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**IMPACT
REPORT**

2023



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At Sustainable Pittsburgh, we celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2023. In this report, you'll find a story of growing regional impact, 25 years in the making. In many ways, 2023 represents both an accomplishment – of a quarter-century of championing sustainable development – and a new beginning, as the world formally emerged on the other side of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our impact has since touched the lives of tens of thousands of individuals in the region and across the state.

“Sustainable Pittsburgh exists to help our region navigate the complexities of sustainability in strategic and effective ways.”

Never has that been more important, and never, as an organization, have we been better equipped, with tools and networks in place, to respond. If the big picture “How” of our work is through our critical roles: convener, catalyst, teacher, resource, and thought leader, then the tactical work in 2023 was to create systems change, acting in these roles by:

- Accelerating continuous improvement at organizations;
- Enabling peer learning and facilitating collaborative effort to do big things together;
- Providing information on sustainability best practices; and
- Working to communicate about and encourage regional investment through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act and related programs.

The “Why” of our work is pressing. A truly circular economy remains aspirational. 2023 was the globe's hottest year on record; and according to NASA's measurements, the 10 most recent years are the warmest years on record. Social and racial equity are still critical needs in our region, with never-before-seen opportunity via federal investment to improve our region's sustainable

recovery from crises recent and longstanding and to forge a better future for all. The structures now in place from our organizational rebrand, the 2023 website overhaul described herein, and the relaunch of our sustainability recognition programs onto one technology platform have allowed us to create early impact.



These foundational pieces, coupled with the strengthening of our growing network convenings, again in-person and infused with new energy and interaction, create a platform from which we can, collectively, scale to meet the challenges before us.

Onward.

JOYLETTE PORTLOCK, PH.D.
Executive Director



MISSION

To empower decision-making that builds a fundamentally equitable, resilient, healthy, and prosperous region.



VISION

A thriving region where stakeholders are connected, sustainability knowledge is shared and applied, and all people can succeed.

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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

2023 marked a milestone year for Sustainable Pittsburgh as we celebrated 25 years of impact and honored those who make our work possible. This momentous occasion brought together friends, partners, and supporters, from early on in Sustainable Pittsburgh's history and from our more recent activities, for a vibrant and joyous celebration.

The event featured inspiring remarks from Executive Director Joylette Portlock, Ph.D., alongside special guests Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and City of Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey. A highlight of the night was a captivating fireside chat with Dr. Portlock and Sustainable Pittsburgh's founding executive director, Court Gould. Together, they traced the organization's remarkable legacy and explored exciting opportunities to forge a better future for all.

Here's to 25 years of igniting change for a better tomorrow!



Above: Executive Director Joylette Portlock, Ph.D., and Sustainable Pittsburgh's founding executive director Court Gould in a fireside chat discussing the legacy and future of Sustainable Pittsburgh.

Right: City of Pittsburgh Mayor Ed Gainey, Executive Director Joylette Portlock, Ph.D., and County Executive Rich Fitzgerald pose together at the event.



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B.



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A: Guests enjoying food and socializing at the event. **B:** MCG Jazz pianist Craig Davis and friends setting the tone for the night. **C:** Guests immersed in conversation and celebration.



25 YEARS

SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS



Sustainable Pittsburgh hosts first Venture Outdoors Festival

2001

Champions for Sustainability business network was established



Launch of Sustainable Small Business Designation, later became the Shop program

2008

Fracking in Marcellus Shale formation gains momentum

Sustainable Pittsburgh plays a leadership role in organizing activities for World Environment Day



2010

UN selects Pittsburgh as North American host city for World Environment Day



SUSTAINABLE PITTSBURGH RESTAURANT

Launch of Sustainable Pittsburgh Restaurant



The creation of Sustainable Pennsylvania

2013



Sustainable Pittsburgh publishes "Goals & Indicators" report

2016

Climate Action Summit

Relaunch of recognition programs on new technology platform

2022

Plastics Collaborative formed to tackle single-use plastics

2019

2020

COVID-19 Pandemic

Passage of Inflation Reduction Act

New David L. Lawrence Convention Center earns distinction as largest LEED-certified building at the time

2003

1998

Sustainable Pittsburgh is founded



2004

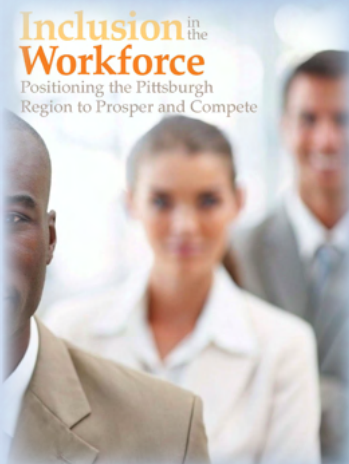
Sustainable Pittsburgh publishes "Southwestern Pennsylvania Citizens' Vision for Smart Growth: Strengthening Communities and Regional Economy"



Pittsburgh hosts the G20 Summit

2009

Publication of "Inclusion in the Workforce: Positioning the Region to Prosper and Compete"



Paris Agreement adopted by 196 Parties at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21)

2015

2011

Launch of the Green Workplace Challenge



2017

CEOs for Sustainability convened for first time

2018

Straw Forward art installation



SUSTAINABLE PITTSBURGH WORKPLACE

Passage of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

2021

Beginning of Clean Energy Workforce Roundtable



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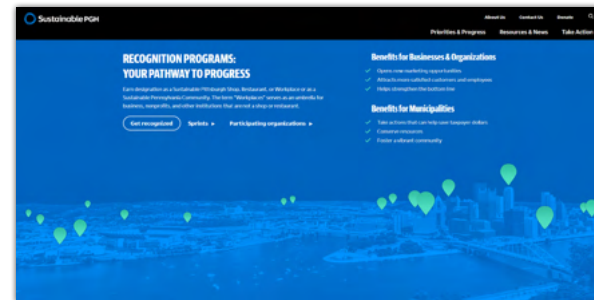
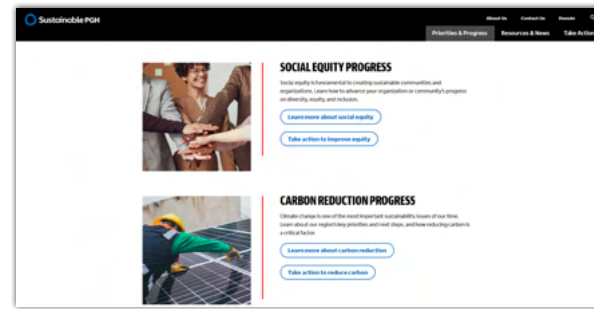
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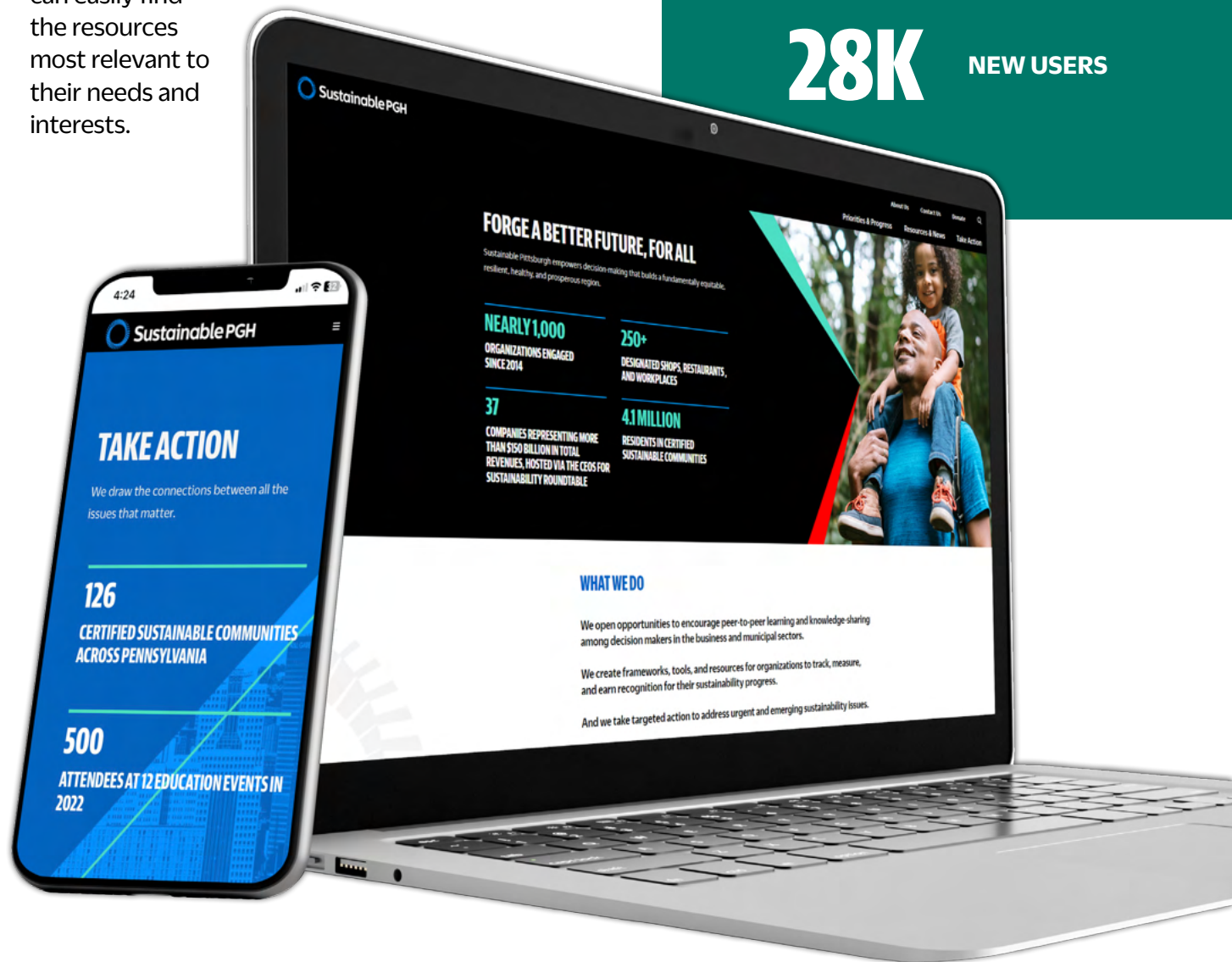
Improving our communications

In 2023, Sustainable Pittsburgh unveiled its revamped website with a clear mission: to improve the understanding of sustainability and its relevance to all audiences. Our goal is to foster an understanding of who Sustainable Pittsburgh is and our multifaceted role in the region.

Through user friendly navigation and intuitive design, our new website serves as a hub for accessible information. We prioritize providing clear pathways for audiences to access the information they seek, ensuring that everyone can easily find the resources most relevant to their needs and interests.



91K PAGE VIEWS
28K NEW USERS



URGENT CHALLENGES. SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS.

Progress on advancing an equitable, multi-sector decarbonization strategy for our region

In 2022, Sustainable Pittsburgh, along with more than 200 stakeholders, identified three regional priorities for decarbonization: change at scale, meaningful community engagement, and measurement and accountability. Using these as guides, we focused on several immediate next steps in 2023, including advancing equitable workforce development and securing federal investment that centers equity.

Serving in our role as convener, we grew the number of organizations participating in our clean energy workforce roundtable, aiming to break down silos and foster increased connectivity. Convening this group since 2021, we intentionally bring together a broad cross-section of stakeholders that include employers, training centers, nonprofits, workers, and many others.



Above: Panel discussion at the 'Workforce Development: The Clean Energy Challenge in Southwest PA' event, hosted by the Energy Efficiency Alliance, Sustainable Pittsburgh, and E2.

Our work in this space was recognized nationally in the summer of 2023, when Jobs for the Future selected Sustainable Pittsburgh as a Quality Green Jobs Regional Challenge Member. We were one of 20 anchor institutions selected across the country out of a pool of 101 applicants. Being part of this national cohort enables us to access more information and support as we continue to ensure our region can meet the demands for clean energy workers with a diverse and appropriately trained workforce.

To raise awareness of federal funding opportunities, Sustainable Pittsburgh also hosted a series of webinars for local governments and communities throughout the year. Hosted via our Sustainable Community Development Network, the well-attended sessions featured guest speakers covering topics on environmental justice and Justice40, clean energy, and energy efficiency.

In November, during the C-Suite Summit we co-host with CEOs for Sustainability, we unveiled the Decarb Digest, a growing online resource for businesses, communities, and other institutions to access funding opportunities, resources, and updates on our progress as a region.

Reducing carbon emissions and mitigating climate change risk are more important than ever. Marking our 25 years as a nonprofit, we are doubling down in our work during this anniversary year to ignite change for a better tomorrow.

OUR KEY ROLES IN THE REGION

Sustainable Pittsburgh is a **Convener, Catalyst, Teacher, Resource, and Thought Leader.**

We embody these roles through:

- Peer learning and collaborative problem-solving - We convene networks to share learnings, and design and catalyze solutions to the region's most pressing problems.
- Accelerating progress - We help individual organizations think about sustainability strategically and comprehensively, to jumpstart their progress and keep improving.
- Information to action - We provide knowledge about best practices and connectivity to information, partners, and opportunities to take targeted action.

Convener

Do more, together.

Sustainable Pittsburgh brings people to the table, providing a forum for discussion, learning and collaborative action, both within and across sectors.

CEOs for Sustainability

Since 2017, Sustainable Pittsburgh has convened the CEOs for Sustainability executive network, providing a forum for C-level executives from the region's leading companies to share thought leadership on business sustainability and collaborate in growing the ranks of companies throughout southwestern Pennsylvania that pursue sustainability. This year CEOs for Sustainability members continued their efforts toward advancing a comprehensive, equitable, regional decarbonization strategy, while exploring federal funding opportunities centering on social equity and environmental justice.

In November, the group hosted its annual C-Suite Summit at the Energy Innovation Center. With **nearly 100 in attendance** and important

opportunities for networking, the gathering featured a keynote by Tom Hucker, Senior Consultant for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Loan Programs Office.

CEOs for SUSTAINABILITY



Above: CEOs for Sustainability posing together at the Energy Innovation Center during the C-Suite Summit.

37 PARTICIPATING COMPANIES

7 TRAININGS & EVENTS IN 2023

330+ PARTICIPANTS ACROSS MEETINGS & EVENTS

Left: Featured speakers and CEOs for Sustainability members during a panel discussion at the CEOs for Sustainability C-Suite Summit. Left to right: Raymond W. Yeager (DMI Companies), Jim Penna (Eos Energy Enterprises), Tom Hucker (U.S. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office), and Jana Lake (3R Sustainability).

Sustainability Practitioners Network

The Sustainability Practitioners Network held a networking session during the CEOs for Sustainability C-Suite Summit. Sustainable Pittsburgh staff members along with long-time sustainability champion and practitioners' 2023 co-chair Phyllis Barber, announced plans to reinvigorate the network, which Sustainable Pittsburgh launched in 2008. Barber is Director, ESG and Sustainability at Highmark Health, and a Sustainable Pittsburgh board member.

The following individuals stepped forward to co-lead going forward:

- **Craig Bushey**, Director of Environment & Sustainability, Electric Thermal Solutions – Chromalox, Thermocoax, Durex & Vulcanic
- **John Irvine**, Director of Environmental and Social Responsibility, Koppers, Inc.
- **Taylor Pelow**, ESG Consultant, 3R Sustainability
- **Kayla Reddington**, Regional Sustainability Manager, Turner Construction
- **Aurora Sharrard**, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Sustainability, University of Pittsburgh

We're pleased to build upon this momentum and excitement as we continue to convene our region's practitioners to exchange information, build connections, and advance organizational sustainability in our region.

Below: Kelly Henderson, Director of Programs, engaging with a guest during a Practitioners Network meeting.



DISCOVER (*Defining Intersectional Sustainability to Collaboratively Optimize for a Vibrant and Equitable Region*)

Sustainable Pittsburgh has served as the backbone organization for DISCOVER, convening diverse groups across the community to foster connectivity and create shared goals and measures for our region's sustainability progress.

In March 2023, over 50 individuals representing more than 40 organizations gathered for a full-network convening at the University of Pittsburgh. This was the first time the DISCOVER steering committee and working groups convened in-person to discuss regional data and corresponding shared narratives.



Above: Guests smiling and conversing at a table during the DISCOVER convening at the University of Pittsburgh.

Offering a forum for facilitated and organic conversations served as a great starting point to kick off a new phase of more in person, collaborative visioning work. All four working groups: Environment, Equity, Health, and Infrastructure convened multiple times across the fall. These meetings resulted in collaborative visioning across all 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, some interesting data insights, and an exercise in ecosystem mapping led by the Western Pennsylvania Regional Data Center. Sharing of DISCOVER's findings is ongoing, with a second article submitted for publication in the Tropman Report and a forthcoming expanded website.

Of particular note in 2023, Sustainable Pittsburgh's Executive Director, Joylette Portlock, Ph.D. and Carnegie Mellon's Director of the Sustainability Initiative, Alexandra Hiniker, traveled to New York City to present DISCOVER's work at an Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)-Lumina Foundation side-event during the High-level Political Forum — an event mobilizing an international network of experts and policymakers to discuss opportunities and challenges to achieve the Global Goals. The opportunity showcased the work of DISCOVER on an international platform and demonstrated our region's coordinated action to achieve true impact across southwestern PA.

Steering Committee:



Above: Dr. Joylette Portlock with Trademark Threads, the top scorer in the Social Equity Sprint's Workplace category, posing with their award.



Above: Dr. Joylette Portlock with Bike Share Pittsburgh, the top scorer in the Social Equity Sprint's Shop category, posing with their award.



Above: Social Equity Sprint awards on display at the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Sprints

Sprints are friendly, timebound competitions that enable businesses, organizations, and municipalities to compete against peers to earn points for actions that advance impact on a critical topic. The Social Equity Sprint, our inaugural sprint, ran for four months, concluding in February 2023 with **24 participants**. During that time, competitors took **nearly 500 actions** toward advancing social equity in workplaces and communities. Sustainable Pittsburgh recognized the top scorers during the 25th anniversary celebration in May.

The zoning ordinance provides for or accommodates a full range of housing opportunities.



Does your organization have a written anti-discrimination policy?



Above: Two example actions from the Social Equity Sprint.

Congratulations to the top scorers!

Workplace Category
Trademark Threads

Shop Category
Bike Share Pittsburgh

Restaurant Category
Allegheny General Hospital Cafeteria

Municipal Category
City of Scranton

November 2023 marked the launch of the Carbon Reduction Sprint with participating organizations taking action on carbon-emissions reduction. Points are earned by adopting clean energy, promoting multi-modal transit options, protecting green space, and practicing sustainable procurement strategies among other actions. The competition concludes in June 2024.

Teacher

Through our depth of knowledge and expertise, Sustainable Pittsburgh shares information with business and community leaders across southwestern Pennsylvania.

Educational Events

Throughout 2023, Sustainable Pittsburgh hosted meetings and events for C-Suite executives, sustainability practitioners, municipal managers, community leaders, and others interested in advancing sustainability. In our role as teacher, we aim to share knowledge and equip stakeholders with the information they need to make decisions that build a fundamentally equitable, resilient, healthy, and prosperous region. We covered themes around social equity and environmental justice, decarbonization, workforce development, and more.

This year Sustainable Pittsburgh introduced "Policy Connection," a series of webinars hosted via its Sustainable Community Development Network, to raise awareness of federal funding opportunities available for municipalities and nonprofits. The webinars drew connections between funds enacted through legislation like the Inflation Reduction Act and how they can support communities in their efforts to mitigate the impacts of climate change. The **five 2023 sessions**, with an average of **50 registrants** apiece, featured guest speakers covering topics on environmental justice and Justice40, clean energy, and energy efficiency.

Speaking Engagements

Sustainable Pittsburgh's team of subject matter experts engaged in **17 speaking opportunities** with partner organizations and other regional community leaders. While addressing a range of topics with a diverse set

of audiences, the overarching themes centered on decarbonization, climate change, and the advancement of the clean energy workforce. Emphasizing social equity, each engagement shared information, encouraged action, and highlighted our commitment to a thriving region.



21

EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS & EVENTS

800+

PARTICIPANTS ACROSS MEETINGS & EVENTS

SCDN POLICY CONNECTION:

VITALIZING JUSTICE40 OPPORTUNITIES

SCDN POLICY CONNECTION:

CLEAN ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



ADVANCING SOCIAL EQUITY IN YOUR WORKPLACE

February 16, 12 PM - 1 PM

SustainablePittsburgh.org/advancing-social-equity

SCDN POLICY CONNECTION:

ACTIVATING MUNICIPAL SUSTAINABILITY TEAMS TO ATTRACT FUNDING

SCDN POLICY CONNECTION:

ACTIVATING CARBON-EMISSIONS REDUCTION THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGIES



Resource

We work to equip organizations with the toolbox they need to meet their sustainability goals and priorities.

A PATHWAY TO PROGRESS

Recognition Programs

Sustainable Pittsburgh's recognition programs provide a step by step process to track and measure sustainability progress. These voluntary programs present a framework that organizations can use to drive measurable impact at organizations and in communities. Each recognition program is tailored for a specific sector with appropriate assessments, resources, and benefits.

In 2023, we saw 153 new recognition program accounts created across Sustainable Pittsburgh Restaurant, Shop, Workplace, and Sustainable Pennsylvania. Of those created accounts, 21 businesses, organizations, and communities have completed designation with 71 additional accounts in progress working to complete actions and earn points toward designation.

153 PROGRAM ENGAGEMENTS STARTED
71 NEW ACCOUNTS
21 PROGRAM ENGAGEMENTS COMPLETED
5 PROGRAM RE-ENGAGEMENTS

Testimonials

“The Community-Serving Business Practices section was very helpful. These are all things that I'd love to pursue in the future! I feel strongly that our connection to our community is as vital to being a sustainable wedding florist as our composting practices.”

“We learned about how to link Duquesne Light directly to our portfolio manager so we can better track and report our energy data. We have also been able to brainstorm ideas on how we can reduce our energy uses in different departments of our workspace.”

“We were able to calculate how we reduce our GHG emissions by sending & receiving deliveries efficiently. Calculating this data gave us a better understanding of where we currently stand and how we can work to reduce GHG emissions even more.”

“Completing this section gave our organization a lot to think about when it comes to strategic sustainability. We now have new ideas and goals that we might not have thought of prior to this assessment like stronger leadership engagement with sustainability and strengthening our sustainability network through community outreach.”

Advancing Sustainable Solutions in Rural and Underserved Communities

Sustainable Pittsburgh continued to forge new partnerships through its recognition programs with two projects focused on advancing sustainable practices within disadvantaged and rural communities. Within Wilksburg Borough and in several rural communities located in Allegheny, Armstrong, Butler, Fayette, Indiana, Lawrence and Washington Counties, fifteen businesses, organizations, or municipalities utilized the frameworks of the recognition programs to evaluate their sustainable practices. With the help of generous foundation support and through a competitive application, we were able to award nearly \$15,000 in grant funding to participating businesses for the purchase of energy efficient equipment. Two of these businesses were Nancy's Revival Diner and Blackberry Meadows Farm Store.

Along with a Silver Sustainable Pittsburgh Restaurant designation, Nancy's Revival Diner was awarded a grant to purchase a new sandwich/salad cooler. With this upgrade Nancy's will be saving nearly \$500/year and reducing annual energy use by 2,316 kWh or 1.6 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent.



Above: Nancy's Revival Diner has been a staple in the Wilksburg community for nearly 45 years. Led by owner Jordan Robarge, Nancy's possesses a strong social mission, and is known to be a diverse and welcoming space where everyone is treated with respect.

Blackberry Meadows received a Silver Sustainable Pittsburgh Shop designation and was also awarded a grant to support the purchase of a single walk-in freezer, replacing thirteen reach-in freezers on the farm. With this upgrade the farm will save nearly \$600/yr and reduce annual energy use by 3,300 kWh or 2.3 metric tons of CO₂ equivalent.



Above: Located in Fawn Township, Allegheny County, Blackberry Meadows Farm is a family-run certified organic fruit and vegetable farm that uses ethical, pastured principles for raising pigs, turkeys and chickens for producing pork, poultry, and eggs.



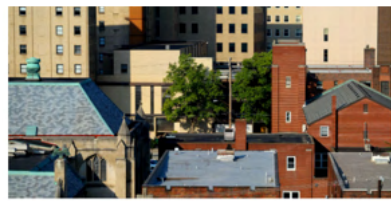
Above: Flyer promoting our recognition programs, specifically focused on Wilksburg restaurant and food businesses.

Thought Leader

Sustainable Pittsburgh is well-positioned to elevate topics from talent attraction to cleaner air, soil, and water, and to serve as a visionary leader for our region.

Our Policy Watch blog posts, shared through our email newsletter, social media, and website, provide expert analysis on relevant state and federal policies that impact sustainability progress locally. This year we covered beneficial electrification and the evolution of environmental justice, which explored the intersection of environmental justice, climate justice, and climate action. We also called out national events that were happening to share the visceral reminder that climate impacts are here and now and getting worse: unhealthy air caused by wildfires, increased pressure on the Texas power grid during a record-breaking heatwave, and the Florida cases of malaria – a disease that spreads more easily in warmer climates and had not been transmitted in the U.S. for 20 years.

Throughout our programming, we highlighted new federal tools that can help direct investments to overburdened communities. We researched which municipalities in southwestern Pennsylvania could potentially access this funding using the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, which features an interactive map using data to demonstrate which census tracts are experiencing burdens related to climate change, energy, health, housing, legacy pollution, transportation, water and wastewater, and workforce development. Our correlation of census tracts to municipality makes stakeholder identification easier, and helps make clearer inequality of burdens across the region.



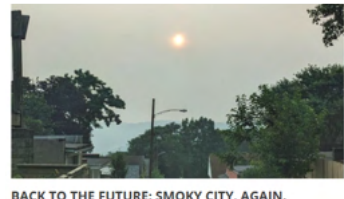
COMMUNITIES WILL DEFINE THE SUCCESS OF OUR REGION'S DECARBONIZATION STRATEGY

Over recent years, policymakers are increasing their focus on communities, recognizing the importance of their role in sustaining equitable solutions and enabling a just transition. Major federal legislation, including the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) all recognize the need to empower and encourage communities to be resilient, connected, and sustainable. So how policymakers define "community" will have important and lasting impacts.



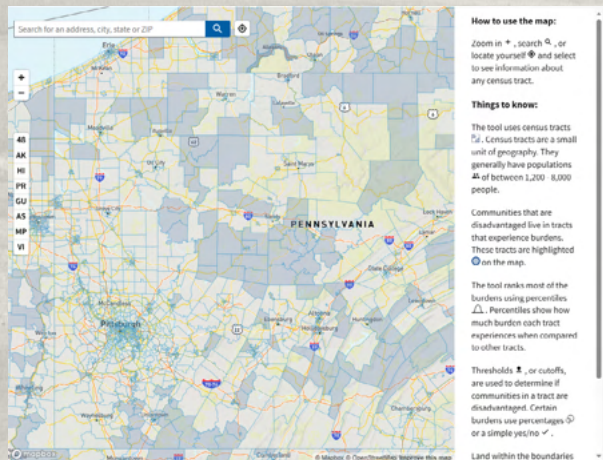
BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION SPARKS A CONFLUENCE OF DECARBONIZATION OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

A regional decarbonization strategy should call for comprehensive innovation across the many systems that sustain society, but the number of pathways can present challenges for policymakers working to advance scalable policy change. Electrification provides a strategy for decarbonization that relies on the intersection of energy systems with businesses, governments, institutions, and society. Although electrification obstacles persist in sectors such as agriculture and industry, the transportation and building sectors exemplify how and why electrification can be beneficial in the pursuit of multi-sector, equity-centered decarbonization.



BACK TO THE FUTURE: SMOKY CITY, AGAIN.

Pittsburgh's smoky skies this week are a reminder both of where we've been, and a reminder of where we need to go. Whether it's the inescapable unhealthy air from wildfires, increased pressure on the Texas power grid during a record-breaking heatwave, or the Florida cases of a malaria, a disease that spreads more easily in a warmer climate and hasn't been transmitted in the US in 20 years, this week has been a visceral reminder that climate impacts are here and now and getting worse.



Above: Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, showing community burdens via 2010 census tract data and indicators.

January 17, 2023 Valley News Dispatch
New Kensington business earns first silver 'sustainable workplace' honor from Sustainable Pittsburgh

January 20, 2023 Pittsburgh Business Times
Sustainable Pittsburgh names sustainable workplace list

January 20, 2023 FOX 53 at 10
Sustainable Pittsburgh Workplace Designation

February 26, 2023 Our Region's Business
Sustainable PGH Workplaces

April 3, 2023 PA Environment Digest
Sustainable Pittsburgh: 40+ Southwestern PA Groups Meet To Explore Shared Visions, Metrics For A Sustainable Region

September 24, 2023 MIT News
Shuffling the Deck - Featuring Joylette Portlock, Executive Director, Sustainable Pittsburgh

September 9, 2023 PA Environment Digest
Sustainable Pittsburgh: Nov. 15 CEOs For Sustainability C-Suite Summit Features Practical Pathways For Businesses To Decarbonize

September 15, 2023 Carnegie Mellon University Libraries
Sustainability Initiative and DISCOVER Network Join Forces Toward Regional Sustainability

Earned Media

Whether it's serving as a subject matter expert or pitching a compelling story, we recognize the importance of uplifting sustainability knowledge with a broad audience.

Sustainable Pittsburgh saw press coverage across numerous outlets in 2023, including the Pittsburgh Business Times and WPXI-TV's "Our Region's Business."

Service to the Community

Sustainable Pittsburgh staff lent their expertise to the following boards and committees in 2023 representing sustainability at strategically important tables:

- Allegheny County Board of Health
- Black Environmental Collective
- Black Equity Coalition Data Group
- CONNECT - Infrastructure & Resilience Working Group
- Environmental Justice Advisory Board, PA Department of Environmental Protection
- Group Against Smog and Pollution Board of Directors
- Hilltop Urban Farm - Technical Advisory Committee
- Homestead Borough Planning Commission
- Millvale Community Library Board of Directors
- Millvale Ecodistrict Collaborative
- North Area Environmental Council
- PA gubernatorial Transition Advisory Committee on Energy & Environment
- PA Solar Center Board of Directors
- Pittsburgh Food & Beverage Network - Senior Advisor
- PULSE Pittsburgh Board of Directors
- Restaurant Opportunities Center - Behind the Kitchen Door Project Advisory Committee
- Steel Valley School District Community Advisory Board
- Sustainable States Network - Steering Committee
- Riverwise Board of Directors

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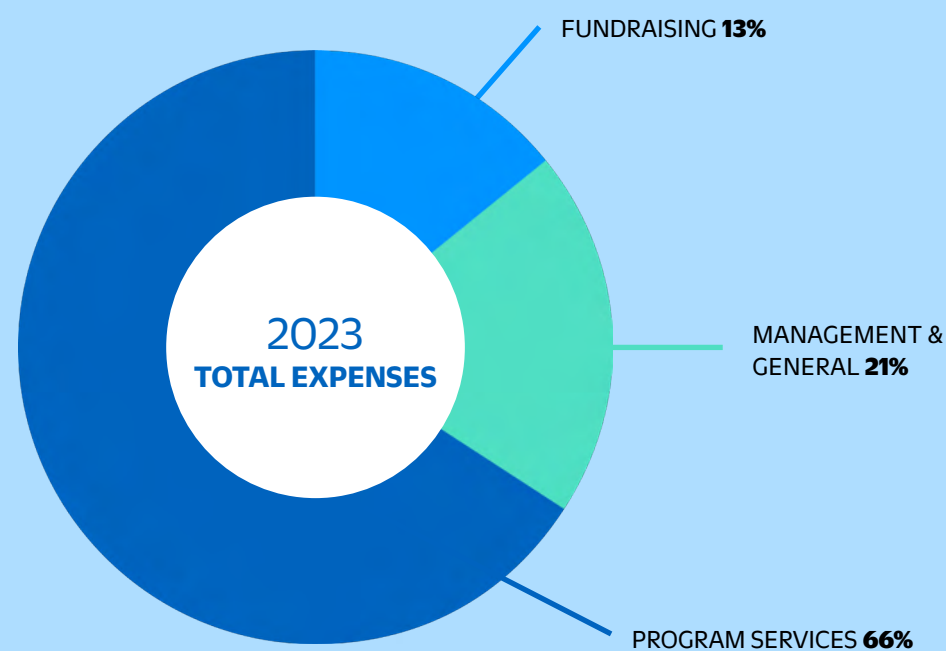
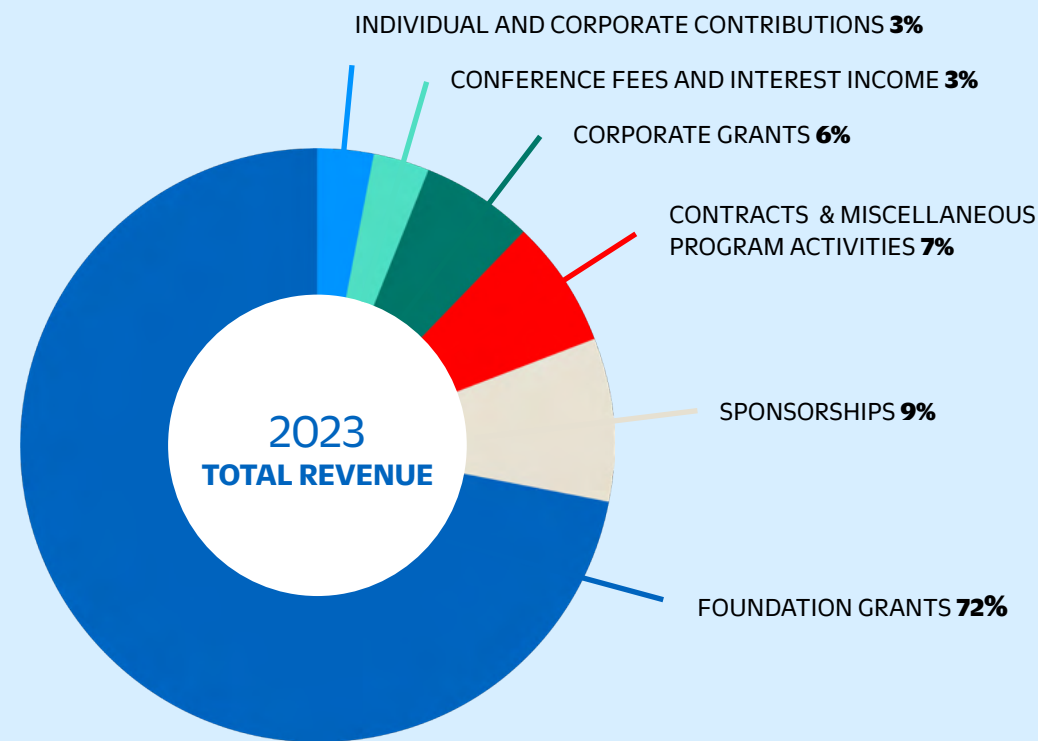
Eat'n Park Hospitality Group **Franklin Energy**

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2023 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The following charts reflect information from our most recent audited financial statements.



Sustainable Pittsburgh is committed to building the knowledge, perspective, and ability needed to create a better tomorrow for our region. We're optimistic, having worked with nearly a thousand businesses, communities, and organizations to take action using our customized frameworks to track progress and simultaneously advance social equity, environmental stewardship, and prosperity. The strategic networks we host leverage the collective expertise and diverse perspectives within our region to ensure our communities can meet our challenges today and thrive into the future. Together, we are co-creating a fundamentally equitable, resilient, healthy, and prosperous southwestern Pennsylvania.



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