

Goal 4: Establish Philadelphia as the Greenest City in America

Each quarter the City spotlights progress made towards one of the Mayor's goals.

Goal 4 is about making Philadelphia the greenest and most sustainable city in America.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

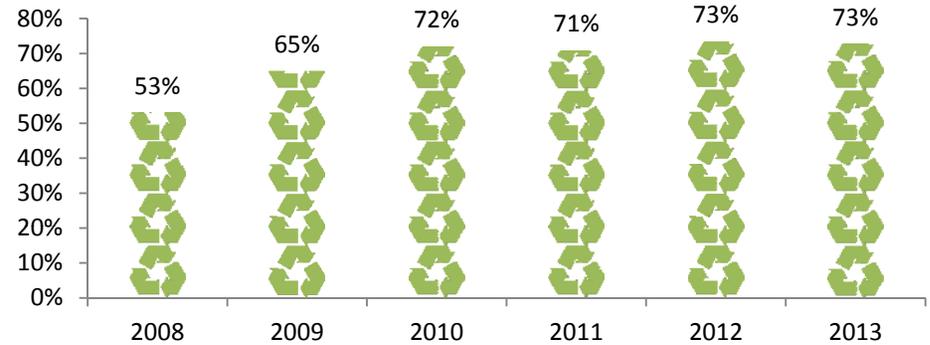
Citywide greenhouse gas emissions declined by 8% between 2006 and 2012 despite an increase in population and real estate development.



Source: City of Philadelphia Office of Sustainability

Waste Diversion

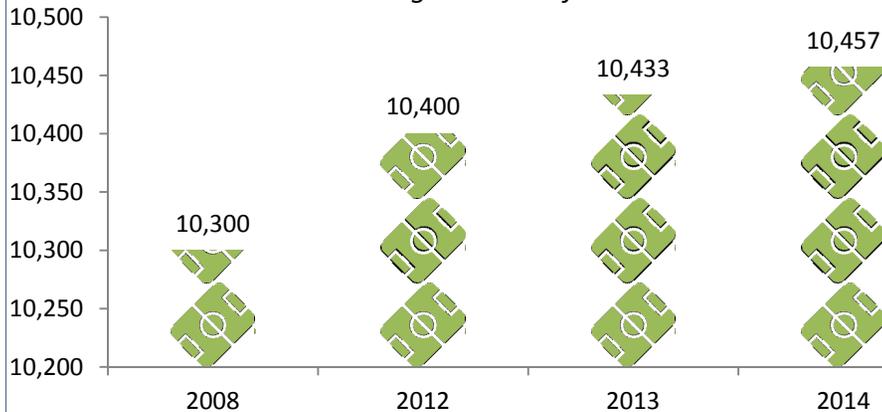
The City has exceeded its target of diverting 70% of waste from landfill, and, starting in 2014, now diverts all non-recyclables to waste-to-energy plants.



Source: Greenworks Philadelphia: 2015 Progress Report.

Acres of Open Space

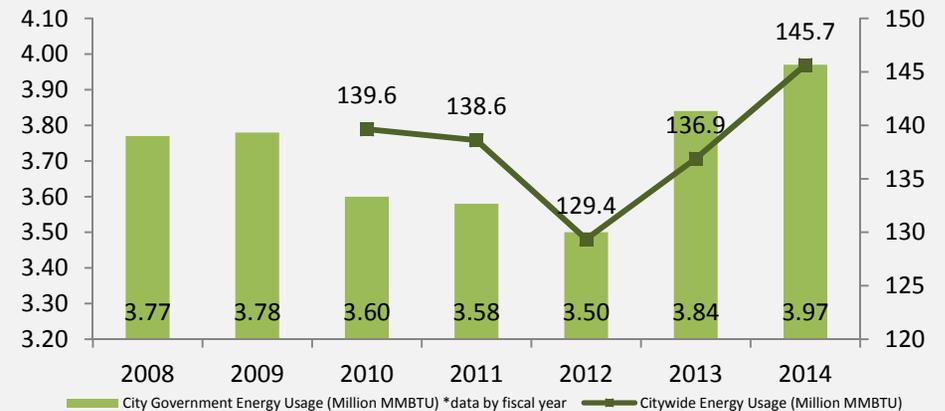
The City has added 121 football fields of open space since 2008, including 18 miles of trails.



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Energy Consumption*

Between 2008 and 2014, energy use has increased both citywide and in City government. This increase is primarily driven by the increased use of natural gas as a result of extreme winter weather in 2013 and 2014.



*City Government Energy Usage is reported by fiscal year not by calendar year.