

hi gang,

I queried my professional community about whether they had written or read studies about the outcomes of campus climate planning and got some varied ideas. I will copy the email information here for your benefit.

Hey Julia, Middlebury's Office of Sustainability Integration is probably a good example. I'm not sure there's much published on their impact in the academic literature, but Midd's climate action plan is deeply intertwined with coursework (e.g. a class studied carbon reduction and their plan ended up becoming Midd's first official carbon reduction pledge). Student involvement in the climate plan has led to a lot of changes at the institutional level and also some at the community. Some of the early work on Midd's climate plans came from a group of students who took a class with Jon Isham and were also collaborating with Bill McKibben (longtime Midd visiting scholar). Their work laid the groundwork for many of Midd's climate goals (like divestment - though that took a looong time to achieve). Lots of social learning outcomes - that group ended up forming [350.org](https://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/life/green-mountain/2014/11/06/org-middlebury-college/18608541/) (article here: <https://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/story/life/green-mountain/2014/11/06/org-middlebury-college/18608541/>).

Not sure if this is what you're looking for? Happy to talk more about it or connect you with my former boss at Midd, Jack Byrne. He's really great.

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Subject: RE: campus climate action planning as an object of inquiry
Jeff –

I don't think this is exactly what Dr. Haggerty is looking for, but in the 2020 Climate Action Plan, we included a high level review of the outcomes of activities that were contemplated in the university's original 2011 Climate Action Plan.

This review primarily occurs on Pages 10-11 of the 2020 Climate Action Plan:
https://si.osu.edu/sites/default/files/CAP_Final_04082020.pdf

I would agree with you that we are too early for this type of assessment of the 2020 Climate Action Plan recommendations, but hopefully can include that type of work in the 2025 update. That said, I would note that on Monday (Feb. 1), the university's new sustainable building design and construction policy goes into full effect (with specific energy use intensity targets for the range of built environment spaces we have on campus). This is the first recommendation within the 2020 Climate Action Plan to be fully accomplished.

So, not sure any of that helps at all, but I believe would be the extent of what we have on hand at the moment. Happy to try to answer any further questions, mike.

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To: Haggerty, Julia

Hi Julia,

Several of my students are involved with local climate action plans and I worked with one to evaluate one component of a local plan. In case it's helpful, it's [here](#).

Jeremy