

Go-Green Measurement & Analysis:

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Measure, Monitor, Benchmark

Champlain College

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Simplifying the types of GHG emissions

Measured in Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (MTCDE)



Total FY09 gross emissions: 7,434 MTCDE

A 21% increase in GSF, but only a 3% increase in gross GHGs since FY04



Longitudinal Gross Emissions





GHGs per GSF among highest in peer group

GHGs per FTE dramatically lower than peer institutions





GGM&A Peers: Bentley University; Hamilton College; Hampshire College; Lewis & Clark College; University of Portland; Wesleyan University; Western Oregon University



Consumption aligned with ROPA and GGM&A peers

GHGs/kWh of purchased electricity is comparable to GGM&A peers





Institutions Ordered By: Tech Rating



ROPA Energy Peers: Bennington College; Middlebury College; Siena College; Smith College; The College of Saint Rose; The Sage Colleges; Union College; University of Vermont; Williams College



Consuming less fossil over time, even as GSF increased

Using less fossil in FY09 than both GGM&A and ROPA peers



ROPA energy peer average

On-Campus Stationary MTCDE / 1,000 GSF



Emissions Savings: 308 MTCDE over 6 years

Equivalent to CO2 sequestered by 60 acres of forest



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Faculty/Staff commuting GHGs below peer levels

Student commuting GHGs are consistently twice as large as peers, and still growing

Faculty Staff Commuting MTCDE / Faculty Staff Memb 0,50© Sightlines 2001-2010 0.480,40 0,35 U.20 · 0.20 · 0.25 · 0.20 · 0. 0,15 0, 100,05 0,00 • G 0 3 - Sh 0 Institutions Ordered By: Density Factor Peer **Commuting Metrics** Champlain Average

% of Students
Commuting45%29%Average Trips Distance1210

Carbon avoidance equivalent to **302 K miles** not traveled



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Student Commuting MTCDE / Student FTE



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GHGs per GSF slightly below national average

GHGs per FTE among the lowest in our database, aligned with density peers



Concluding comments

1. On-Campus Stationary:

- Champlain already uses the cleanest fossil fuel available (GHG's/BTU).
- BTU consumption is well below ROPA & Go-Green peers.
- Further stationary reductions will therefore be more difficult to achieve.
- Focus on reducing BTUs through technology innovations.

2. Electricity and Regional Grid:

- Champlain's kWh/GSF is aligned with peers.
- Champlain already benefits from a relatively clean grid that is similar to peers.
- Scope 2 emissions are therefore in line with peer institutions.
- Keys to scope 2 reductions will be reduced kWh or on campus renewables.

3. Commuting:

- Focus on student commuters as they are the largest scope 3 emitters.
- Awareness, institutional policies, and connecting commuters to alternatives.
- Harness social media to raise student engagement







Questions & Discussion