COMMUNITY-WIDE GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY SUMMARY

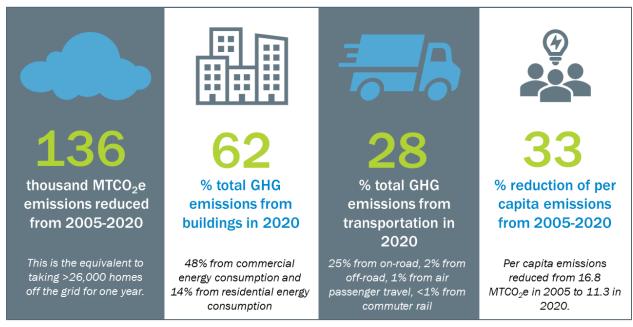
City of Manassas, Virginia

EMISSIONS SUMMARY

The City of Manassas community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions decreased by 22% between 2005 and 2020, despite a 16% growth in population. In 2020, forests and trees sequestered more than 5,700 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent (MTCO₂e) or 1% of total emissions.



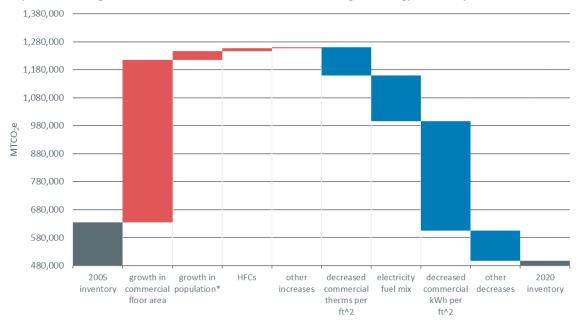
Note: Other refers to emissions associated with the release of Hydrofluorocarbons, emissions resulting from local natural gas system losses within the community, as well as emissions from Agriculture.





GHG CONTRIBUTION ANALYSIS

The City of Manassas GHG Contribution Analysis results show what has driven increases and decreases in emissions between inventory years 2005 and 2020. The graph shows the main drivers increasing emissions (red bars) are growth in commercial space, population, and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). Driving down emissions (blue bars) are mainly decreased commercial electricity energy intensity, a cleaner grid, and decreased commercial natural gas energy intensity.



Note: \star Includes effects of population on residential energy, VMT, and waste generation.

INVENTORY BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) and local governments across metropolitan Washington collaboratively established the regional GHG emission reduction goals of 10% below business-as-usual projections by 2012 (back down to 2005 levels); 20% below 2005 levels by 2020; 50% by 2030; and 80% below 2005 levels by 2050. Metropolitan Washington met both the 2012 and 2020 goals. Emissions from buildings and transportation saw a greater reduction than anticipated due to the 2020 pandemic.

COG completes GHG community-scale inventories for all 24 local government members, northern Virginia, and metropolitan Washington. COG GHG inventories are compliant with both the U.S. Communities Protocol for Accounting and Reporting Greenhouse Gas Emissions (USCP) and Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Inventories (GPC). The inventories measure GHG-emitting activities undertaken by residents, businesses, industry, and government located in metropolitan Washington, as well as emissions from visitors.

RESOURCES

- COG Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories Methodology Guide
- COG Greenhouse Gas Inventories
- DMV Climate Partners GHGs in the DMV