The University of Chicago created a more ambitious goal to reduce its absolute greenhouse emissions by 50% by 2030. Energy consumption in campus buildings has the largest impact on University greenhouse gas emissions, contributing to more than 70% of the University’s annual greenhouse gas emissions.

**Awards**
- ASHRAE® Illinois Chapter, Region VI Technology Award, Gordon Center for Integrative Science, 2021
- ASHRAE® Illinois Chapter, Technology Award, Gordon Center for Integrative Science, 2020
- ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year, 2021, 2022
- Green Restaurant Association Certification Arley D. Cathey Dining Commons and Café Logan, 2022
- International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories, Leadership in Energy and Emissions Reduction, 2022
- Peoples Gas Energy Efficiency Partner of the Year, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Tree Campus Higher Education Recognition, 2021

**Related Links**
- The University of Chicago Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan, 2022-2030
- The University of Chicago Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions Dashboards
- Utility Usage Dashboards

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENERGY**
- **10%**
- Decrease in scopes 1 and 2 absolute greenhouse gas emissions from the target base year to fiscal year 2021

**HIGH PERFORMANCE BUILDINGS**
- **1 LBC**
- Living Building Challenge
- **2 PLATINUM**
- **16 GOLD**
- **4 SILVER**
- LEED Certified Buildings

**WASTE REDUCTION**
- **43%**
- FY2022 diversion rate

**FOOD SYSTEMS**
- **30-35%**
- Total spend procured with hyper-local, minority, and women business enterprises

**WATER CONSERVATION**
- At Gordon Center for Integrative Science, reduced potable water use by nearly **3.3 million gallons** per year through a condensate recovery project

**ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PROCUREMENT**
- In collaboration with IT Services, replaced aging fleet of stand alone multi-functional devices with an interconnected network of new energy-saving devices

**GREEN SPACE**
- Earned the Tree Campus Higher Education Recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation for promoting healthy trees and engaging students and staff in the spirit of conservation

**MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION**
- Providing 1 annual 10-ride Metra pass for all students

**BUILDING AWARENESS AND PARTNERSHIPS**
- Launched EFCampus, a student-faculty research and education partnership with University staff to advance campus sustainability
- **25+ EFCAMPUS STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANTS**
- **10+ UNIVERSITY UNITS**