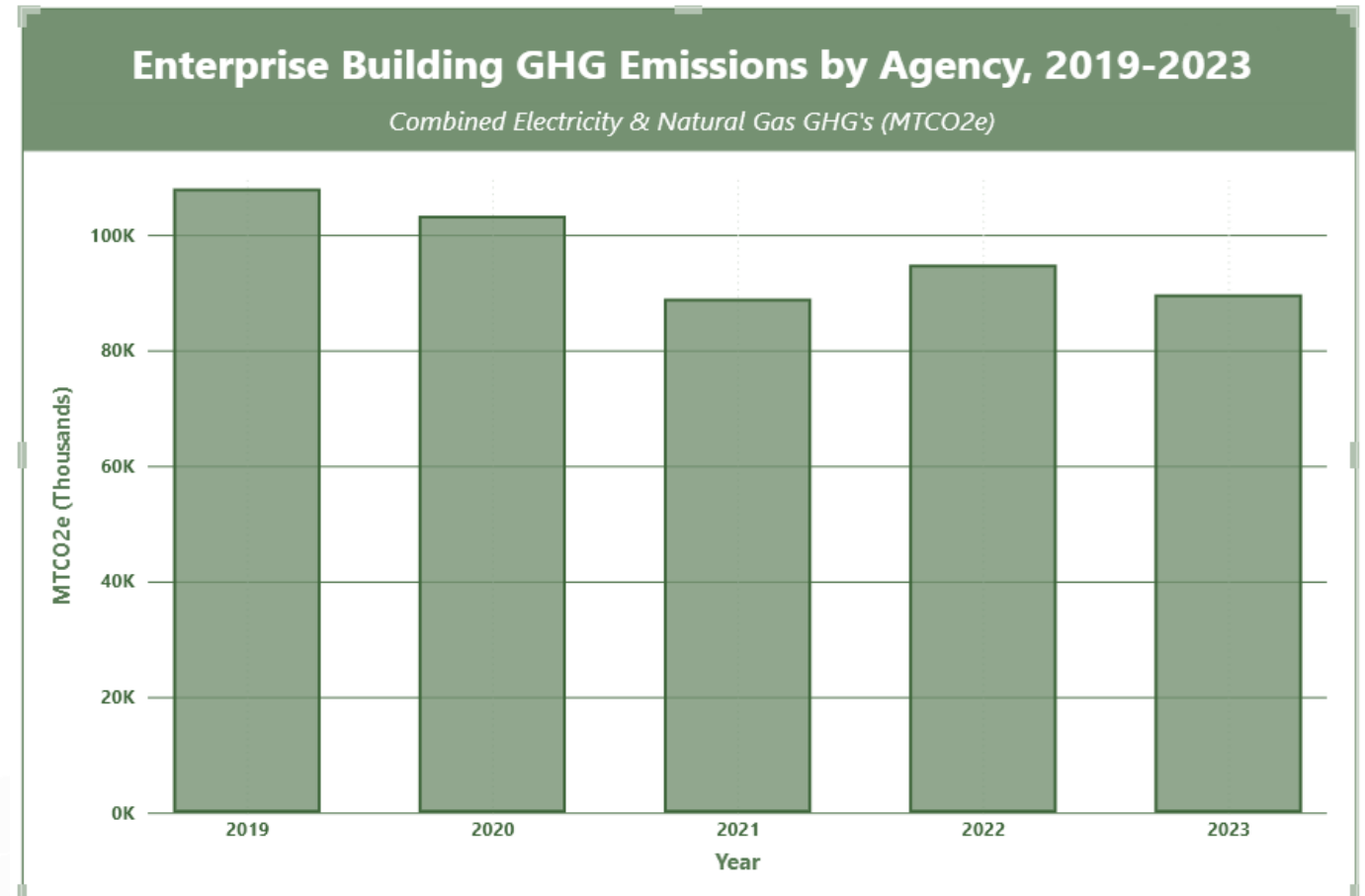
- Web-based dashboard on agency performance
- Provides accountability, transparency
- Includes energy, fuels, greenhouse gases
- Water and waste to be added in 2025



Enterprise Outcomes



- Over 4 million pounds of materials recycled
- 2.3 megawatts of installed solar
- Over 6 million gallons of renewable diesel used
- Over 130 million gallons of water saved
- 17 percent drop in building greenhouse gas emissions



Oregon Sustainability Board



The Oregon Sustainability Board



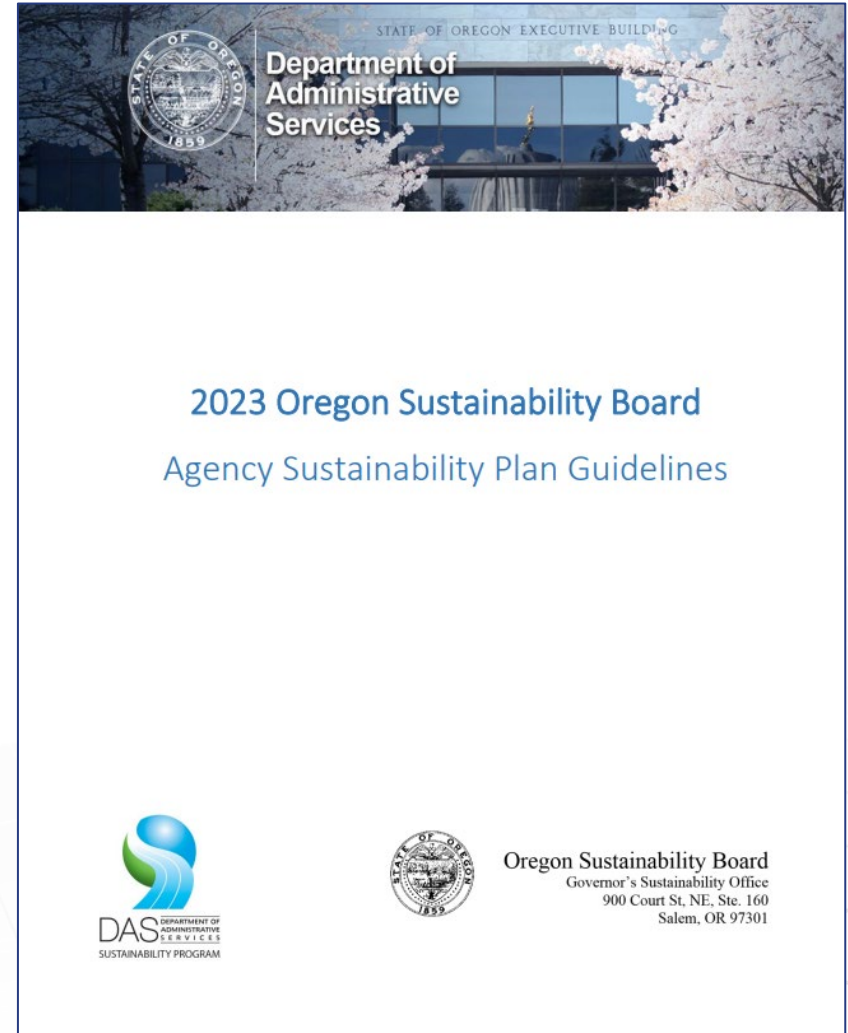
- Governor appointed, 11 members
- Members represent different regions, subject expertise
- Guided by ORS 184.427-435
- Statutory authority to support legislation, policy, programs



Board Sustainability Plan Guidelines



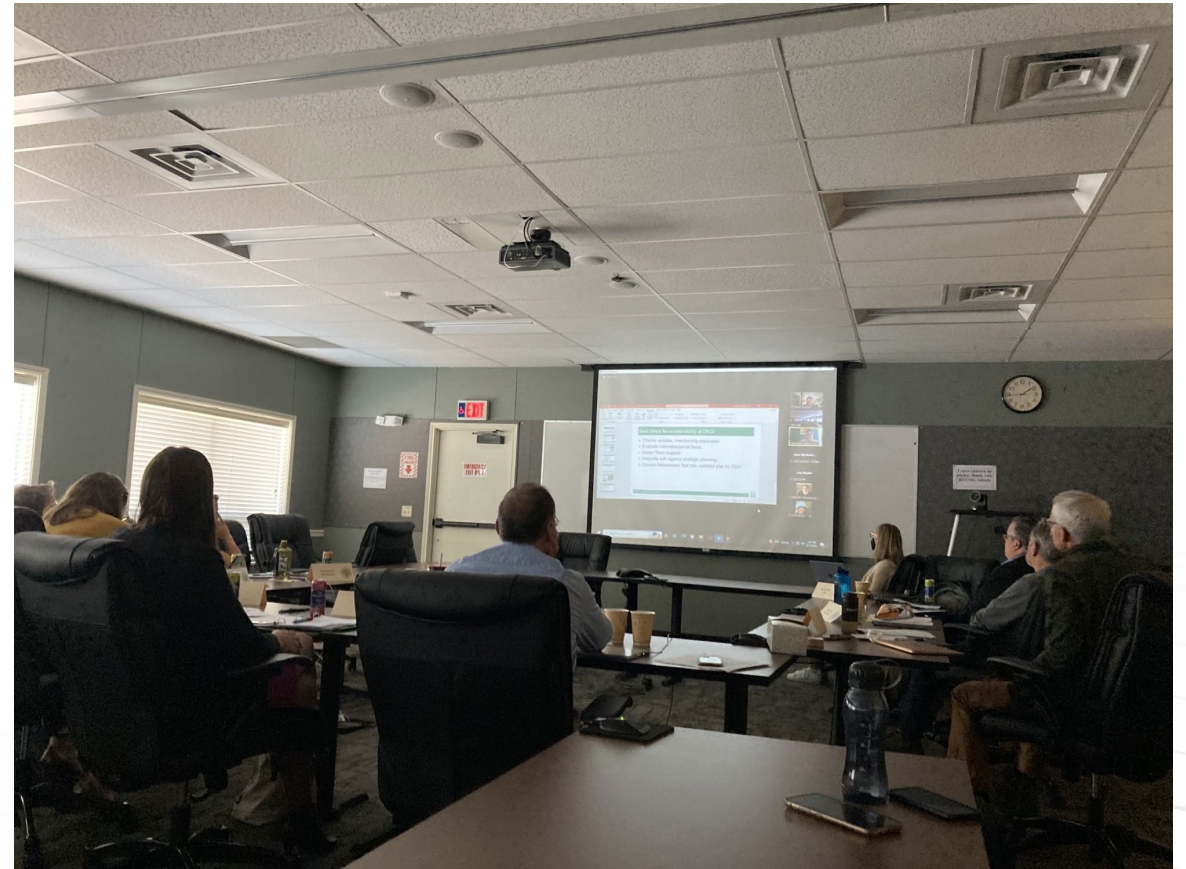
- Help agencies integrate sustainability into operations, programs
- Goal setting, strategic planning
- Guidance on topics
- Monitoring, reporting, communications
- 20 agencies have plans



Board Support for Sustainable Communities



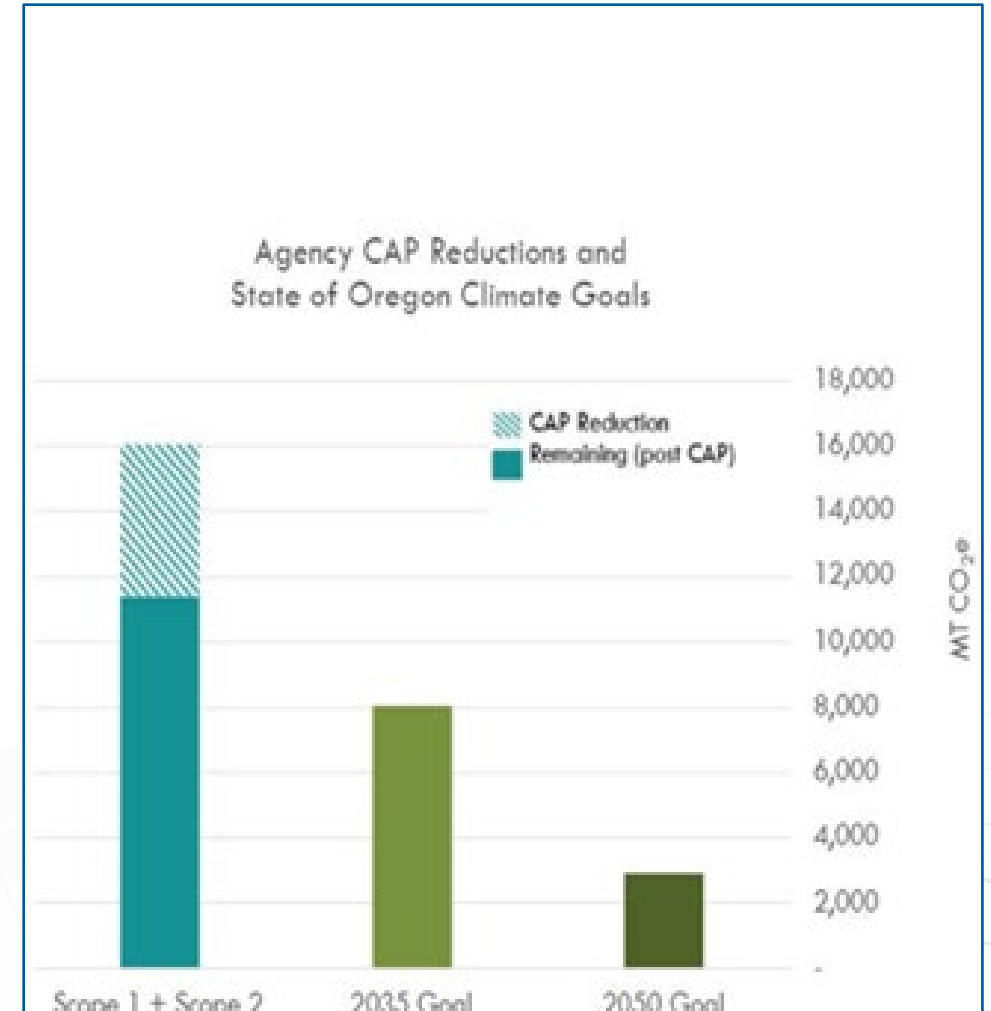
- Meet quarterly around the state
- Engage local government, organizations on sustainability challenges
- Offer expertise and guidance, letters of support
- Foster connections with state agency resources



Board Outcomes 2023-2024



- Supported DAS in establishing Sustainable Procurement Program
- Co-created with DAS agency climate action planning tool
- Supported agency efforts to invest in energy efficiency
- Co-created with DAS dashboard with agency trends in energy, greenhouse gas emissions



Where We're Going



Implement HB 3409



- Meet energy targets for DAS buildings
- Build database for agencies to assess building greenhouse gas emissions
- Support agencies in energy management
- Create agency sustainable design guidance



Develop Sustainable Design Guidelines



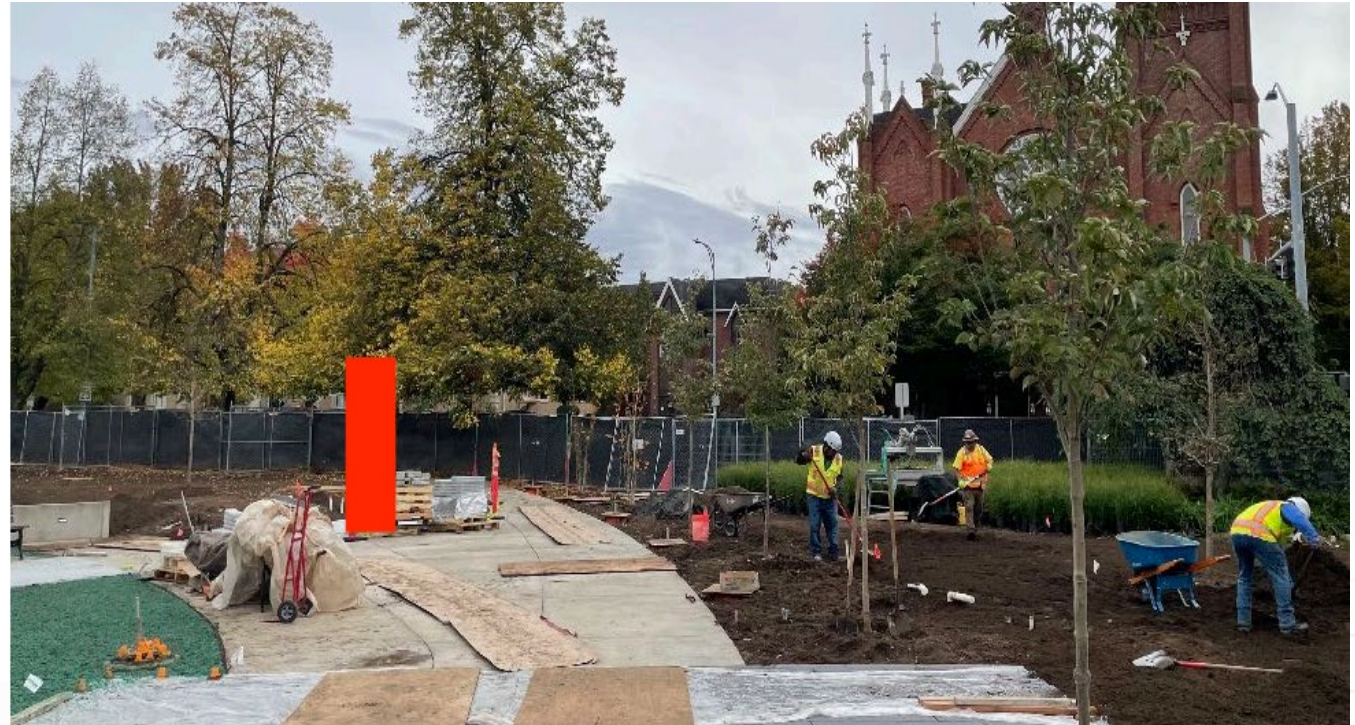
- Carbon neutral ready buildings
- Standards for energy, water, materials, location and landscape
- Designing for climate adaptation and resiliency
- Statewide policy and agency guidance



Guide Sustainable Landscapes



- Plant selection, turf
- Irrigation and low-impact development (stormwater)
- Pest management and fertilizers
- Sensitive habitat protection and enhancement
- Statewide policy and best practices



Support Sustainability Board Priorities



- Apply sustainability lens to Oregon's housing needs
- Support resilience efforts: wildfire, agriculture, renewable energy, water
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from state buildings
- Support an Oregon workforce – climate change, clean energy



Thank you

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