

2020 Sustainability Goals Achievements At A Glance

USC Sustainability 2020 Plan Goals	Status	Progress Toward Goals
Energy Conservation		
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions per square foot by 20% from 2014 baseline	✓	Achieved 35% reduction
Capitalize on energy risks and opportunities	✓	Executed renewable energy projects
Water Conservation		
Decrease potable water use by 25% from 2014 baseline	✗	Achieved 10% reduction in potable water use per square foot of building space
Increase awareness of conservation practices	✓	Created multiplatform educational campaigns
Implement audience-appropriate educational campaigns	✓	Developed targeted conservation programming
Waste Diversion		
Achieve 75% waste diversion rate	✗	Achieved 33.7% diversion rate
Expand diversion and recycling programs and increase awareness	✓	Deployed diversion bins and educational campaigns
Procurement		
Purchase 20% of food from sustainable sources	✓	Achieved 41.4% sustainable food purchases
Engage 75% of USC departments in responsible purchasing practices	✓	Developed green purchasing educational materials
Transportation		
Reduce single-occupancy vehicles traveling to/from USC's campuses	✓	Achieved 2.0 average riders per vehicle
Expand participation in alternative transportation programs	✓	Incentivized alternative transportation choices
Engagement		
Increase awareness of sustainability practices	✓	Established regular sustainability programming
Establish USC as a living laboratory for sustainability	✓	Connected students with campus data and experts
Engage the broader community in sustainability	✓	Fostered partnerships with local government