

# The UPMC Center for Sustainability

From operations to the operating room, the UPMC Center for Sustainability champions environmental responsibility for UPMC, a world-renowned, nonprofit health care provider and insurer committed to delivering exceptional, people-centered care and community services. UPMC's 100,000+ employees care for patients across 40 hospitals and 800 doctors' offices and outpatient sites in Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland, as well as overseas.

Building upon years of targeted initiatives, UPMC formed its Center for Sustainability in August 2022 and named chief medical and administrative sustainability officers. The Center for Sustainability is now fully embedded across the UPMC system. Employees from all service lines are the biggest drivers of change as they support our sustainability efforts through volunteerism and advocacy.

UPMC has earned national recognition from both the American Society for Health Care Engineering (ASHE) and Practice Greenhealth, two of the most respected organizations advancing sustainability in health care. Together, these awards underscore our commitment to integrating sustainability across operations, facilities, and care delivery.



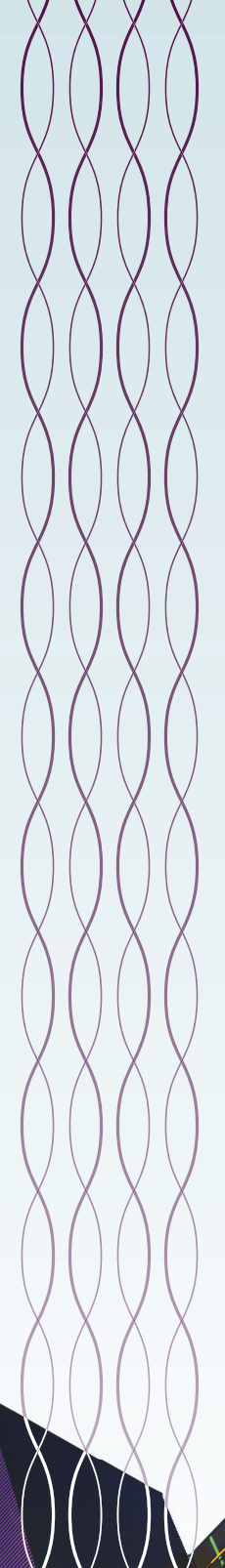
*The new UPMC Mercy Pavilion is Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified.*



An Arbor Day Foundation Program

*UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has been honored by the Arbor Day Foundation for tree planting and education programs.*

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# Top Sustainability Initiatives

The Center for Sustainability fully embraces a bold vision for a more sustainable UPMC.

## REDUCE CARBON FOOTPRINT



Reduce the system's carbon footprint by 50% by 2030, and work toward net zero emissions by 2050.

*Joined the Green Building Alliance's 2030 regional challenges for Pittsburgh and Erie.*

## FACILITIES



Increase building efficiency and use of renewable energy.

*Multiple strategic projects are now in progress in the areas of energy efficiency and use of renewable energy sources.*

## FOOD AND NUTRITION



Reduce food waste and increase use of plant-based foods.

*To divert food waste from landfills, UPMC encourages composting and donates food to local organizations. Encouraging composting and sourcing food from local farms also help reduce our carbon emissions as a system. These initiatives support our systemwide goal to divert 90% of food waste from landfills by 2030.*

## SUPPLY CHAIN



Source sustainably and think reuse.

*Short-term goals include incorporating sustainability into all purchasing contracts identifying recycled content, packaging, and sourcing information.*

## TRANSPORTATION



Expand electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure, continue with environmentally friendly transport vehicles, and encourage alternative forms of transportation.

*Many facets of transportation — including EV strategies, delivery logistics, operations, ambulance services, and employee commuting — are an important part of UPMC's carbon footprint and sustainability planning.*

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Increase recycling and decrease waste.

*UPMC is enhancing recycling through source separation and creating systemwide processes for reuse, reprocessing, and donation.*

## SURGICAL SERVICES



Refine supply lists and reduce use of anesthetic gases.

*UPMC eliminated use of desflurane in 2023 and will reduce use of nitrous oxide.*

## COMMUNITY



Increase number of sustainability teams at UPMC hospitals.

*Hospital sustainability teams engage employees, assist with pilot projects, and help to develop and track metrics. The Center for Sustainability is working toward having robust teams at all UPMC hospitals.*

## AWARENESS



Grow national and international recognition for sustainability leadership and models of care.

*UPMC executive leadership is committed to incorporating sustainable and environmentally friendly care models across clinical decision-making.*

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