

PCC Sustainability Update March 2026

This is the text for the PCC Sustainability updated for FY 2025, dated March 2026. The original pdf is not numbered, but each they are ordered from left to right and top to bottom in two rows.

1. **Climate Action:** Since 2006, PCC has reduced its direct and indirect greenhouse gas emissions by 56% from 22,959 Metric Tons of Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (MTCO₂e) to 9,905 MTCO₂e.
2. **Energy Management:** PCC has decreased its building energy use by over 60% per square foot since 2006. Strategic Energy Management and green building efforts led the college to save over \$1.1 million in FY 2025 alone.
3. **Events:** In 2025, PCC hosted over 500+ guests at the Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference. PCC also annually organizes on-campus events such as Earth Week and Harvest Fest.
4. **Green Building:** PCC's green buildings provide environmental benefits while providing cost savings, a win-win for the college. These employ clean energy technology, six solar arrays and advanced stormwater technology.
5. **Ecosocial Justice Grant:** Students have provided over \$1.2 million for sustainability projects through the EcoSocial Justice Grant.
6. **Renewable Energy:** With community solar and renewable energy purchases, and onsite solar arrays, PCC is replacing over electric utility purchases with 100% solar and wind power.
7. **Resiliency:** At PCC, resiliency is supported by programs such as Basic Needs Sustainability Leadership and the Bee Campus and Tree Campus USA initiatives.
8. **Electrification:** PCC is transitioning college vehicles to electric. Over 24% of the miles traveled by the college's fleet were in electric vehicles, with another 7% in hybrid vehicles.
9. **Ecological Stewardship:** PCC is Bee Campus and Tree Campus USA certified. Our grounds and the Rock Creek Environmental Studies Center are home to about 15,000 trees.
10. **Learning Gardens:** PCC has learning gardens on each of the main campuses, which provide food for the college's food pantries, hands-on learning and community engagement. PCC also supports a community garden at the Newberg Center.
11. **Sustainable Transportation:** PCC supports inter-campus shuttles, access to frequent service bus routes, subsidized transit passes for students, bike rental and repair shops, carpool programs, and electric vehicle charging stations.
12. **Waste Management:** PCC has composted nearly 1.7 million lbs and recycled just over 10.7 million lbs since 2012. This is due in part to our many specialty waste diversion programs, including plastic film, electronic waste, pens and markers, batteries and free food alert.

13. **Sustainability Education:** PCC offers over 146 sustainability courses across 38 departments, a Sustainability Focus Award and technical degrees in areas such as Landscape Technology.
14. **STARS Rating:** In 2025, PCC earned a gold rating for sustainability from AASHE STARS, a rating system that tracks sustainability across the college in areas such as curricular and co-curricular education, operations, and planning.