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# Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2016-17

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# 1 Introduction

Raritan Valley Community College continues to demonstrate its commitment to addressing the issue of climate change by becoming carbon neutral for Scope 1 (direct emissions from natural gas, oil, and gasoline) and Scope 2 (indirect emissions from purchased electricity) in fiscal year 2017. Scope 3, which includes emissions from student and employee commuting, is not included in this inventory. Carbon neutrality is defined as having no net emissions after minimizing the carbon footprint as much as possible and offsetting the remaining emissions. To our knowledge, RVCC is the first two-year institution of higher education in the US to reach carbon neutrality for Scopes 1 and 2.

The College has increased its energy efficiency for over a decade and continues to do so. In addition, this year the College has offset all remaining Scope 1 emissions by purchasing Carbon Offsets, mostly for India wind energy and some for the capture of landfill gas. Since 2014, the College has offset all remaining Scope 2 emissions by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits for US wind energy.

This report summarizes Raritan Valley Community College's greenhouse gas emissions for the 2016-17 fiscal year (July 1-June 30), which will be referred to simply as 2017. This profile is intended to be a calculation designed to help the College better evaluate the current impact of their operations and facilities on GHG, and to help measure GHG emission reductions compared to the 2004-5 FY baseline (reported in 2011). 2008, 2011, and 2014 data are also provided for comparison.

RVCC's emission inventory includes Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions of three major GHGs identified in the Kyoto Protocol, namely Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), and Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O). To calculate emissions, the College used the new SIMAP™ tool (see Section 2.2 for details). SIMAP™ does not quantify Hydrofluorocarbon (HFC), Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC), Sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>), or Perfluorocarbon (PFC) emissions. It does calculate CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emissions from refrigerants, called fugitive emissions, in Scope 1 calculations. SIMAP™ also reports NO<sub>x</sub> emissions but does not include these in Scope 1 calculations. Given the nature of RVCC's operations, emissions of HFCs, HCFCs, SF<sub>6</sub>, PFCs, and NO<sub>x</sub> are expected to be insignificant; the majority of emissions are expected to be in the form of CO<sub>2</sub>, with much smaller portions of N<sub>2</sub>O and CH<sub>4</sub>.

## 1.1 Campus Overview

Raritan Valley Community College, founded in 1969, is a 2-year public, community college located in North Branch, New Jersey. Located on a property of 242 acres, the College's campus consists of 15 buildings, 10 parking areas and wooded and riparian areas.

## 1.2 Environmental Agreements

In March 2009, Raritan Valley Community College considered joining the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC, the Commitment), a coalition of colleges and universities concerned about the impacts of global warming and dedicated to reducing their institutions' greenhouses gas (GHG) emissions. RVCC decided not to join the ACUPCC because of the pledge to achieve carbon neutrality, which we were not sure was possible.

ACUPCC signatories were to select two or more of seven specified tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gases. Raritan Valley Community College has implemented two such actions:

1. Establish a policy that all new campus construction will be build to at least the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver standard or equivalent.
2. Adopt an energy-efficient appliance purchasing policy requiring purchase of ENERGY STAR certified products in all areas for which such ratings exist.

Rather than joining the ACUPCC, in 2009 Raritan Valley Community College pledged to reduce its environmental impact and raise environmental awareness by signing an agreement of environmental stewardship with the EPA. The agreement is in the form of a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) (MOU). RVCC is the first community college in the nation to sign an environmental stewardship agreement with the EPA.

Using EPA guidelines and voluntary programs, RVCC developed policies and programs that focus on protecting and bettering the environment, allowing RVCC to take a leadership role in this area. This agreement enabled RVCC to actively pursue and document green initiatives that benefit our faculty, staff, students and community. Although the EPA program was shut down in 2016, the College continues to follow the program's guidelines.

## 1.3 Other GHG Incentives

In February 2007, Governor Jon S. Corzine signed Executive Order No. 54 mandating that greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in New Jersey be reduced by twenty (20) percent to the levels of 1990 by the year 2020. The mandate further required an eighty (80) percent reduction below 2006 emission levels by the year 2050. Governor-elect Phil Murphy has promised to raise the 2050 goal to 100% clean energy.

In 2010, Raritan Valley Community College became a charter member of the American Association of Sustainability in Higher Education's (AASHE) [Sustainability Tracking and Reporting System \(STARS\) program](#). In qualifying Raritan Valley Community College for the Silver rating in this program, the College provided data and documentation in a broad range of sustainability-related areas. As part of this process, the college estimated emissions for

academic year 2004-2005, and calculates greenhouse gas emission reductions based on this data. The GHG data presented here will be included in the College's 2018 STARS rating submission. The College currently has a Silver rating and is ranked #7 nationally for overall sustainability at two-year institutions.

## **2 Inventory Methodology**

### **2.1 Emission Scopes**

Institutional sources of greenhouse gas emissions are conventionally divided into three different scopes. These distinctions identify operational boundaries for institutions to "scope" their sources of emissions and to provide accountability for prevention of "double counting" or conversely, "double credits". These three scopes, numbered in degrees of removal from institutional control, are as follows.

#### **2.1.1 Scope 1 (Direct Emissions)**

Scope 1 refers to all direct emissions from facility operations. As per established reporting protocols, this is a required reporting category and incorporates emissions from sources owned and controlled by facility. Raritan Valley Community College's Scope 1 or Direct Emissions come from the following sources:

1. Stationary combustion of fossil fuels
2. Vehicle emissions from campus owned fleet
3. Refrigerant releases
4. Other fuel combustion from maintenance operations (lawn mowers, etc.)

Note that fertilizer emissions count in Scope 1, but RVCC did not use any fertilizer in 2014.

#### **2.1.2 Scope 2 (Indirect Emissions from Purchased Energy)**

This scope includes all indirect emissions that result from the purchase of electricity, heat, or steam, but occur at sources owned or controlled by another company. Scope 2 is also a required reporting category in GHG reporting protocols. Raritan Valley Community College's indirect emissions from purchased energy result from the following:

1. Indirect emissions generated in the production of electricity consumed by the institution
2. Emissions offset by the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates

#### **2.1.3 Scope 3 (Other Indirect Emissions)**

Scope 3 emissions are a consequence of the activities of an entity, occurring from sources not owned or controlled by the facility. These activities may include employee and student commuting, and emissions at landfills and wastewater treatment plants as a result of the solid

waste and wastewater generated at the college. Scope 3 emissions are not included in this inventory.

## 2.2 Tool

In previous years, the campus GHG inventory was calculated using a standardized greenhouse gas calculator, Clean Air-Cool Planet's CarbonMAP online tool. University of New Hampshire took over management of this tool and in September 2017 replaced it with SIMAP™ (Sustainability Indicator Management and Analysis Platform), created by the University of New Hampshire and available at <https://unhsimap.org/>. Like its predecessor, SIMAP™ uses standard methodologies codified by the GHG Protocol Initiative. It allows for inputting institutional data for each of the Scope 1, 2 and 3 emission sources and automatically calculates carbon and nitrogen emissions.

## 3 Global Warming Potential

The global warming potential (GWP) represents the contribution to global warming by a greenhouse gas or a chemical over a given period of time as compared with the contribution of the same amount of carbon dioxide. All GWP values represent global warming potential over a 100-year time horizon.

Global warming potentials (GWPs) are used to compare the abilities of different greenhouse gases to trap heat in the atmosphere and are based on the radiative efficiency (heat-absorbing ability) of each gas relative to that of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), as well as the decay rate of each gas (the amount removed from the atmosphere over a given number of years) relative to that of CO<sub>2</sub>. The GWP provides a construct for converting emissions of various gases into a common measure, which allows climate analysts to aggregate the radiative impacts of various greenhouse gases into a uniform measure denominated in carbon or carbon dioxide equivalents.

To incorporate and evaluate non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases in the participant's total GHG emissions inventory, the absolute tonnages of the emissions of these GHGs are converted to CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents (E). To do this, the absolute tonnage of a given GHG is multiplied by the GHG's global warming potential (GWP). The table below lists the 100-year GWPs used to express emissions on a CO<sub>2</sub> - equivalent basis. The GWP data was obtained from the SIMAP tool.

**Global Warming Potential (GWP) for Greenhouse Gases**

GAS	100-Year GWP
CO <sub>2</sub>	1
CH <sub>4</sub>	25

<b>N<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>298</b>
HCFC-22	1,810
HFC-134a	1,430
CF <sub>4</sub> (PFC-14)	7,390
SF <sub>6</sub>	22,800

## 4 Institutional Data

The SIMAP™ tool requires the input of institutional data to enable normalized calculations such as energy usage per gross square foot and emissions per student. It also helps put the GHG results into context across the years, as we work hard to decrease GHG emissions while the institution grows.

### 4.1 Population

SIMAP™ has a different set of population metrics than the old tool, which itself had changing population metrics over time. For simplicity, we show only those metrics used in SIMAP™ in 2017.

<b>FTE Students</b>	5,578
<b>FTE Staff</b>	335
<b>FTE Faculty</b>	241
<b>Distance Education</b>	2,419
<b>FT Staff</b>	219
<b>PT Staff</b>	348
<b>FT Faculty</b>	127
<b>PT Faculty</b>	342

### 4.2 Physical Space

Data is in gross square feet. The Science building addition (which opened in September 2016) is 23,500 feet, an estimated 7,800 of which is lab space. The Workforce building (which opened in May 2017) is 47,000 square feet. This represents a space increase of 13.8% over 2014.

<b>Square feet</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2005</b>
Total Space	580,500	510,000	486,000	486,000	441,000
Laboratory Space	20,300	12,500			
Dining Space	18,000	18,000			
Athletic Facilities	50,000	50,000			

## 5 Weather

Compared to previous years, the weather in FY2017 was much warmer in both the summer and the winter, resulting in more energy spent on cooling and significantly less on heating. Contrasting with this, the polar vortex over the winter of 2013-14 resulted in significant increases in energy usage that year. To compare years, the total number of heating degree days (HDD) and cooling degree days (CDD) are shown below. (Data was sourced from Weather Data Depot.)

	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
HDD	3,490	4,886	4,246	4,121	4,347
CDD	2,005	1,523	1,764	1,519	1,590
Total	5,495	6,409	6,010	5,640	5,937
% more than 2017		17	9	3	8

## 6 Total Emissions

The new SIMAP™ online tool, recommended by the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, was used to calculate campus GHG emissions. Raw data from the input forms are used to automatically calculate emissions of each GHG. Included here are calculations for CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>O.

For each emissions source (such as natural gas combustion), input data (such as MMBtu's of gas) and specific conversion factors are used to calculate GHG emissions for each applicable GHG, in kilograms (kg). Then CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents are calculated for each of these GHGs. These equivalents are then summed and converted to metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCDE). In this way, the equivalent amount of MTCDEs of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is determined for each emissions source, reported as MTDCEs.

**Total gross GHG Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions for 2017 were 5,524.2 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent greenhouse gases (GHG MTCDE). The College purchased 1,876 MTCDE in carbon offsets and 3,650 MTCDE in renewable energy credits (RECs) to offset these emissions, resulting in the College's being carbon neutral in Scopes 1 and 2 for the first time. The carbon offsets are verified, and are mostly India wind (1430 MTCDE) with some landfill gas capture (815 MTCDE). The RECs are Green-e certified US wind.**

### 6.1 Total Emissions by Scope

**RVCC net Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions, which takes REC and carbon offset purchases into account, is -1.8 MTCDE. This means that the College's emissions are carbon neutral (or slightly carbon negative, to be exact). RVCC's Scope 1 and 2 gross emissions decreased by 8.8% since 2014, despite a 13.8% increase in building space.** The relatively favorable weather played a factor in this decrease.



Scope 3 emissions were not calculated for this inventory.

Year-to-year comparison of GHG MTCDE

MTCDE	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
Scope 1 (gross)	1,875.17	1,972.29	2,081.30	2,380.60	5,515
Carbon offsets	1,876.00				
Scope 1 (net)	-0.08				
Scope 2 (gross)	3,649.03	4,035.16	4,252	4,916	4,927
RECs	3,650.00	903.67			
Scope 2 (net)	-0.97	3,131.49	4,252	4,916	4,927
<b>Scope 1 + 2 (gross)</b>	<b>5,524.2</b>	<b>6,007.45</b>	<b>6,333.30</b>	<b>7,296.60</b>	<b>10,442.00</b>
<b>Scope 1 + 2 (gross) % reduction in 2014</b>		<b>8.03%</b>	<b>12.76%</b>	<b>24.28%</b>	<b>47.09%</b>
<b>Scope 1 + 2 (net)</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>5,103.78</b>	<b>6,333.30</b>	<b>7,296.60</b>	<b>10,442.00</b>
<b>Scope 1 + 2 (net) % reduction in 2017</b>		<b>100.04%</b>	<b>100.03%</b>	<b>100.02%</b>	<b>100.02%</b>

## 6.2 Normalized Emissions

The amount of emissions per square foot continues to decrease over time. FTE data represents the total of student (5,578), staff (335), and faculty (241) “full time equivalents”. FTE data is not provided for prior years because the population data collected has changed with the new carbon calculator tool.

	2017	2014	2011	2008
Scope 1+2 (gross)	<b>5,524.2</b>	<b>6,007.45</b>	<b>6,333.30</b>	<b>7,296.60</b>
FTE students, staff, and faculty	6,154			
Total Space	580,500	510,000	486,000	486,000
MTCDE Emissions per FTE	0.898			
Emissions per sq ft building space	0.0095	0.0118	0.013	0.015

## 6.3 Gross Emissions by Greenhouse Gas

The numbers below represent Scope 1 and Scope 2 only. (The SIMAP tool automatically calculates electricity grid transmission and distribution losses, which are Scope 3 have been subtracted out below.)

<b>CH<sub>4</sub> (kg)</b>	301
<b>CH<sub>4</sub> (MTCDE)</b>	7.52
<b>CO<sub>2</sub> (kg)</b>	5,500,230

<b>CO<sub>2</sub> (MTCDE)</b>	5,500.23
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O (kg)</b>	54
<b>N<sub>2</sub>O (MTCDE)</b>	16.11
<b>GHG (MTCDE)</b>	5,524.2

## 7 Gross Emissions by Source

The SIMACS-generated table below shows emissions by source for Scope 1 and Scope 2. All rows are Scope 1 except the last row is Scope 2.

Source	CH <sub>4</sub> (kg)	CH <sub>4</sub> (MTCDE)	CO <sub>2</sub> (kg)	CO <sub>2</sub> (MTCDE)	Biogenic (MTCDE)	N <sub>2</sub> O (kg)	N <sub>2</sub> O (MTCDE)	GHG MTCDE
Direct Transportation Sources: University Fleet: Diesel Fleet	0	0.01	7,006	7.01	0.00	0	0.05	7.07
Direct Transportation Sources: University Fleet: Gasoline Fleet	4	0.11	20,956	20.96	0.00	1	0.44	21.51
On-Campus Stationary Sources: Distillate Oil (#1-4)	4	0.09	24,966	24.97	0.00	0	0.06	25.12
On-Campus Stationary Sources: Natural Gas	150	3.75	1,509,532	1,509.53	0.00	3	0.90	1,514.18
Cogeneration: Natural Gas	30	0.76	306,016	306.02	0.00	1	0.18	306.96
Refrigerants & Chemicals: HFC-134a	0	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.34
Electricity, Steam, and Chilled Water: Electricity	112	2.80	3,631,754	3,631.75	0.00	49	14.48	3,649.03

### 7.1 Scope 1 Emissions (Stationary Sources)

Stationary sources of emissions located on campus include fuel burning equipment such as the co-generation engine, boilers, water heaters, emergency generators, and vehicle fleet. With the exception of the fleet and three diesel emergency generators, all of the equipment combusts natural gas. The facility keeps records of total monthly natural gas usage, which is inclusive of natural gas used by all the equipment located in the buildings. Refrigerants are also included in this category.

MTCDE	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
Stationary Combustion	1846.26	1,914	2,044	2,313	5,482
Mobile combustion	28.57	41	32	29	33
Fugitive emissions (refrigerants)	0.34	16.6	5.3	38.6	unknown

<b>Total Scope 1</b>	<b>1875.17</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>2,081</b>	<b>2,381</b>	<b>5,515</b>
<b>% reduction in 2017</b>		<b>4.91%</b>	<b>9.89%</b>	<b>21.24%</b>	<b>66.00%</b>

### 7.1.1 Cogeneration

Cogeneration is a form of stationary combustion. RVCC operates a cogeneration plant, which opened in 2008. In 2017, the engine was down for several months due to emissions equipment problems. For steam output, MVARh was treated as MWh and then converted to MMBTU.

	2017	2014	2011	2008
Electric Output (kWh)	636,000	702,000	2,944,500	2,160,000
Steam Output (MMBTU)	457	2513.5		
Natural Gas Usage (Therm)	57,717	56,587	141,840	112,840

### 7.1.2 Other On-Campus Stationary

The decline in natural gas consumption since 2005 is due to the cogeneration plant. Solar panels with a 446kW capacity went live in November 2011. Note that RVCC does not own the SRECs (solar renewable energy credits) for the solar array. Generating the electricity on campus reduces distribution loss, which is estimated to be as high as 50%.

	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
#2 heating oil (gal)	2,434	12,524	5,498	4,977	5,381
Natural gas (Therm)	284,710	278,993	233,930	314,720	1,025,650
Solar electricity generated on campus (kWh)	421,285	472,985			

### 7.1.3 Fleet

Fuel consumption for the fleet and diesel emergency generators was calculated based on amount of fuel ordered during the year.

	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
Diesel (gal)	683	1,113	536		479
Gas (gal)	2,363.53	3,317.6	2,998	3,200	3,200
Total MTCDE	28.57	41	32	29	33

### 7.1.4 Refrigerants

A small amount of replacement refrigerants were used. Vending machine refrigerant is based on an average from the vendor and the number of refrigerated vending machines.

lbs	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
R410A		5			
HCFC-22 (R-22)		15	7	50	unknown
HFC-134a (vending machines)	.53	.5	.5		

## 7.2 Scope 2 Emissions (Indirect Emissions from Purchased Energy)

Scope 2 includes emissions from the College's electricity consumption, purchased from commercial power companies (e.g., JCP&L). The College did not purchase any steam or chilled water. Since RVCC does not own the SRECs for its solar array, the electricity used from the array is included in the purchased electricity amount, in accordance with EPA standards.

GHG emissions from the generation of electricity consumed by the College in its owned or controlled equipment and operations are reported as indirect emissions. Consumed electricity is defined as electricity that is purchased or otherwise brought into the organizational boundary of the entity. Scope 2 emissions physically occur at the facility where electricity is generated, and are a special category of indirect emissions.

Raritan Valley Community College uses electricity predominantly for lighting and ventilation purposes at most of the facilities and operations. Some limited heating equipment also operates on electricity.

Beginning in October 2012, RVCC started purchasing 10% renewable energy credits (RECs) in the form of Green-E certified US wind energy. In December 2013, RVCC increased this to 35%. In December 2014, RVCC increased this to 100%. Note that in the SIMAP™ tool, offsets are in the "Sinks" category. They are included in Net emissions numbers below as they are intended to offset purchased electricity.

### Scope 2 Emissions

	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
Purchased Electricity (kWh)	9,325,677	9,307,901	8,211,350	9,493,200	9,420,638
Purchased RECs (kWh)	9,326,000	2,084,500	0	0	0
Gross MTCDE	3649.03	4,035	4,252	4,916	4,927
Net MTCDE	-0.97	3,131	4,252	4,916	4,927
<b>% gross reduction in</b>		<b>9.57%</b>	<b>14.18%</b>	<b>25.77%</b>	<b>25.94%</b>

<b>2017</b>					
<b>% net reduction in 2017</b>		<b>100.03%</b>	<b>100.02%</b>	<b>100.02%</b>	<b>100.02%</b>

Note that the MTCDE per kWh has decreased over the years as the fuel mix for electricity generation has shifted to more natural gas and renewables. This results in lower MTCDE, even though we purchased more electricity.

### 7.3 Scope 3 Emissions (Other Indirect Emissions)

eCO2 MT	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
Commuting		11,033.78	<i>6,720</i>	<i>6,157</i>	<i>5,058</i>
Solid Waste	-6.63	-6.99	268		
Wastewater	4.16	4.26	25.0	19.9	14.4
Office Paper	262.25	66.17	60.9		
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,098.22</b>	<b><i>7494.8</i></b>	<b><i>6663.0</i></b>	<b><i>5557.8</i></b>

Totals for prior years were taken from the 2011 GHG report. Italics indicates that that the numbers are not directly comparable.

#### 7.3.1 Commuting

Transportation mode percentages are from the December 2013 transportation survey. Miles per trip is taken from "A Geographical Analysis of Transportation Demand" by Jay Kelly and Tanya Rohrbach, 2012.

While the historical data is not directly comparable, it is provided here for completeness. Prior to 2014, the method to calculate GHG emissions assumed that students and faculty make five (5) roundtrips per week for thirty (30) weeks per year, and that each roundtrip is approximately 18 miles for all travelers. In addition, it was assumed that two (2) part-time students equal one (1) full-time student, and three (3) adjuncts equal one (1) full-time faculty. Staff and summer travel were not included, though they are for 2014. According to the 2010 survey, 10% of students and 3% of employees carpoled and 1% of students take the bus. As shown in the following subsections, these numbers increased in the 2013 survey. In addition the GHG calculation varied depending on the tool used.

	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
Student miles	15,342,689	20,357,613	<i>15,212,138 (car)</i>		
Fac/Staff miles		2,535,704	<i>1,319,999</i>		
Total miles		22,893,317	<i>16,532,137</i>		
<b>eCO2 MT</b>		<b>11,033.78</b>	<b><i>6,720</i></b>	<b><i>6,157</i></b>	<b><i>5,058</i></b>

### 7.3.1.1 Student Commuting

RVCC does not have on-campus housing. Therefore, all full-time and part-time students commute to campus. We assumed 10 trips/week for  $(3,373+2,835)/2=3,104$  full-timers, and 5 for  $(4,853+4,434)/2=4,644$  part-timers. For 3,825 summer students, assumed 5 trips/week for 9 weeks (multiplied trips/week by 9/30 to fit this data model).

Trips per week:  $31,040+23,220+5,738 = 59,998$

Commuting weeks per year: 30

Trips per year: 1,799,940

Mode data is from the December 2013 transportation survey.

Mode	% of trips	Miles per trip
Walk	1	1
Carpool	15	8.6
Rail	0	8.6
Bus	2	8.6
Personal car	82	8.6

Student passenger miles: 15,342,689

### 7.3.1.2 Faculty Commuting

Mode data is from December 2013 transportation survey for full-time and part-time employees. (Full-time percentages are higher.) Faculty/staff passenger miles calculated from "A Geographical Analysis of Transportation Demand" by Jay Kelly and Tanya Rohrbach, 2012. We assumed 4 trips/week for 347 adjuncts, 10 for 128 full-time faculty.

Trips per week: 2,668

Commuting weeks per year: 39 (30 for spring and fall semesters, 9 for summer)

Trips per year: 104,052

Mode	% of trips	Miles per trip
Walk	3	1
Carpool	9	14.5
Rail	2	14.5
Bus	4	14.5
Personal car	82	14.5

Faculty passenger miles: 1,466,613

### 7.3.1.3 Staff Commuting

Mode data is from Dec 2013 transportation survey for full-time and part-time employees. Travel mode data is the same as in the faculty table above (staff and faculty were not differentiated in the survey). Faculty/staff passenger miles calculated from "A Geographical Analysis of Transportation Demand" by

Jay Kelly and Tanya Rohrbach, 2012. We assumed 6 trips/week for 168 part-timers, 10 trips/week for 64 full-timers.

Trips per week: 1,648

Commuting weeks year: 48

Trips per year: 79,104

Staff passenger miles: 1,069,091

### 7.3.2 Solid Waste

The SIMAP calculation appears to be different from the CarbonMAP one used earlier. The compost data is collected but not used in any calculations.

Short tons	2017	2014	2011
Landfill	221	233	227
Composted	9.35	4	
<b>eCO2 MT (landfill)</b>	<b>-7.51</b>	<b>-6.99</b>	<b>268</b>

#### 7.3.2.1 Landfilled Waste

In 2017, RVCC's waste hauler took **221 short tons** of our waste to the Hunterdon County Transfer Station. The waste then goes to the Grows/Tullytown landfills in PA. These landfills collect methane and send it to a power plant to be converted to energy. This **reduces RVCC's carbon footprint by 6.63 ECO2 MT** (thus the negative ECO2 MT figure above). Prior to 2014, waste was taken to a landfill without methane recovery.

#### 7.3.2.2 Composted Waste

In 2017, RVCC collected **8 short tons of organic material** to be composted off-site. RVCC collects organic in eating and lounge areas around campus. The SIMAP tool does not make any calculations with this data.

### 7.3.3 Wastewater

Sewer service is billed based on water usage. RVCC has fixed major leaks in its water system, resulting in significant decreases in water usage and estimated wastewater since 2014. Wastewater is processed by Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority, which aerobically digests, de-waters, and incinerates the waste.

	2017	2014	2011	2008	2005
Volume (million gallons)	9.14	8.78	48.4	38.2	27.7
<b>ECO2 MT</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>4.26</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>14.4</b>
<b>% emissions reduction in 2017</b>		<b>-2%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>78.6%</b>	<b>70.4%</b>

### 7.3.4 Office Paper

The college buys 30% post-consumer recycled paper. It appears that the emissions calculation for paper has changed in CarbonMAP (2014) and SIMAP (2017). Emissions from paper were not included in the 2005 and 2008 inventories.

	2017	2014	2011
30% recycled paper (reams)	9,600	9,600	10,400
<b>ECO2 MT</b>	<b>262.25</b>	<b>66.17</b>	60.9
<b>% paper reduction in 2014</b>		<b>0%</b>	<b>7.7%</b>