

# DRAFT COG SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

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## Baseline Edition

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# Sustainability Report Process

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- CEEPC/BEEAC/ACPAC review report approach
- Data gathering and report development
  - COG employee sustainability survey
  - Next steps
- Present draft for CEEPC/BEEAC/ACPAC input
- Final Report
- Next steps to improve COG sustainability

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# COG and the CPAS Building Profile

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- COG is 1/3 owner of the Center for Public Administration and Services, Inc. (CPAS) building
- 30-year old building
- 262,314 gross ft<sup>2</sup>
- Energy supply: electricity
- COG: ~ 125 permanent staff + 10 to 30 contractors and interns



# CPAS Achievements

- Green roof
  - Absorbs 12,000 gallons of rainfall per year
- Green Seal Certified Cleaning Service
- Recycles 300 lbs. per day

↓ Water use decreased 38%  
2015-2017

↓ Electricity use decreased 22%  
2015-2017



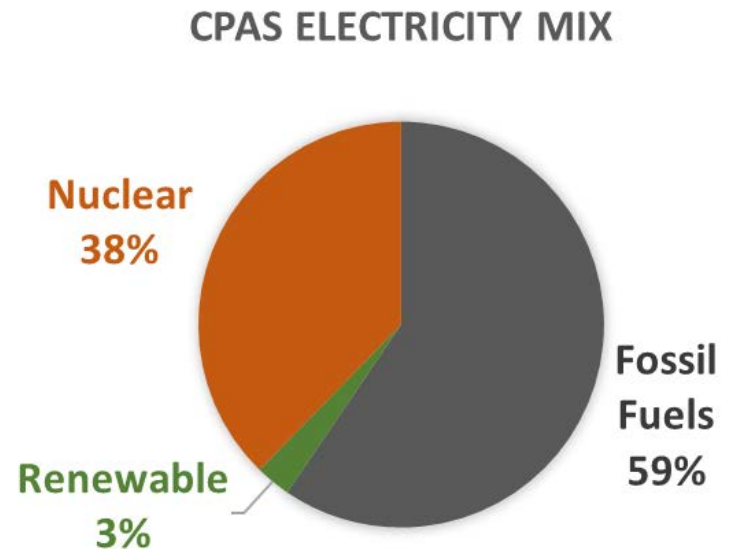
# COG Achievements

- 80%+ of employees use alternative forms of travel to work
- Recycles all electronics (83 lbs. in FY16)
- Replaced servers with more energy efficient equipment
- Considers life cycle costs in fleet procurement
- Launched Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) benefit in 2017



# CPAS Challenges and Opportunities

- Higher energy use intensity than average DC office building
- Produced 2,651 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e greenhouse gas emissions from electricity use (2016)
- Produces ~ 1,200 lbs. of trash per day



# COG Challenges and Opportunities

- 114,000 miles of fleet and reimbursed business travel via passenger vehicle or air (FY16)
- Incomplete data – for example on business travel mileage and paper use
- Nearly 1/5 of commute miles are via single occupancy vehicles





# COG Challenges and Opportunities

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## Next Steps?

- Form a Green Team
- Implement 'low hanging fruit' actions
- Foster employee and visitor engagement
- Address medium term opportunities
  - Meeting, printing, and purchasing guidelines
  - More sustainable business travel options
  - Greening electricity purchases
- Explore deeper sustainability options
- Gather additional information and evaluate progress



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