

Agenda

Environmental Concerns Committee

City of Kalamazoo



Wednesday, February 18, 2026

4:30 PM

City Commission Chambers – 241 West South Street

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(Action: Motion to approve the agenda)

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes from the Environmental Concerns Committee meeting on November 19th, 2025 (Action: Motion to approve)

a.

D. COMMUNICATIONS

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS

F. REPORTS

1. Natural Features Protection Review Board
2. Air and Water Quality Report
3. Wildlife and Natural Resource Protection
4. Planning Commission
5. Tree Committee
6. Asylum Lake Policy & Management Council
7. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

8. Kalamazoo River Watershed Council
9. Odor Task Force
10. Waste Working Group
11. Native Species & Urban Landscape

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Updates to bylaws on going.
2. City of Kalamazoo purchasing ban on single-use plastics

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of officers by ballot
2. 2026 Meeting Dates
3. Introduction to Mike Stout of Michigan Waterways Stewards
4. Meet Luke Zimmer, applicant to the committee
5. Evaluation of subcommittees
6. The potential transfer of Asylum Lake Preserve from WMU to Kalamazoo County
7. The Amateur Sports Complex being proposed, the NFP Board approval of cutting more woodland and the zoning board of appeals denying a variance.
8. How does the City of Kalamazoo factor our remaining green spaces into decisions? Particularly as it relates to the statements of Climate Emergency and Sustainability?
9. City of Kalamazoo Sustainability Report

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

K. ADJOURNMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

November 19th, 2025 - MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Benac, Chair, Rachel Jondle, Vice-Chair, Stephen Romanelli, John Eric Kreuzer, Thomas Dewhirst, David DeBack, and Tressa Greschak

ABSENT: Reeta Chandler

STAFF: Carrie Soule (recording secretary)

OTHERS: Jamie McCarthy, Development Manager, Planning Division and Chris Broadbent, Solid Waste Coordinator, Public Services

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

ASSURANCE OF LIVE STREAMING (Facebook/YouTube)

The recording/Streaming of the meeting was confirmed, and community members joined via a link posted on the City's Facebook page.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (11/19/25)

Tressa Greschak made a motion to approve the Agenda with additions/amended: Asylum Lake/Stadium Drive project and under unfinished business the regulations on single-use plastic from Chair David Benac, was 2nd by Stephen Romanelli. With a voice vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES for 09/17/2025

David Benac, Chair asked the Committee Members if there were any changes to the September 17th, 2025, meeting minutes. Rachel Jondle motioned to approve with 2nd by John Eric Kreuzer, all approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chris Broadbent updated ECC Board on what the Waste team has been collecting. This year so far, they have collected over 3,000 cubic yards of leaves and added 365 new recycling carts, with the contract expiring in 2027.

COMMENTS BY OTHERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS/COMMUNICATIONS:

David Benac asked if there were any comments on the phones. There were no callers.

REPORTS

Natural Features Protection (NFP) Review Board– Mr. Kreuzer – 3050 Oakland Drive project, storm drains, tanks and piping were approved. 433 Reed Ct, converting Brownfield and transferring ownership to the City of Kalamazoo, was approved. 3317/3329 S Burdick St, Build Storage unit was approved.

Air and Water Quality – Ms. Chandler – No update

Wildlife and Natural Resource Protection – Ms. Greschak and Mr. DeBack – No update, They are conducting inventory on wildlife, trees, and native grasses.

City of Kalamazoo Planning Commission – Ms. Jondle – Voted against rezoning of the Asylum Lake, Stadium Drive project.

Tree Committee – Mr. Dewhirst and Ms. Greschak (Alternate) – No update. MDNR has published a Michigan Community's tree species selection guide, which may be of interest. It's a 50-page document, and it's available in PDF on the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website.

Asylum Lake Policy & Management Council – Mr. DeBack – The focus right now is around the lake, Paul MacNellis is some burns and tree planting.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Open – John talked about September meeting, 30 parks have been adopted. Still having issues with missing or incorrect contact information, particularly with planting rules, watering access and self-coordination. Farmer's Market is set to open. The Milham Park stream restoration is in phase two, it's going out to bid and work should occur in December. Verberg park project is open for bid. They are also looking for a new member for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Kalamazoo River Watershed Council – Mr. Benac – They are looking for more help with events to clean the river.

Odor Task Force – Mr. Benac – No update

Waste Working Group – Mr. Romanelli – Chris Broadbent talked about a City collaboration between the Sustainability Planner, himself and other team members for an idea to pitch in the near future to present to the City Commission and ECC about a recycling drop off center. They successfully completed a pitch program in Lansing in October, which awarded \$5,000 Harvest grants. Looking into new funding opportunities coming up through EGLE in the near future.

Native Species & Urban Landscape – Ms. Jondle – Next month Justin Gish gave a Presentation/Introductory meeting in October with some Community Members about goals with native plants. Destiny, the My Healthy Climate Corp intern for the last year, about Invasive species poles, Woods Lake, worked with Oakland and Winchell Neighborhoods in conjunction with WMU to redesign Glen Park North, started Bio Blitzes at Jones Park and is hoping to continue into next year. Bio Blitz is removing invasive species and maintaining those areas, and educating the Community. WMU students are working on an App called iNaturalist, where you can look up which invasive plants are not safe for soil health and native plant gardens. Buzz in the Zoo was successful, replacing No Mow May. Looking for volunteers to Maintenance the Parks.

Wellhead Protection Program Committee – Quarterly - Jean Talanda – No update

Jamie McCarthy – Sustainability: Next month Justin Gish will give a Presentation on IK 2035 to the group and update on where the City is in the process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Recommend to the City to start regulations on deterring companies from using single-use plastic; exceptions can be made after the research is revisited for more information. Thomas Dewhirst motioned to table, with a 2nd by Rachel Jondle, and the motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ECC Board is looking for new officers in January: Chair, Vice-Chair or Treasurer.
2. Asylum Lake/Stadium Dr re-zoning project: Someone is trying to purchase the land and wants approval to rezone to Commercial. The Planning Commission voted against rezoning, but it will still be presented to the City Commissioners on December 15th. ECC drafted a letter recommending voting against the rezoning. The new owner was vague and brought no plan.

EVENTS:

CHECK PHONE LINES: Phone in caller, would like to see the letter we are sending to the City Commission concerning the Asylum Lake re-zoning project.

COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Environmental Concerns Committee meeting dates. All meetings will be at 4:30pm in Council Chambers.

1-21-26

2-18-26

3-18-26

4-15-26

5-20-26

6-17-26

7-15-26

8-19-26

9-16-26

10-21-26

11-18-26

12-16-26

An aerial photograph of the Kalamazoo city skyline. In the foreground, a large blue rectangular box covers the lower-left portion of the image. The skyline features several prominent buildings, including a tall, cylindrical tower with a flat roof and a modern glass-fronted building. The sky is filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for 'THE CITY OF Kalamazoo' which includes a stylized 'K' and the word 'Kalamazoo' in a script font.

Environmental Concerns Committee

February 18, 2026



Community Sustainability Plan Update

01

Understanding Progress to Net-Zero

02

Report on Volume of Recycling and Composting Programs

Why we're here

- To inform the ECC on the City of Kalamazoo's Sustainability Plan and the actions undertaken to achieve the goals laid out in the plan.
- To inform the ECC on greenhouse gas emissions by the City of Kalamazoo and progress to net-zero.

Agenda

- Updates on City's sustainability initiatives from 2025.
- Comparison of 2024's greenhouse gas numbers.
- Overview of recycling and composting programs.

Background

- 2019- The **City Commission** declared a climate emergency
- 2022- **Community Sustainability Plan** was adopted.
- 2023- **Sustainability Planner** hired and baseline greenhouse gas report released.
- 2024- **City of Kalamazoo** enrolled in Consumers Energy Large User Renewable Program.

CITY OF KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 19-59

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Minutes of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City held on October 21, 2019, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., local time, at the City Hall.

PRESENT, Commissioners: Anderson, Cooney, Cunningham, Griffin, Urban, Vice Mayor Knott, Mayor Hopewell

ABSENT, Commissioners: None

WHEREAS, the consensus conclusion of scientific and policy assessments from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) calls for urgent and decisive actions by governments around the world to make "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" in order to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius to avoid the most disastrous impacts; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fourth National Climate Assessment detailed the massive threat that climate change poses to the American economy and underscored the need for emergency climate action at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change on the Great Lakes highlights the significant impacts in our unique backyard. Here in Kalamazoo – and all over southwestern Michigan - we are increasingly experiencing the predicted impacts of climate change including flooding of streets and homes, power outages, and heat waves. Farmers cannot plant or delay planting due to flooded fields. Record low temperatures with snow and ice close schools and businesses. Moreover, these economic and environmental hardships disproportionately affect the most vulnerable citizens of Kalamazoo; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 local governments in 18 countries have already signed emergency declarations; and

Alignment with the Master Plan

Strategic Vision Alignment	SP CC IPP ER SC YD CN SD EV GG											
	Strategic Vision Goals											
	Shared Prosperity	Connected City	Inviting Public Places	Environmental Responsibility	Safe Community	Youth Development	Complete Neighborhoods	Strength Through Diversity	Economic Vitality	Good Governance		
	Sustainability Strategy Sections											
Accessible Complete Network												
Goal 1: Design a greener transportation network		●	●		●	●		●				
Goal 2: Increase density for safe, accessible, & equitable travel			●	●	●			●		●		
Goal 3: Make transit a more viable option for more trip types & users		●	●		●	●		●				
Affordable Efficient City												
Goal 4: Accelerate local renewable energy investments		●	●		●	●			●	●	●	
Goal 5: Transform buildings & behavior to save energy and money		●			●	●			●	●		
Goal 6: Decrease emissions from City vehicles, equipment, & infrastructure			●	●		●					●	
Healthy Prepared Community												
Goal 7: Protect the natural environment for urban resilience		●		●	●	●		●		●	●	
Goal 8: Support a healthy & resilient community		●		●	●	●		●			●	
Green Circular Economy												
Goal 9: Support systems for local food on multiple scales		●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Goal 10: Reduce waste & support market for waste recovery		●	●		●	●				●	●	

The matrix shows how the Community Sustainability Plan aligns with the City's Strategic Vision Goals.

Structure of the Community Sustainability Plan

Themes

Goals

Strategies

Actions



Accessible Connected Network

GOALS

- Design a greener transportation network that easily and safely connects all users to places they need to go
- Strategically increase residential density to facilitate safe, accessible, and equitable travel
- Make transit a more viable option for more trip types and users



Affordable Efficient City

GOALS

- Accelerate local renewable energy investments
- Transform buildings and behavior to save energy and money
- Decrease emissions from City vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure assets



Healthy Prepared Community

GOALS

- Protect the natural environment for urban resilience
- Support a healthy and resilient community



Green Circular Economy

GOALS

- Support systems for local food production and distribution on multiple scales
- Reduce community waste & support market solutions for waste diversion and recovery

1. Held rain barrel and composter sale to encourage stewardship.
2. Offered input on the Kalamazoo River Urban Wildlife Corridor Project.
3. Dredging of Portage Creek in Milham Park to expand trout habitat.
4. Buzz in the Zoo program aims to increase private property ecosystem health.
5. Held invasive removal events at Woods Lake and Reed Street parks.
6. Created an iNaturalist Invasive species monitoring program.
7. Releaf in Oakwood neighborhood.
8. Updated approved tree planting guidelines.
9. Better management of city owned wellheads.

Goal: Protect the natural environment for urban resilience

Equitably Increase the Tree Canopy across the City

ACTIONS:

- Use the street tree inventory to update the City's forestry management plan
- Plant more trees community-wide and monitor canopy coverage
- Update City tree policies and zoning ordinance to promote "right tree, right place" principles
- Promote better forestry on private property through stewardship & education (NFP Phase 3)

Create Opportunities for People to Interact with Nature and Improve Biodiversity

ACTIONS:

- Manage City-owned natural areas for better ecosystem health
- Update zoning ordinance to support more biodiversity
- Increase job training and market opportunities for native landscaping
- Collaborate on environmental education and stewardship

Design a built environment more integrated with wildlife

ACTIONS:

- Develop an inclusive process for the public to gain understanding on wildlife and ecosystem concerns
- Monitor wildlife-related data to understand risks and set action levels
- Partner to implement and advocate best practices for urban wildlife protection

Collaborate regionally for better water quality in rivers, lakes, and streams

ACTIONS:

- Work with partners to implement watershed management plans, education plans, and best practices
- Prioritize local streams to support daylighting and riparian buffers
- Create a blue/green trail plan focused on equal access

1. Placed compost tumblers in community gardens at NACD, Parkview Hills, West Main Hill, and Edison.
2. Placed commercial compost bins in neighborhoods and at central site.
3. Expanded materials collected at EPS foam events. Over 2,000 visitors a year.

Goal: Reduce community waste & support market solutions for waste diversion and recovery

Expand community recycling

ACTIONS:

- Increase participation and volume of material collected in curbside recycling program
- Expand alternative recycling and reuse opportunities

Support new policies and market-based solutions for waste diversion and recovery

ACTIONS:

- Update zoning ordinance to allow small-scale composting in residential and commercial districts
- Work with partners to promote repair over replace
- Incubate inclusive opportunities for material supply chain and end markets

Work toward sustainable City facilities focused on resource recovery

ACTIONS:

- Build interdepartmental sustainability committee to review policies and operationalize green practices
- Complete waste stream audits for City departments
- Determine viability of biosolids management alternatives to increase resilience and control costs

1. Achieved SolSmart Bronze designation.
2. Held two Solarize events with GLREA. 14 residents added solar to their homes, producing 33 kw.
3. City enrolled in Consumers Energy Large Scale User program.

Goal: Accelerate local renewable energy investments

Remove barriers and develop tools that lead to more solar deployment

ACTIONS:

- Convene an internal team to evaluate, amend, and test codes and ordinances to create a streamlined development and permitting process (e.g., SolSmart)
- Convene an inclusive solar accelerator committee to develop decision-support tools (e.g., suitability assessment, map, guides)

Create partnerships to offer LMI-specific incentives for equitable solar deployment

ACTIONS:

- Actively participate in the EWR low-income workgroup and create local and regional partnerships
- Leverage funding sources to create a framework for solar deployment in LMI households

Pilot a community solar project

ACTIONS:

- Develop a community solar project as a local modes to address energy equity and affordability
- Join peer communities in Michigan to advocate for state policy that advances community solar and energy equity

1. Public Safety Station number 2 is LEED Certified.
2. Improving and expanding recycling at City facilities.

Retrofit and weatherize existing buildings to reduce energy waste	Electrify new and existing buildings	Encourage less energy use during peak demand periods
ACTIONS: • Create a robust green affordable housing initiative) • Improve commercial building performance through energy benchmarking and labeling programs • Benchmark City buildings and develop an energy management plan	ACTIONS: • Promote all-electric incentives for new construction, leading with City-supported projects • Pair electrification with rooftop PV • Advocate for better state building codes for energy and educate the community about electrification	ACTIONS: • Continue to implement the City's wastewater treatment plant demand response plan • Encourage energy awareness and waste reduction in City offices and facilities
FEASIBILITY: Priority to Launch —○— Actionable Aspirational	FEASIBILITY: Opportunistic —○— Actionable Aspirational	FEASIBILITY: Priority to Launch —○— Actionable Aspirational
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Key Performance Indicators for Success

Key Performance Indicator	Current Condition	Desired Trend for Target (2032)
Accessible Complete Network		
KPI 1 - Number of active transportation miles completed	In-Progress*	Trend-up
KPI 2 - Number and distribution of public EV charging stations	111	Increase by 100%
Affordable Efficient City		
KPI 3 - Percentage of households who use electric space heating	20%	40%
KPI 4 - Number of City-supported net zero energy projects completed	0	200
KPI 5 - Number of solar PV array projects approved	In-Progress*	Trend-Up
KPI 6 - Number of EVs in the City Fleet	0	100
Healthy Prepared Community		
KPI 7 - Number of new street trees planted	500	3,000
KPI 8 - Percentage of identified non-copper (lead) supply lines replaced in the drinking water system	25%	75%
Green Circular Economy		
KPI 9 - Number of residents participating in City-supported local food programs	100	2,000
KPI 10 - Amount of materials recycled through curbside program	2,215 tons annually	2,500 tons annually

*In-Progress - Inventory of current condition in-progress

Active Transportation Numbers are Increasing. KPI #1.

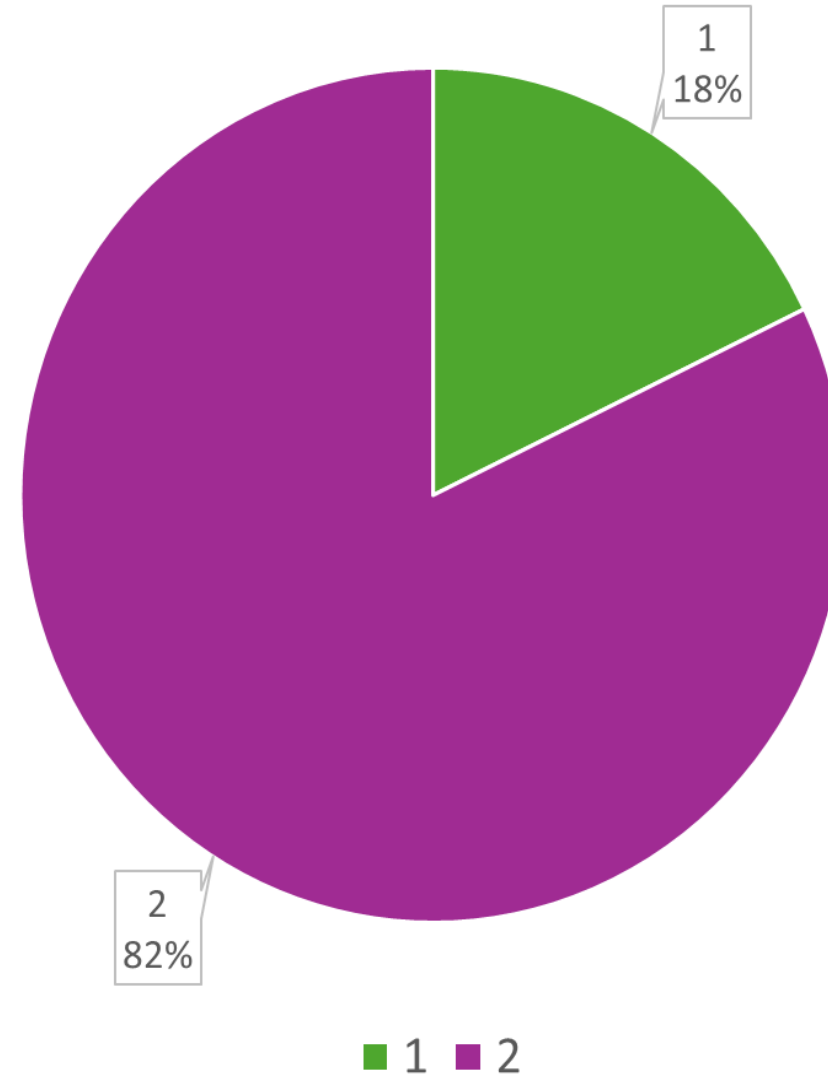
	Automobiles			
	Total Trips	Total Distance (km)	Trips % Change	Distance % Change
2018	90,400,000	815,000,000	0	0%
2019	95,400,000	801,000,000	5.53%	-2%
2020	79,200,000	581,000,000	-16.98%	-27%
2021	94,300,000	734,000,000	19.07%	26%
2022	95,700,000	775,000,000	1.48%	6%
2023	94,900,000	778,000,000	-0.84%	0%
Total	549,900,000.00	4,484,000,000.00		
	On Foot			
	Total Trips	Total Distance (km)	Trips % Change	Distance % Change
2018	11,300,000	7,950,000	0%	0%
2019	11,100,000	7,800,000	-2%	-2%
2020	5,670,000	5,190,000	-49%	-33%
2021	5,670,000	5,150,000	0%	-1%
2022	6,110,000	5,890,000	8%	14%
2023	6,460,000	6,150,000	6%	4%
Total	46,310,000.00	38,130,000.00		
	Cycling			
	Total Trips	Total Distance (km)	Trips % Change	Distance % Change
2018	583,000	1,370,000	0%	0%
2019	584,000	1,270,000	0%	-7%
2020	No Data	No Data		
2021	No Data	No Data		
2022	630,000	1,570,000	8%	24%
2023	681,000	1,640,000	8%	4%
Total	2,478,000	5,850,000		

Progress to net-zero

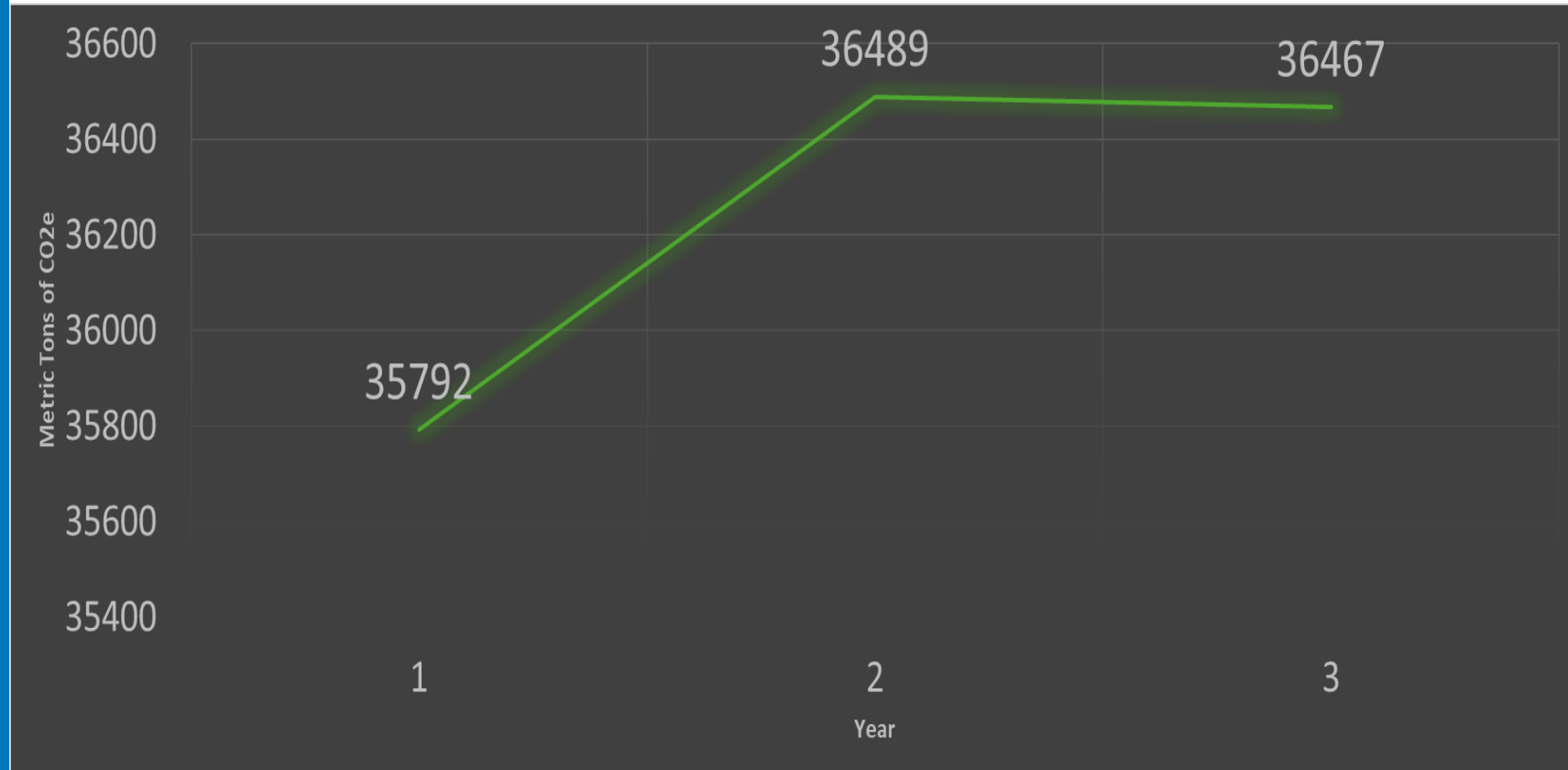
- Information here intended to help guide City Commission as they make budgetary and infrastructure decisions for the City of Kalamazoo.
- Brief recommendations to continue progress to net-zero

A Matter of Scope

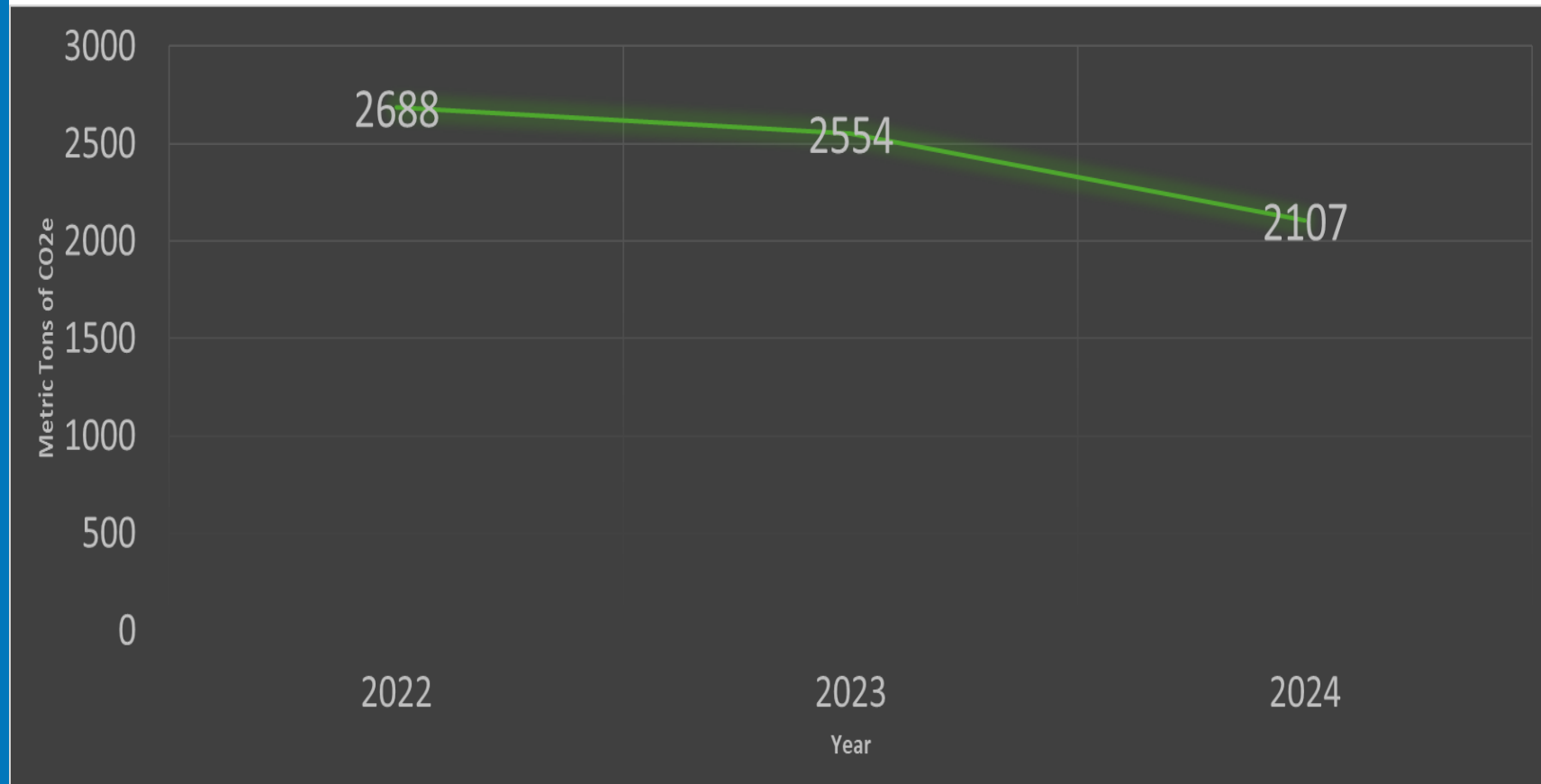
Greenhouse gas accounting is divided into three scopes.



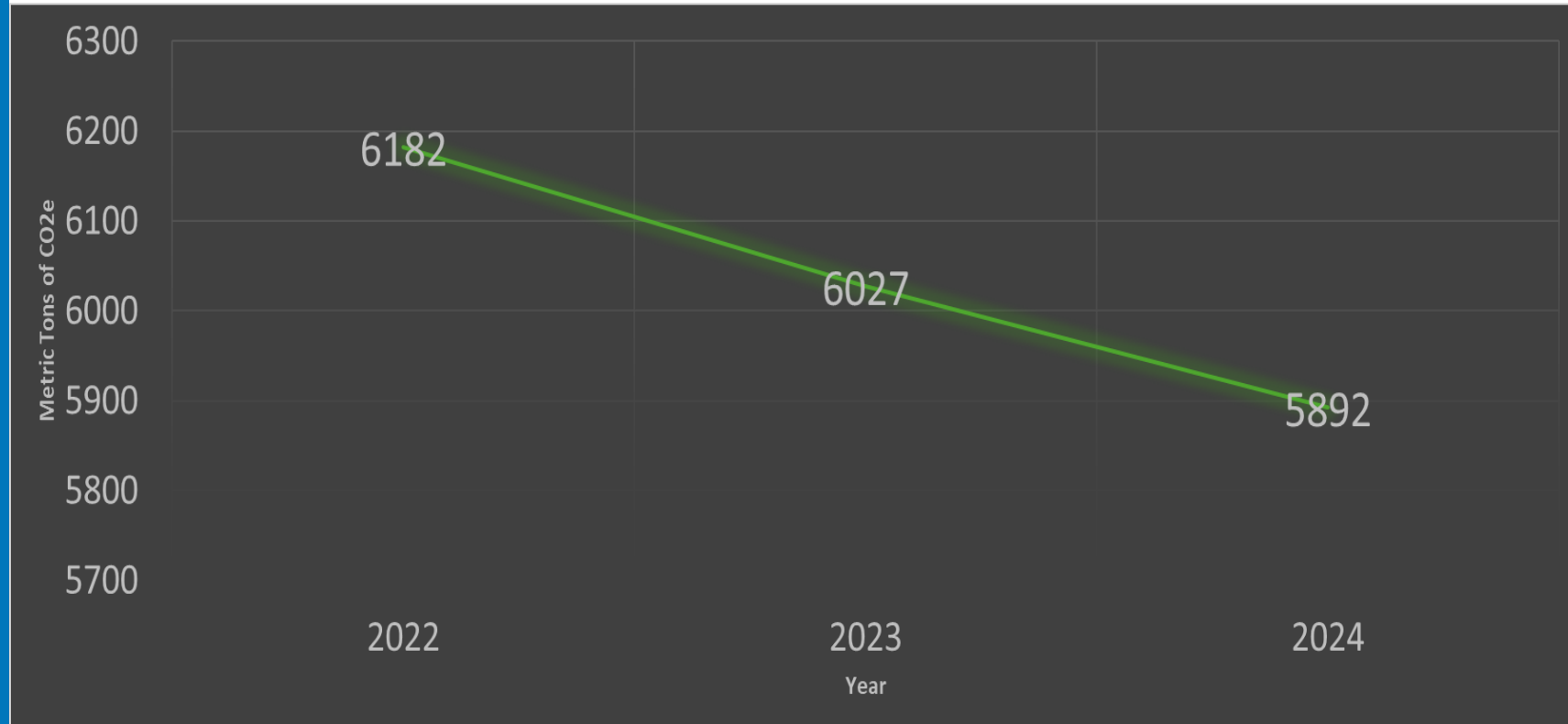
Total Metric Tons of CO2e for Scopes 1 and 2.



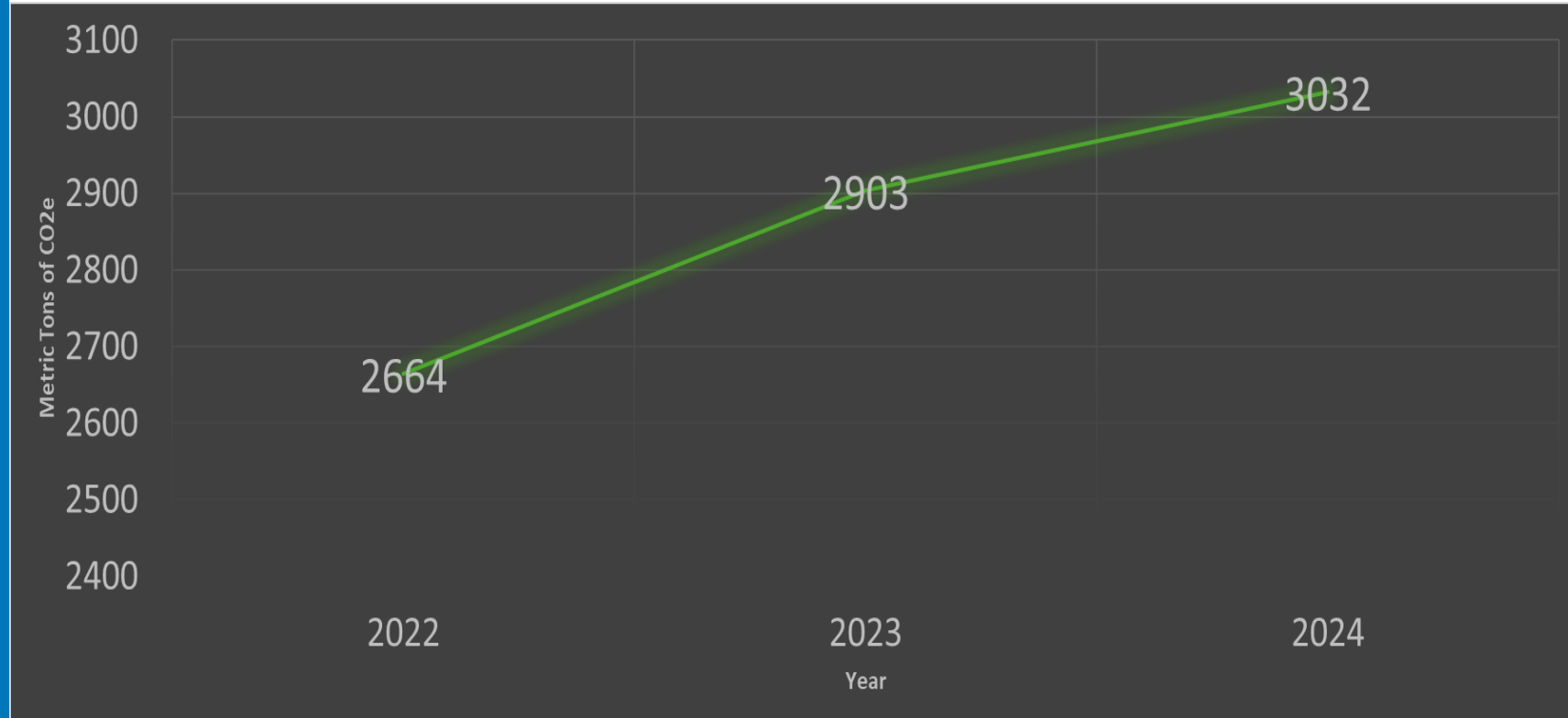
Street Lights and Traffic Signals



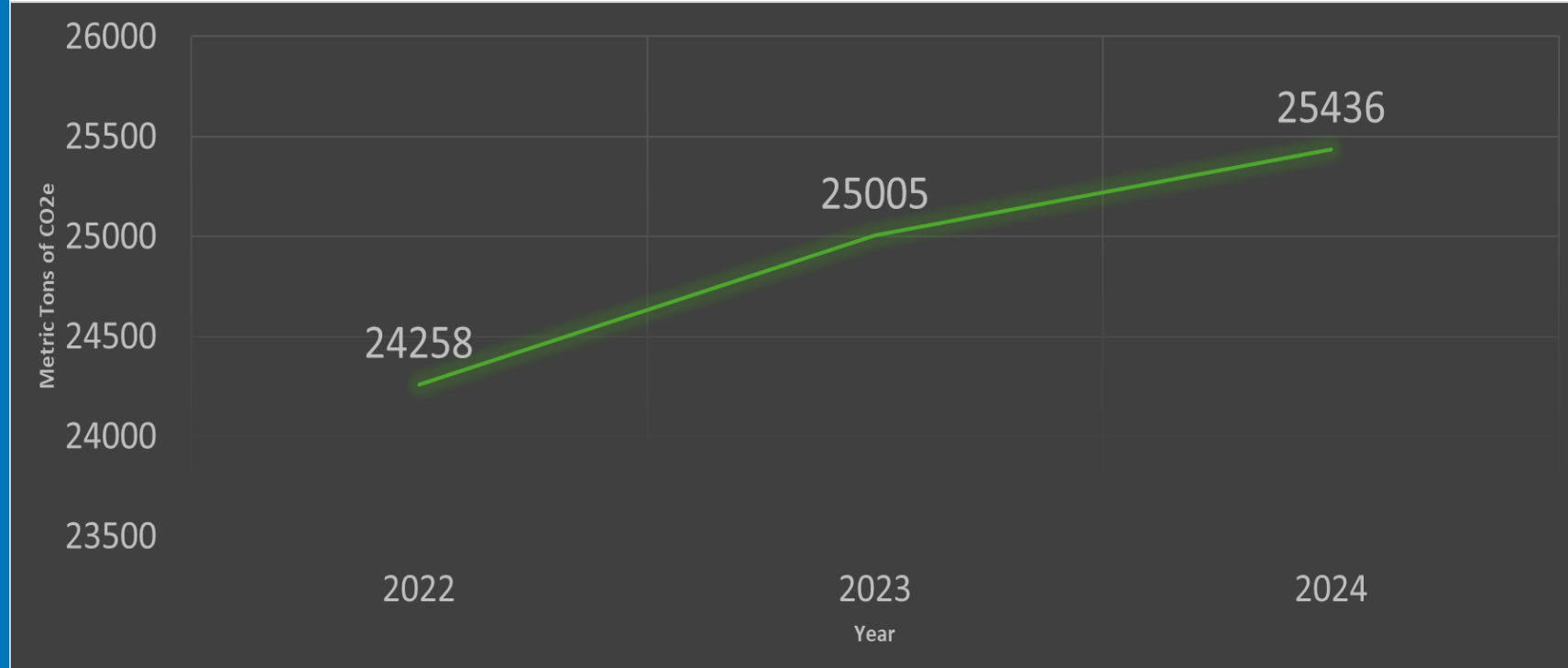
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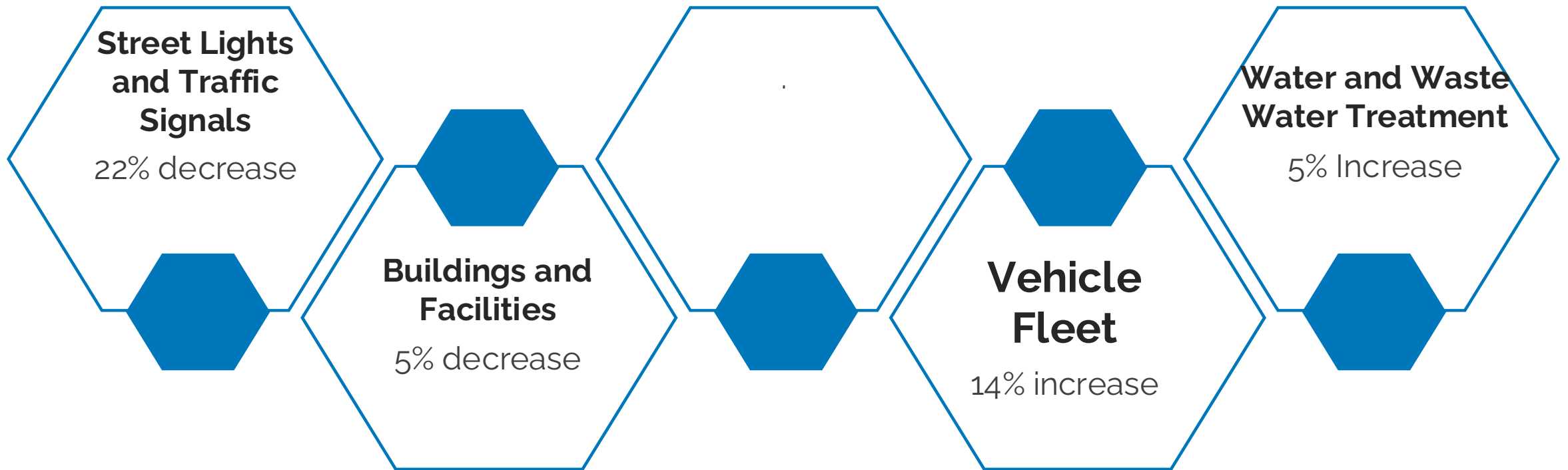
Vehicle Fleet



Water and Waste Wastewater Treatment



Percent Change from 2022-2024

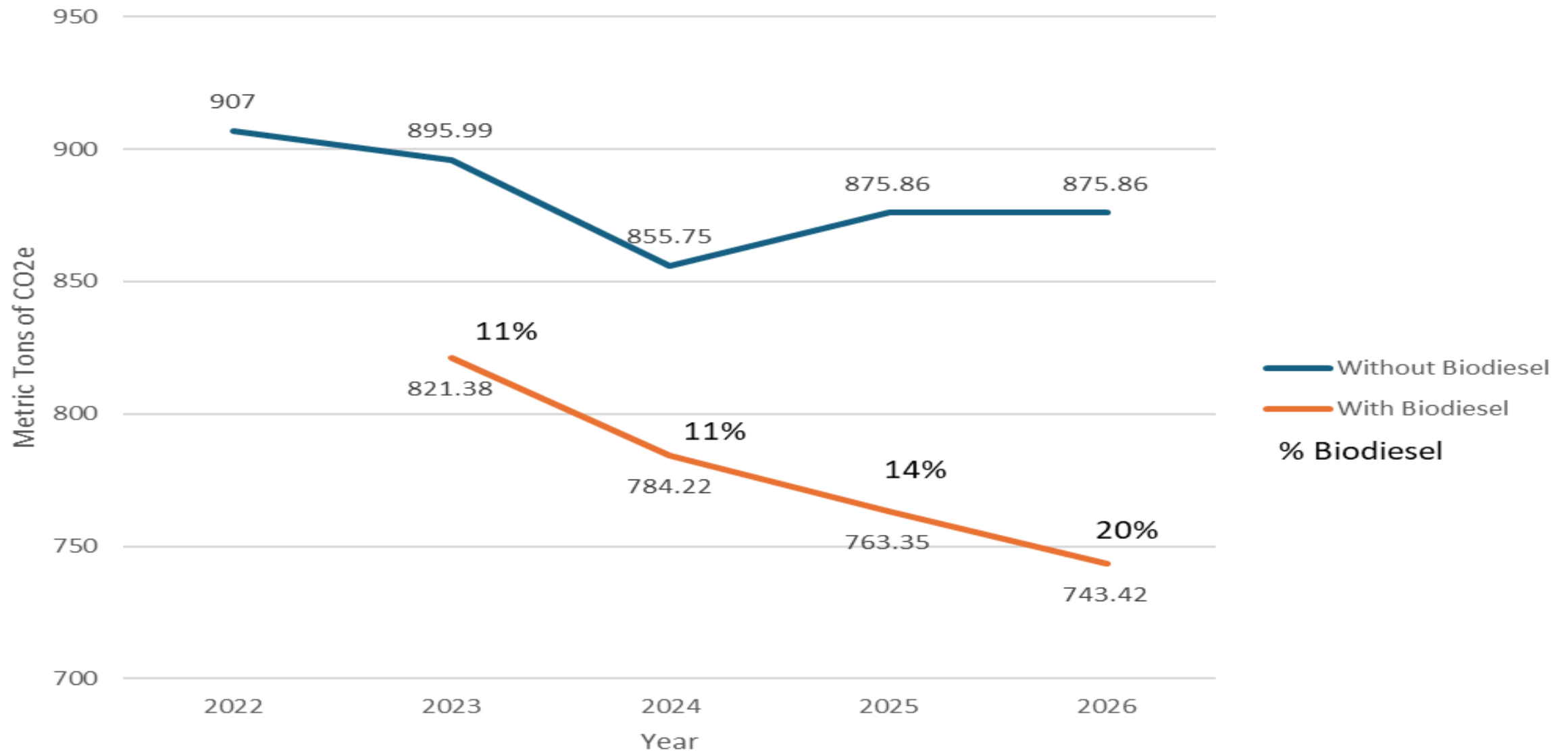


Biodiesel

- Switch to Biodiesel 11 saved 277 metric tons of CO₂e in 2024.
- This is equivalent to planting 4,580 trees with a growth of ten years.



Comparison of Diesel and Biodiesel Use in Municipal Vehicles.



Gasoline Use Emissions

- Emissions related to gasoline use increased 19% from 2022-2024.
- City staff are driving more miles, providing more service.

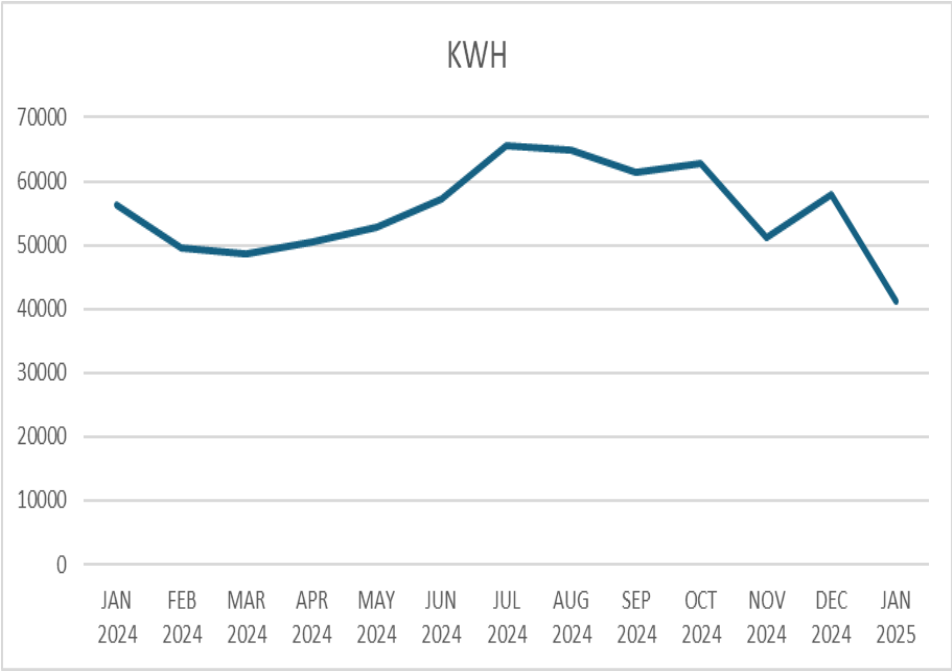
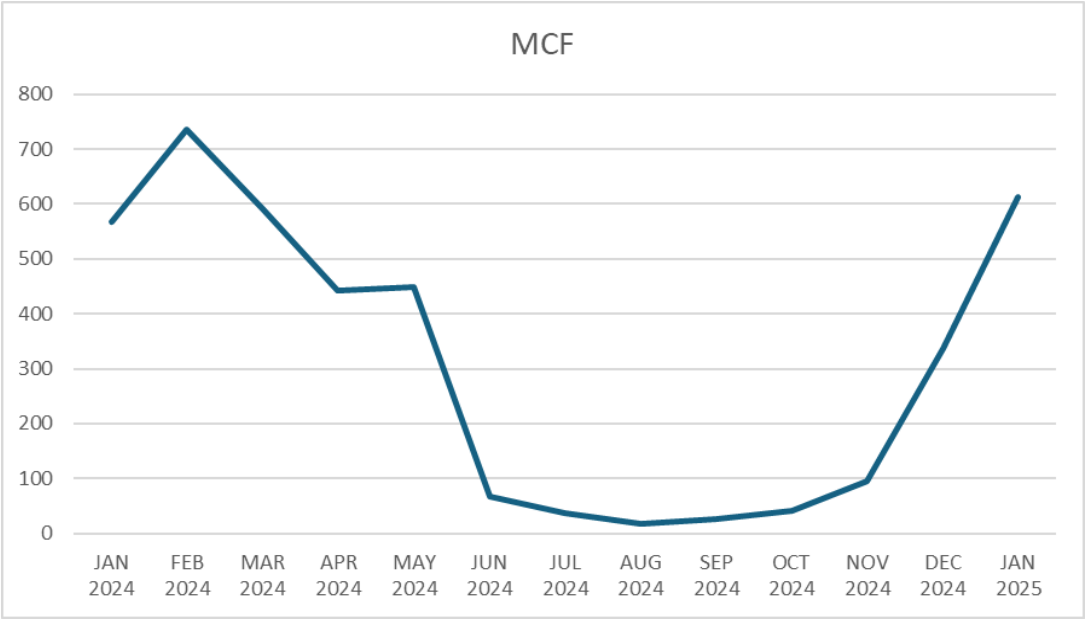


Building Emissions

- Decline related to buildings no longer under the City's purview.
- Electricity used at City Hall increased 24% from 2022 to 2024.
- Gas used at City Hall decreased 8% from 2022 to 2024.



Annual natural gas and electricity used in City Hall.



Looking to the Future

2028



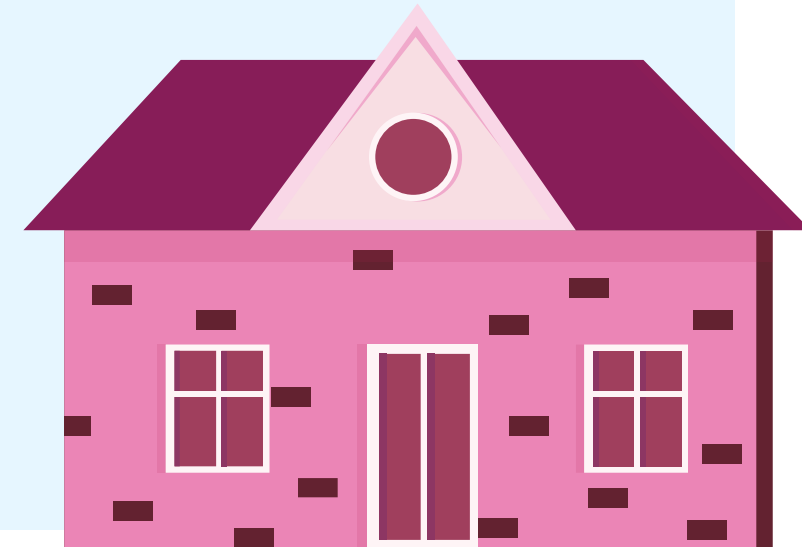
In 2024 the City enrolled in Consumers Energy Renewable program.

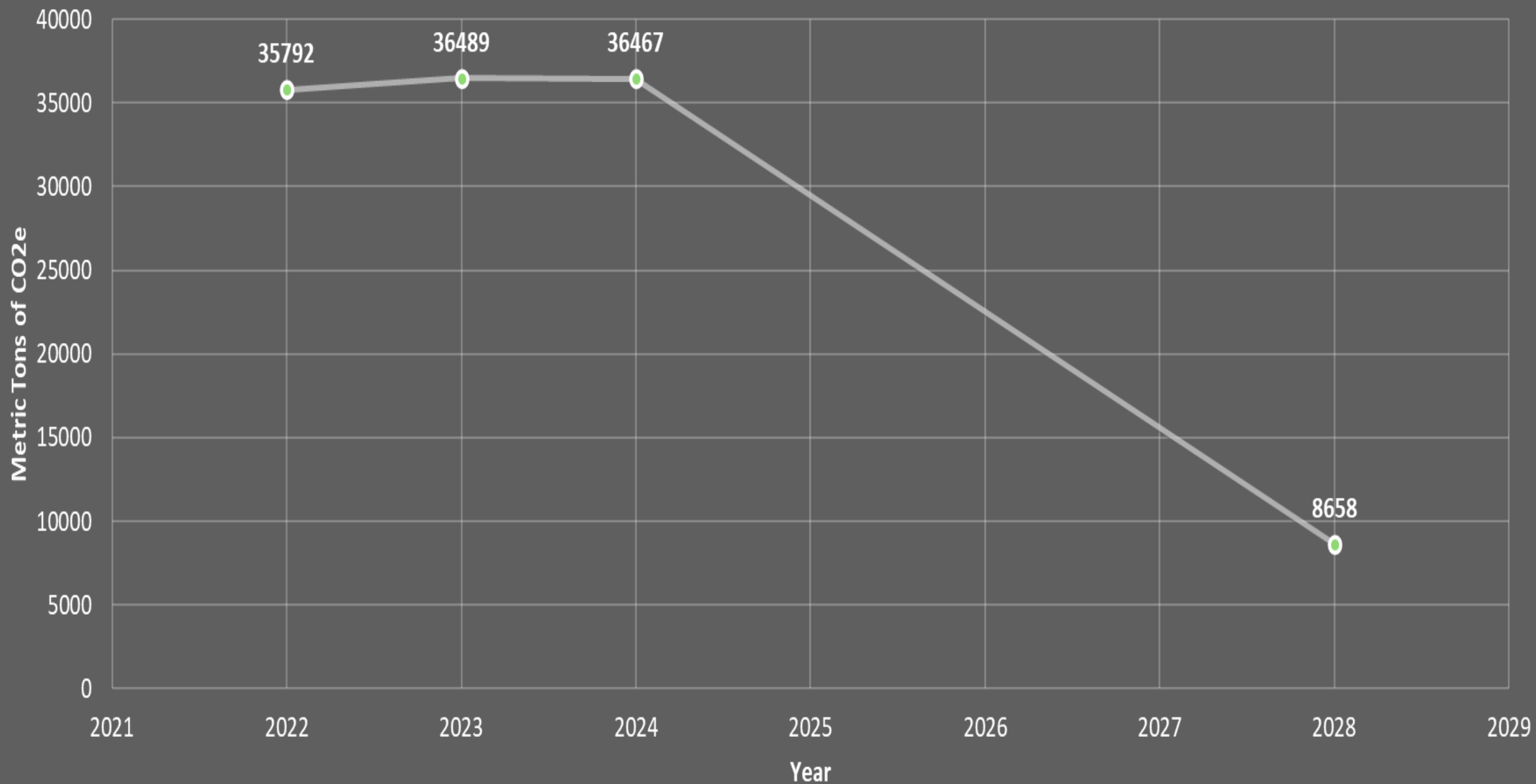


Starting in 2028 approximately 48 million kWh used by the City will come from wind and solar.

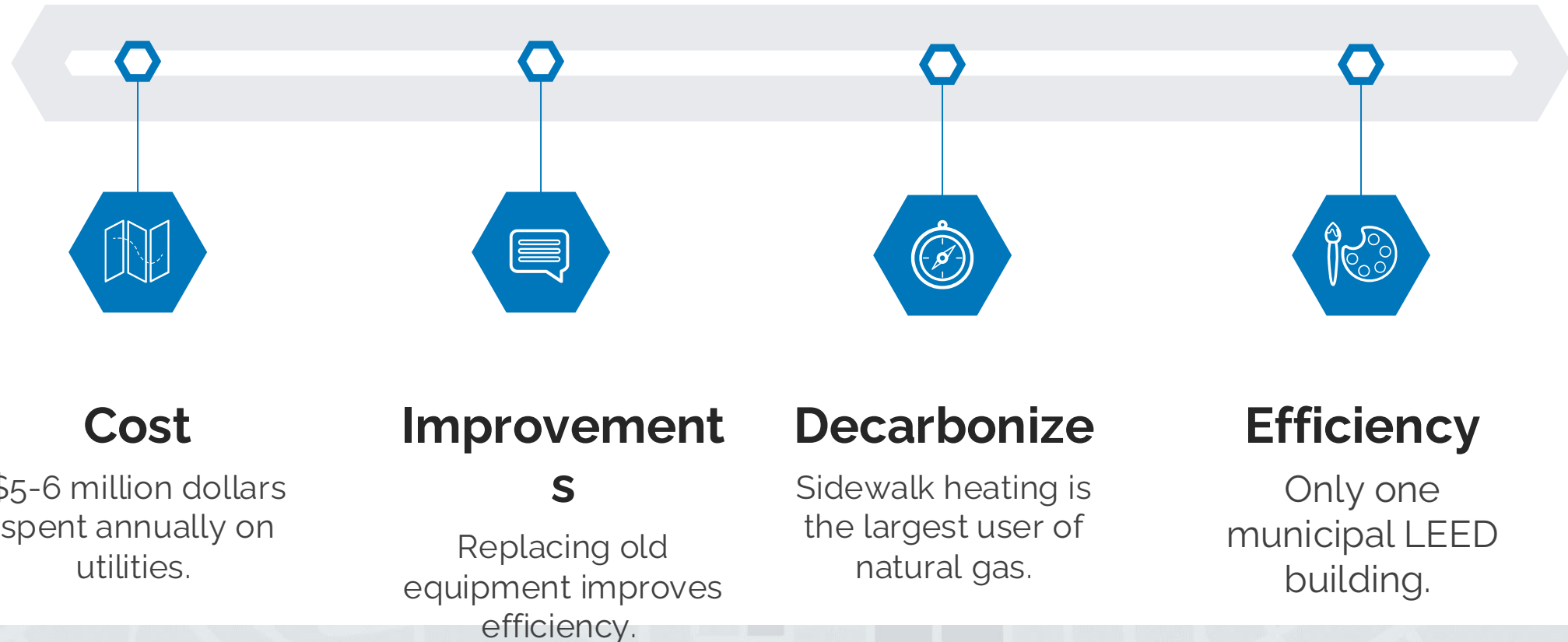


Enrollment in this program will offset 27,809 metric tons of CO₂e. This accounts for 76% of our total emissions. Focus on efficient will increase the impact of enrollment.





Considerations



1.

Continue Biodiesel Program

Increasing percentage of "bio" in biodiesel will improve these numbers.

Combustion of biodiesel also results in less particulate matter and other pollutants

2.

Purchase Electric Vehicles

Switching to electric vehicles would increase Scope 2 emissions but decrease total emissions.

Gasoline emissions rose 19% from 22-23, 9% from 23-24.

3.

Improve Building Efficiency.

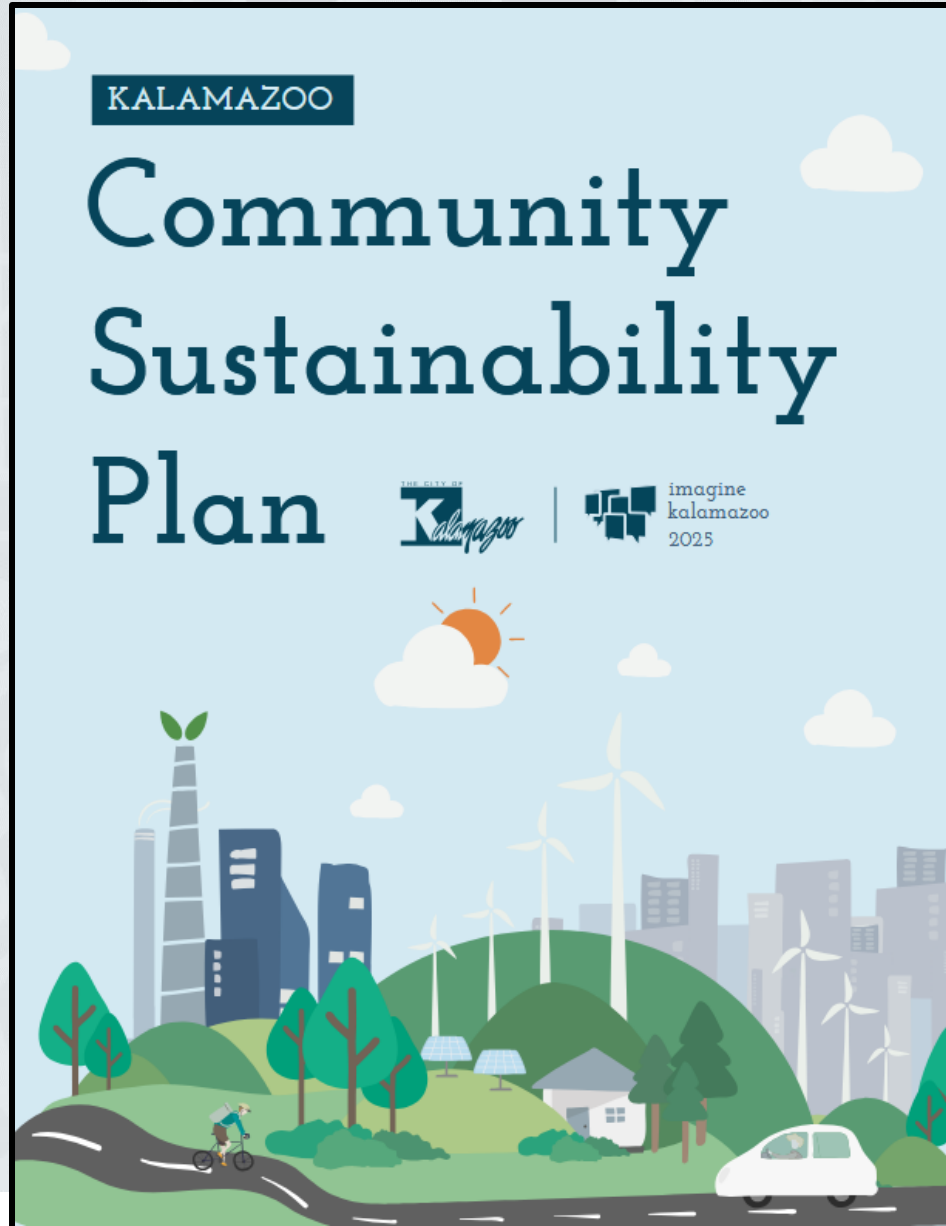
Declines in this category were related to buildings no longer under the City's purview.

Electricity used at City Hall increased 24% from 22-24. Gas use decreased 8% from 22-24.

City Commission adopted on June 21, 2022:

GOALS:

- Reduce community waste
- Support market solutions for waste diversion & recovery



STRATEGY: Expand community recycling

Increase participation and volume of material collected in curbside recycling program

Expand alternative recycling and reuse opportunities

STRATEGY: Support new policies and market-based solutions for waste diversion and recovery

Update zoning ordinance to allow small-scale composting in residential and commercial districts

Work with partners to promote repair over replace

Incubate inclusive opportunities for material supply chain and end markets

STRATEGY: Work toward sustainable City facilities focused on resource recovery

Build interdepartmental sustainability committee to review policies and operationalize green practices

Complete waste stream audits for City departments

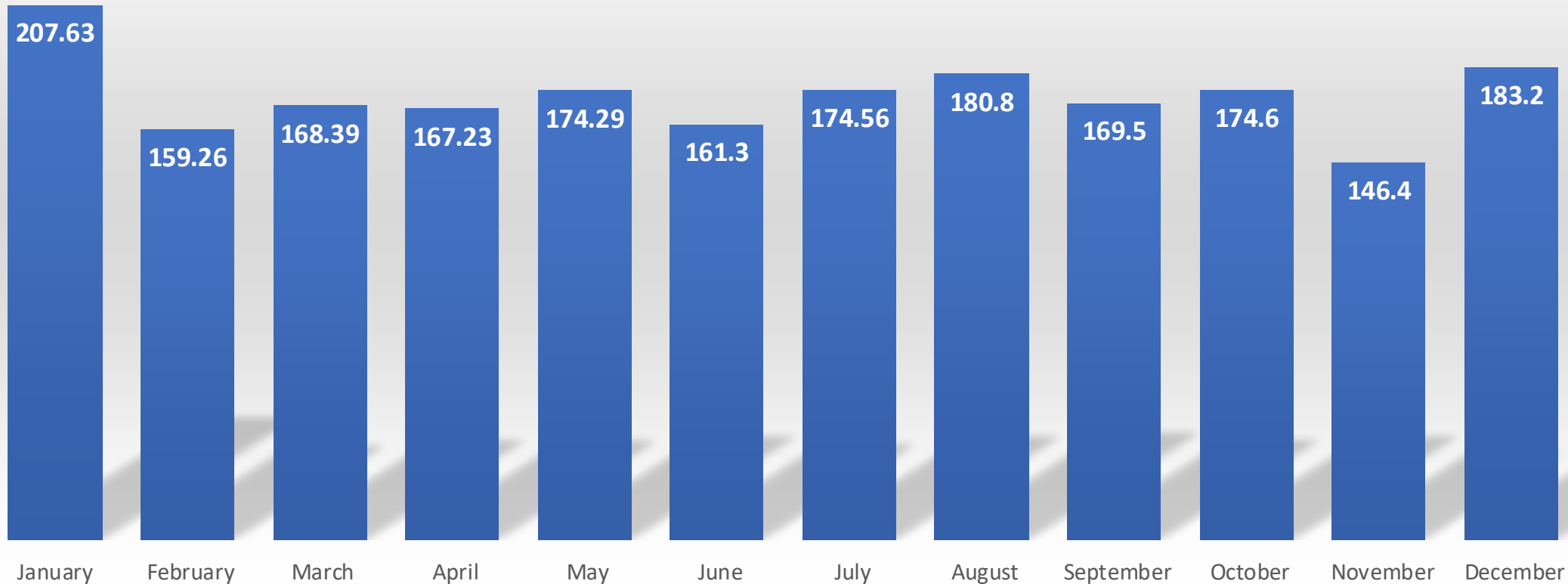
Determine viability of biosolids management alternatives to increase resilience and control costs



City of Kalamazoo

Curbside Recycling Program Single Family & Multi Unit Residences

Single Stream Recycling Tons by Month



2,067.16
Total in
2025

**Decreased
Contamination
54%**



Curbside Recycling Program Single Family & Multi Unit Residences

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE IN YOUR CART:
GRACIAS POR RECICLAR ESTOS MATERIALES EN SU CARRITO:



311 or 269-337-8000
kalamazoo.city/recycle-it

EGLE **The Recycling Partnership**
SOLVING FOR CIRCULARITY

All residences have access to recycling program. Current contract requires OPT-IN

Current contractor: Republic Services through September 2027.

Note: We are in TOP TIER of # CARTS



When we emptied your recycling into the truck—our team noticed these “NO” items in your cart.

Cuando vaciamos su reciclaje en el camión, nuestro equipo notó algunos materiales que “NO” deberían estar en su contenedor.



All data is stored securely and safely within the country of origin and never sold or shared with third parties. Information is used solely to provide feedback and strengthen our community's recycling program.

OOPS!

PLEASE, KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF CURBSIDE RECYCLING:
POR FAVOR, NO COLOQUE ESTOS MATERIALES EN SU CARRITO DE RECICLAJE:



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kalamazoo.city/recycle-it

EGLE **The Recycling Partnership**
Funded in part by
SOLVING FOR CIRCULARITY

Truck 2439 Camera System:

- Reduced Contamination incidents 54%
- Increased Participation (Set Outs) 20%
- 1,341 Feedback Mailers Sent Out
- Delivered 494 NEW CARTS to SF Households in 2025

KEEP IT LOOSE!

MANTENGA LOS MATERIALES RECICLABLES SUELTOS



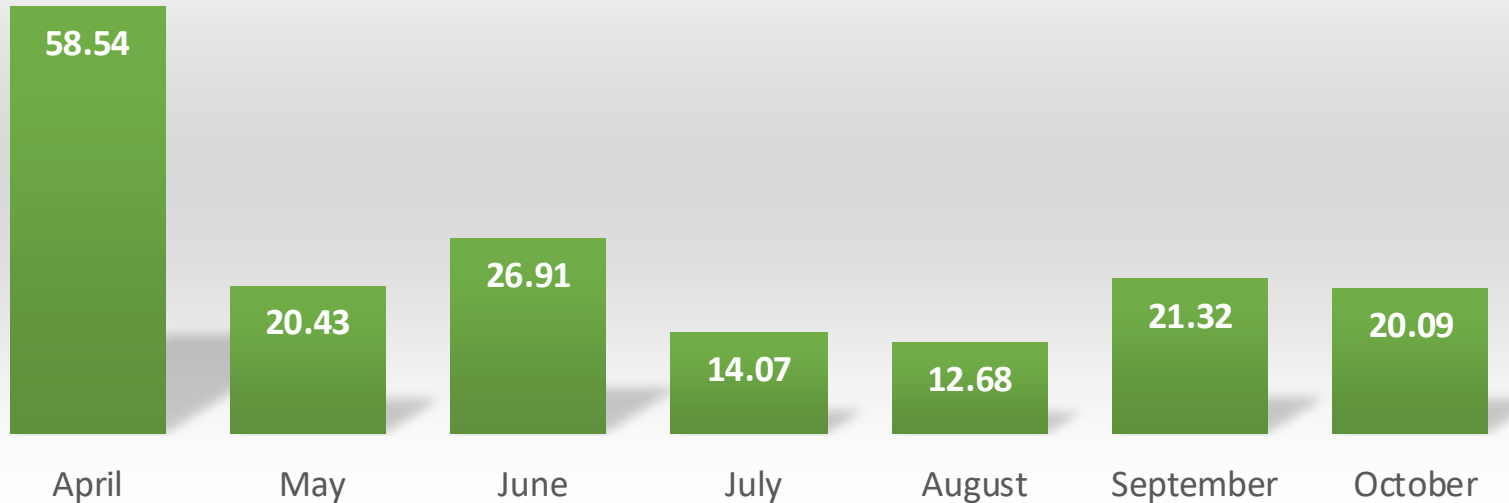
KEEP ALL RECYCLING CLEAN, LOOSE, AND DRY

MANTENGA TODO EL MATERIAL RECICLADO LIMPIO, SUELTO Y SECO

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Curbside Brush Collection Program Single Family & Multi Unit Residences

Brush Collection Tons by Month

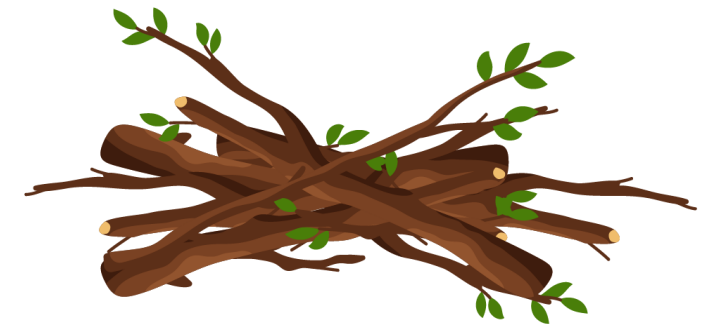


Program runs April through October

Materials must be bagged, boxed, or bundled. Bags must be biodegradable. Up to 7.5 cubic yards per collection.

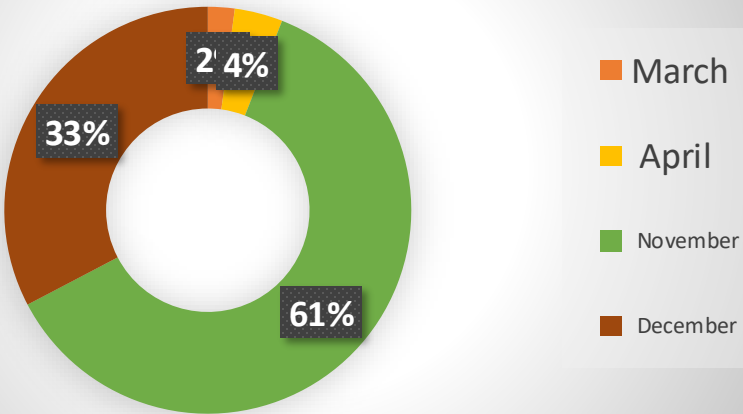
174.04 Total in 2025

Up 6.41% from 2024



***May, June, July 2025 services effected by *Storm Clean Up* issued May 2025**

Leaf Collection Cubic Yards



We will continue to operate Leaf Collections throughout Spring 2026 to complete second collections.

Snow events and road clearing took priority and in combination with mid-week holidays & connected PTO we are still working this program.

11,758.75

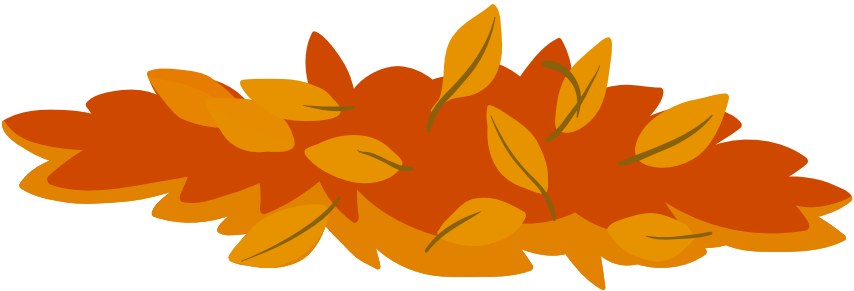
Total Cubic Yards Collected in 2025

27 Days of Operation

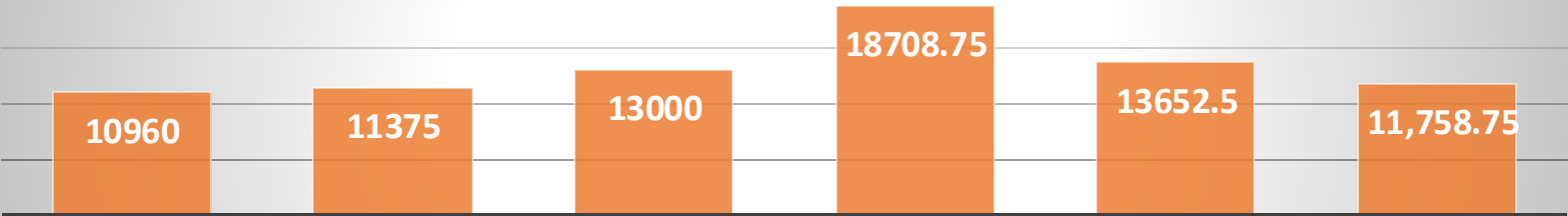
November, December

712 “Miss” Status Reports

337 Nov, 375 Dec

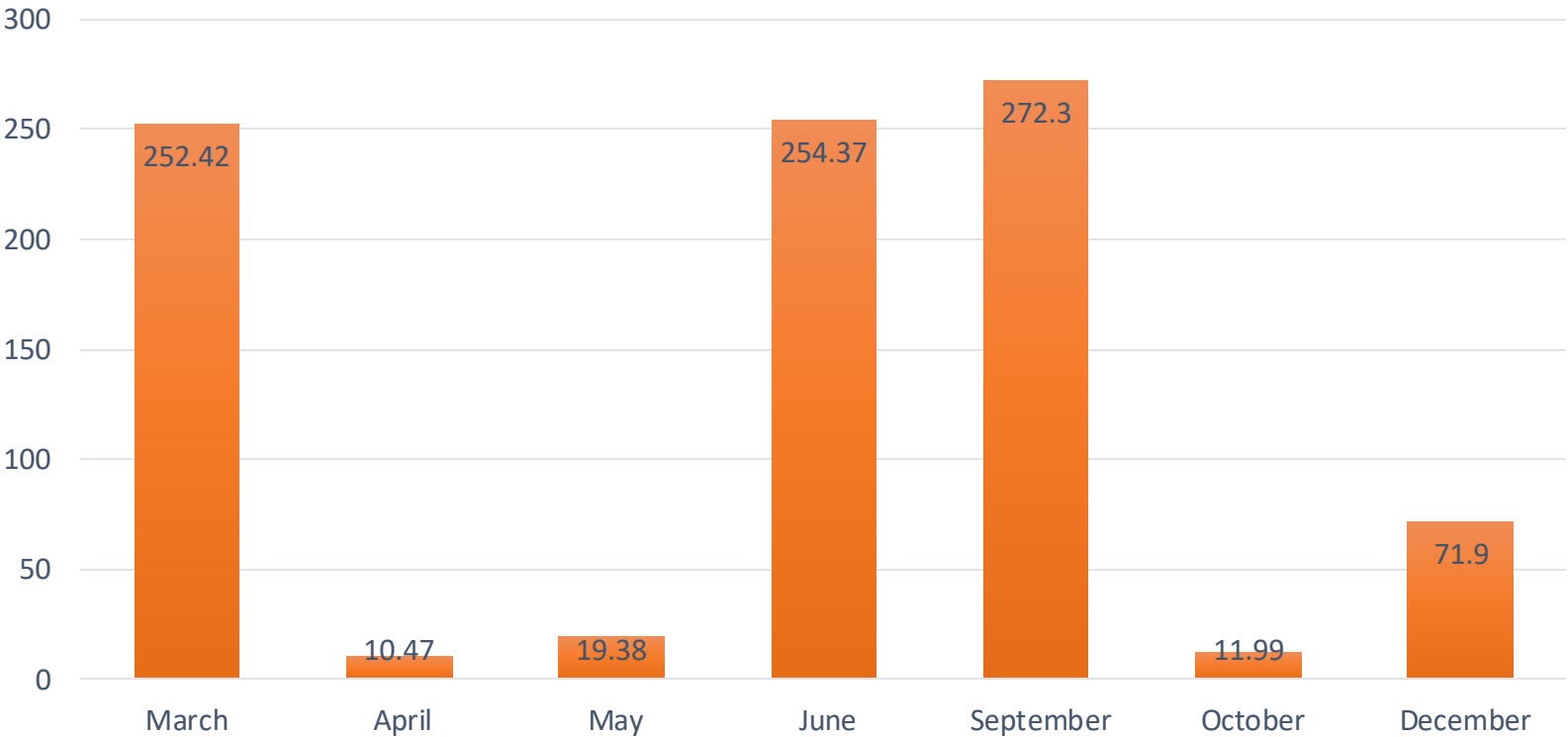


Yearly Comparison Cubic Yards



Curbside Bulk Trash Program

Bulk Trash Tons Quarterly



2025: 892.83 tons
2024: 937.94 tons
2023: 879.53 tons



892.83 Total Tons Sent to Landfill 2025





Department of Public Services

Drop Off Recycling Events Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) & Electronics Household Hazardous Waste (Kal County)

**2,344 City Households
visited HHW in 2025**

2025 RECYCLE DROP OFF EVENTS:

- 13+ trailers of EPS #6 Foam
- 31,365.60 lbs of Electronics
- 52 cubic yards of Cardboard
- 5 Days of Paper Shredding
- **WATER FILTERS *now accepted***



NEXT EVENTS Saturday APRIL 25, JULY 25,
10am – 1pm @ *Mayors' Riverfront Park*
251 Mills St, Kalamazoo MI 49048