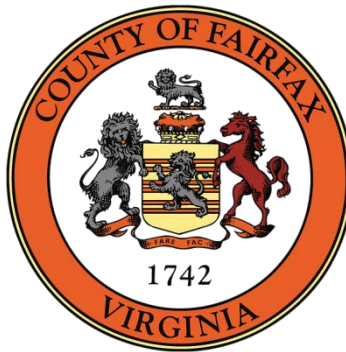


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents a community greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) inventory for Fairfax County, Virginia. These emissions come from both stationary and mobile sources, as a result of commercial, residential, industrial, local government and transportation activities within the jurisdictional boundaries of the county. The inventory establishes 2006 as its baseline year. It then tracks annual emissions for the five-year period from 2006 through 2010.

During the study, there were no nationally recognized guidelines for undertaking a community GHG emissions inventory. Consequently, the county developed its own methodology based on protocols established by the Climate Registry, similar to the approach undertaken by adjacent Arlington County, Virginia.

The Fairfax County GHG inventory includes both direct (Scope 1) emissions generated within the county and energy-related indirect (Scope 2) emissions. Scope 2 emissions result from purchased electricity that is consumed inside the county, regardless of where it was generated.

Greenhouse gases considered include carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. These three chemicals, all related to energy production and consumption, together made up more than 98% of United States' GHG emissions in 2006 (3). Other emissions were deemed either outside the county's political jurisdiction, insignificant and/or infeasible to accurately measure across sectors at the county scale. Data to calculate emissions were provided by federal and commonwealth agencies, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG), public utilities providing service in Fairfax County and Fairfax County Government.

The county's total GHG inventory is composed of the sum of energy-related GHG emissions from stationary and mobile sources. Stationary sources encompass buildings or other fixed, energy-consuming property not attributable to federal or state governments. Stationary energy use includes electricity, natural gas and a tiny amount of fuel oil. Mobile emissions include those associated with on-road traffic originating in and passing through the county, as well as light rail, off-road vehicles and mobile machinery (e.g., lawnmowers). Mobile sources predominantly use gasoline or diesel fuel.

Figure ES-1 and Figure ES-2 present the distribution of 2006 emissions across various stationary and mobile sources, respectively. Stationary sources accounted for 63% of the county's total GHG emissions, primarily from electricity use. As shown in Figure ES-1, residential and commercial sectors each comprised about 46% of stationary

emissions. Local government (including public schools) and industry comprised about 5% and 3%, respectively.

Mobile sources accounted for 37% of total GHG emissions in the county. About 89% of mobile emissions came from on-road vehicles. As shown in Figure ES-2, of this 89%, 46% was attributable to vehicles passing through the county (transient vehicles) and 43% to vehicles registered in the county (local vehicles). Off-road vehicles and machinery comprised 10% of mobile emissions. Together, Metrorail and Virginia Railway Express (VRE) trains accounted for approximately 1% of mobile emissions.

Figure ES-1: Distribution of 2006 GHG emissions from stationary units

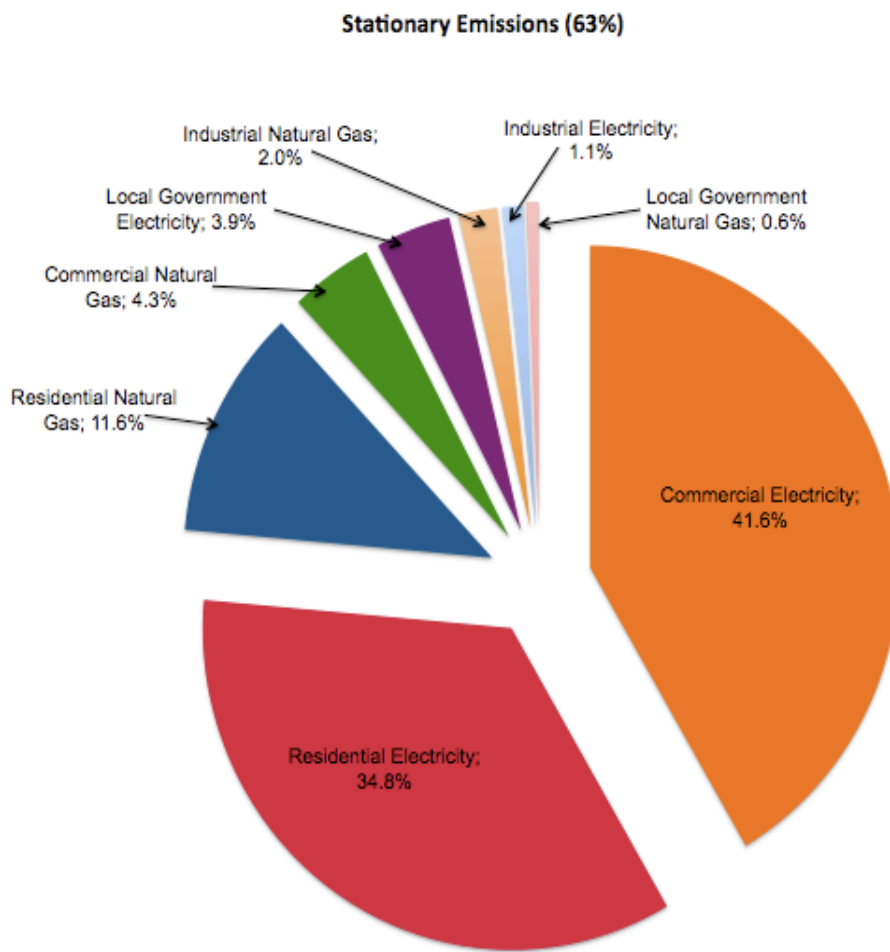


Figure ES-2: Distribution of 2006 GHG emissions from mobile units

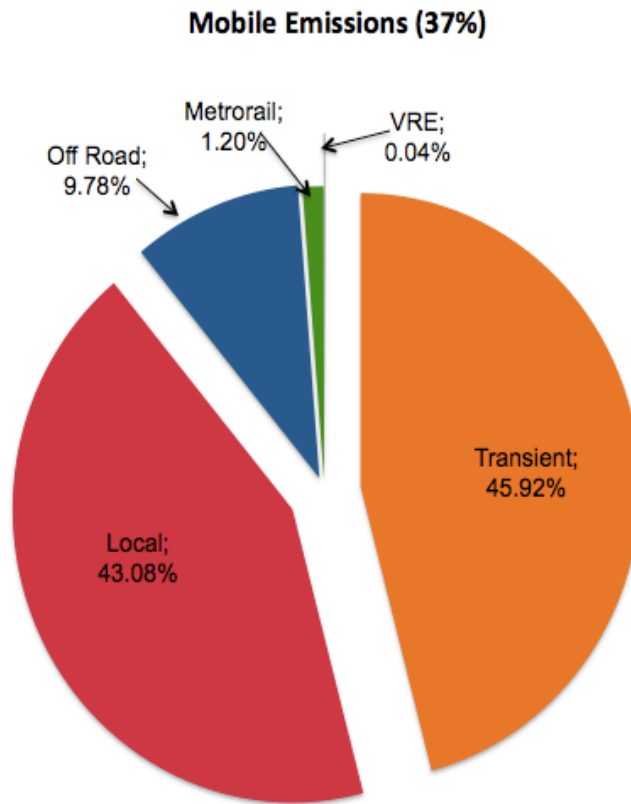


Table ES-1 displays 2006 emissions by sector and source. Total energy-related GHG emissions in 2006 were 11.83 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (Million MTCO₂e), or about 11.41 MTCO₂e per county resident.

As shown in Table ES-1, the majority of stationary emissions were from the residential and commercial sectors, each of which contributed 29% of total emissions. The majority of mobile emissions were from on-road vehicles. Passenger vehicles and motorcycles contributed 24% of total emissions.

Table ES-1: Fairfax County 2006 GHG emissions by source and sector¹

| Emissions Sector and Source | Million MTCO₂e* in 2006 | 2006 Emissions (%) |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| <i>Stationary Sources</i> | | |
| Residential | 3.459 | 29% |
| Commercial | 3.420 | 29% |
| Local government | 0.339 | 3% |
| Industrial | 0.233 | 2% |
| Subtotal | 7.450 | 63% |
| <i>Mobile Sources</i> | | |
| Passenger vehicles | 2.822 | 24% |
| Heavy trucks | 0.596 | 5% |
| Light trucks | 0.486 | 4% |
| Other | 0.484 | 4% |
| Subtotal | 4.388 | 37% |
| TOTAL | 11.838 | 100% |

From 2006 to 2010, yearly GHG emissions rose by 3%, as shown in Table ES-2. Since population grew more than 4% over this period, emissions per resident declined by 1%. This decline resulted from notable drops in commercial (-5%) and industrial (-19%) emissions, countered by slight increases in residential (+3%) and local government (+1%) emissions per resident. By contrast, mobile GHG emissions per resident were constant.

Table ES-2: Year-to-year change in GHG emissions from 2006 to 2010

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Million MTCO ₂ e | 11.838 | 12.211 | 12.097 | 11.978 | 12.217 |
| -- Change vs. 2006 | -- | +3% | +2% | +1% | +3% |
| MTCO ₂ e per resident | 11.41 | 11.72 | 11.57 | 11.39 | 11.30 |
| -- Change vs. 2006 | -- | +3% | +1% | -0% | -1% |

This report includes three appendices. Appendix A provides a list of abbreviations. Appendix B describes methods and calculations. Appendix C details energy use and GHG emissions results by sector and year.

¹ Due to rounding, figures may not sum to subtotals or totals.

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Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Fairfax County, Virginia, 2006–2010

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

This report provides a multi-year greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions inventory for Fairfax County, Virginia, for calendar years 2006 through 2010. Situated in the western portion of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan region (Figure 1), Fairfax County is approximately 400 square miles in area, with a 2010 population of 1.1 million people.

Figure 1: Fairfax County, Virginia



Key GHG Inventory Concepts

Naturally occurring GHGs include water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and ozone. Each gas absorbs and emits infrared radiation, generating warmth in the process. Certain human activities, notably fossil fuel combustion, augment atmospheric GHG concentrations, thereby magnifying the warming effect. Industrial processes also create man-made GHGs, notably fluorinated gases (hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride).

A typical national GHG inventory accounts for six chemicals. In 2006, three GHGs – carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide – accounted for more than 98% of the United States' CO₂e (3).² The three synthetic fluorinated gases accounted for the remainder. At the community scale, these GHG emissions span many economic sectors, including residences, business and commerce, industry, government, transportation, waste management and agriculture. (6).

The territory over which a local government has jurisdictional authority provides the boundary for its community GHG inventory. Each GHG source in the community may produce *direct* emissions inside this boundary as well as *indirect* emissions from activities within the boundary that result in emissions outside the boundary. For inventory reporting purposes, a community's direct and indirect emissions are classified into three scopes, reflecting degrees of expected community control:

- Scope 1. Direct emissions from sources within the community boundary.
- Scope 2. Energy-related indirect emissions from grid-supplied electricity, heating and/or cooling outside the boundary due to consumption within the boundary.
- Scope 3. Other indirect emissions outside the boundary due to activities within the boundary, such as from the trans-boundary exchange of goods, services or waste.

Emerging global standards for community GHG inventories advise including Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions from stationary sources, mobile sources and industrial processes and product use, and Scope 3 emissions from the waste sector. These basic components “enable local government leaders to make policy-relevant conclusions [...] by identifying and prioritizing the accounting of key community-scale GHG emissions drivers.” The protocol permits inventories to exclude “one or more emissions sources,

² Carbon dioxide equivalent, or CO₂e, is the international standard used for expressing GHG emissions for various gases.

for one or more emissions gases which, when summed, represent less than 5% of total GHG emissions.” These are *de minimis* sources of emissions, which are often relatively small, unimportant and difficult to accurately measure and quantify.

1.2 Methodology

At the time this inventory was developed, there was no established protocol for developing a communitywide GHG emissions inventory. Consequently, the development of this inventory relied upon protocols established by the Climate Registry and its partners, including General Reporting Protocol (GRP) and Local Government Operations Protocol (LGOP). In addition, this inventory reflects general guidance from the International Local Government GHG Emissions Analysis Protocol and a communitywide emissions inventory conducted by Arlington County, Virginia, which is adjacent to Fairfax County.

Focus

Energy generation and consumption account for the vast majority of GHG emissions in the United States and Virginia and almost all GHG emissions in Fairfax County. Energy accounted for 87% of total U.S. GHG emissions in 2006 and 90% of Virginia’s GHG emissions in 2005. Energy, agriculture, industry and waste together produced over 99% of their inventoried emissions. The percentage of GHG emissions attributable to energy in Fairfax County is even higher, as the county has virtually no agriculture or industrial activity and uses municipal waste for waste-to-energy power generation.

Fairfax County’s energy-related GHG emissions reasonably approximate its total GHG emissions. As a result, the county’s GHG inventory focuses on Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions from energy use by stationary and mobile sources within the county’s jurisdictional boundary. These emissions are from the transportation, residential, commercial, local government and industrial sectors. These five sectors are defined in descending order from most to least significant as follows:

- *Transportation* (37% of total): On-road vehicles (passenger vehicles, motorcycles, light duty trucks and sport utility vehicles (SUVs), buses and heavy duty trucks), Metrorail rapid transit, Virginia Railway Express (VRE) commuter rail, off-road vehicles, engines and equipment. This incorporates the mobile units from all sectors. On-road vehicles registered within the county (local vehicles) are distinguished from those passing through the county (transient vehicles). Watercraft is scarce and aviation, although present within the region, is largely absent within the jurisdictional boundary of the county.

- *Residential* (29% of total): Private households, including apartment houses, which consume energy primarily for space heating, water heating, air conditioning, lighting, refrigeration, cooking and clothes drying.
- *Commercial* (29% of total): Nonmanufacturing business establishments, including hotels, motels, restaurants, wholesale businesses, retail stores and health, social and educational institutions. Where the use is both residential and commercial, sector is based on principal use.
- *Local government* (3% of total): Various facilities operated by county departments and agencies, including schools, libraries, fire stations and waste management facilities, as well as streetlights.
- *Industrial* (2% of total): Manufacturing, construction, mining, agriculture, fishing and forestry.

Eight categories of greenhouse emissions were excluded from this inventory. These categories and the reasons for their exclusion are:

1. Emissions from sources outside the county's jurisdictional boundary:
 - a. *Federal and state facilities and properties*, including military bases, airports and buildings either owned or leased by the federal or state governments.
 - b. *Utility transmission losses*, which are considered the responsibility of the utility.
2. Emissions that are *de minimis* in Fairfax County:
 - a. *Agriculture, forestry and related industry*, which are virtually nonexistent in Fairfax County.
 - b. *Waste-related emissions*, which are minimal due to Fairfax County's recycling and waste-to-energy facilities. Emissions from the county's waste-to-energy (WTE) plant, which can burn up to 3,000 tons of municipal solid waste per day and generate up to 80 megawatts of electricity per year, as the literature indicates that the facility is neutral to negative in net CO₂e emissions (<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/pdf/10.1021/es802395e>).
3. Emissions that are currently non-quantifiable due to a lack of available data regarding use or consumption in the commercial, residential, and industrial sectors:

- a. *Fugitive emissions* from refrigerant use that are released during equipment installation, use, servicing, or disposal.^[1]
 - b. *Fluorinated gases*, which account for less than 2% of emissions in both Commonwealth of Virginia 2005 and United States' 2006 GHG inventories (http://www.sealevelrisevirginia.net/docs/homepage/GHG_Inventory_final_draft.pdf & <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/gases.html>).
 - c. *Stationary liquid fuels*, except where reported as part of Fairfax County's local government operations.
4. Emissions from water distribution systems, except as related to the operations of the county's Noman M. Cole Jr. Pollution Control Plant and reported as part of Fairfax County's local government operations.^[2]

Reducing water use is a good strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. These Scope 3 activities, however, are not included in inventories of Scope 1 and 2 emissions. The exception to this is for agencies involved in the production and distribution of water or the pumping or treatment of wastewater. For these agencies the resulting greenhouse gas emissions are represented in their overall Scope 1 and Scope 2 inventory of energy consumption.

For more information on Scope 3 emission sources see The Climate Registry: "Local Government Operations Protocol for the quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions inventories" version

1.1 <http://www.theclimateregistry.org/downloads/2010/05/2010-05-06-LGO-1.1.pdf>

^[1] The county estimated fugitive emissions at 0.004% of total emissions from local government operations, based on a simplified material balance method.

^[2] Energy use and corresponding emissions are included for those County agencies involved in the production and distribution of potable water or the pumping or treatment of wastewater. However, for most Fairfax County Government agencies, residents and businesses, the energy use and consequential greenhouse gas emissions from the use of water distribution is not within the direct financial or operational control of the agency, individual or business consuming the water. These greenhouse gas emissions therefore are considered a Scope 3 emissions source that is excluded from this inventory.

Data Collection and Processing

Area utilities, federal and commonwealth agencies, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and various Fairfax County government departments each contributed input data for this countywide GHG inventory. Total GHG emissions were then calculated from the sum of GHG emissions from each measured source, sector and energy usage type.

Because the county's inventory is focused on energy-related GHG emissions, GHG emissions from stationary sources reflect the use of electricity or natural gas in the commercial, residential, local government and industrial sectors. Local government agencies and utilities provided direct measurements of stationary energy use for electricity, natural gas and fuels. GHG emissions from mobile sources in the transportation sector generally reflect the use of gasoline or diesel fuel. For on-road vehicles (excluding the local government fleet), this fuel use was estimated as a function of vehicle miles traveled divided by fleet mileage (MPG). Comparable indirect methods were used for local trains, off-road vehicles, engines and machines.

GHG emissions are measured in units of metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e) per year. CO₂e is the international standard for expressing GHG emissions for various gases (4). GHGs are converted into CO₂e by multiplying their mass times a chemical-specific global warming potential (GWP) (3,4).

On an annual basis, each source's contribution to total emissions was calculated as:

$$\text{Emissions (in MTCO}_2\text{e)} = \text{Energy} \times \text{Conversion Factor}$$

where energy is the total amount of energy of one type (in kilowatt hours, therms or gallons) used in the county (Scope 1) or as a result of activities within the county (Scope 2) in a given year. Conversion factors for this inventory are presented as Table B-7, Energy-to-CO₂e conversion factors used in this inventory, in Appendix B.

A conversion factor is derived from a type of energy's emission factor and the GWP for each GHG. To do so, emissions factors – defined as the amount of carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide emitted per unit of energy use in that year – are multiplied by the GWP for each chemical: 1 for carbon dioxide, 21 for methane, and 310 for nitrous oxide. Summing the result creates the conversion factor for MTCO₂e per unit of that energy for the year. That is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Conversion Factor} &= \text{sum of (emissions factor} \times \text{GWP) for all GHGs} \\ &= \text{carbon dioxide per unit of energy} \quad \times 1 \\ &+ \text{methane per unit of energy} \quad \times 21 \\ &+ \text{nitrous oxide per unit of energy} \quad \times 310, \end{aligned}$$

| | | | |
|-------|------------------------|---|------|
| where | GWP for carbon dioxide | = | 1 |
| | GWP for methane | = | 21 |
| | GWP for nitrous oxide | = | 310. |

While GWP values remain constant, emissions factors may vary from year to year due to the blend of fuels used to generate electricity for the regional grid, such as the ratio of nuclear fuel to fossil fuel. The resulting annual conversion factor may vary by 2% per kWh, as it did in the county's Virginia/Carolina sub-region between 2006 and 2010.

Total GHG emissions for a particular year were produced by summing emissions per the calendar year across all energy types, sectors and sources.

1.3 Overview of Results

For the baseline year 2006, Fairfax County's energy-related GHG emissions were 11,838,076 MTCO₂e or 11.41 MTCO₂e per county resident. Figure 2 shows that transportation accounted for 37% of total county GHG emissions. Stationary sources accounted for the remaining 63% of total GHG emissions. Residential and commercial sectors each accounted for 29%, local government 3% and industry 2% of emissions.

Figure 2: 2006 Fairfax County GHG emissions, by sector

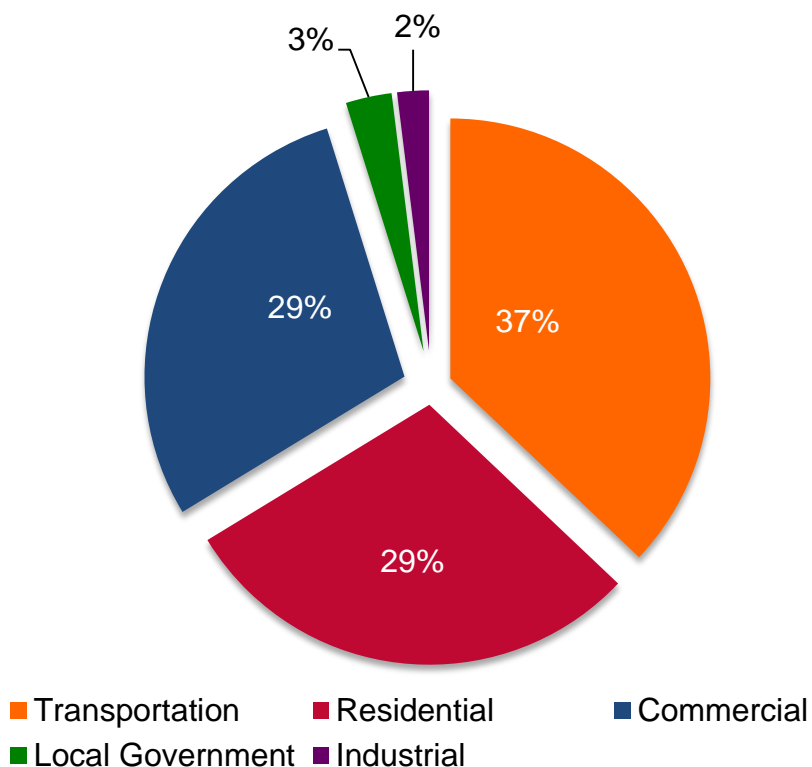
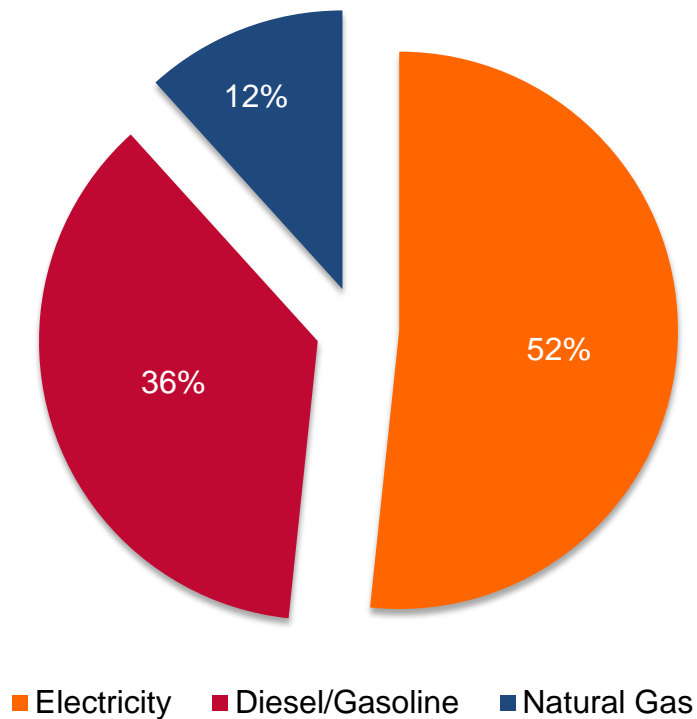


Figure 3 presents GHG emissions by energy type. Electricity and natural gas consumption by stationary sources produced 64% of all recorded GHG, with the vast majority – 52% – due to electricity consumption. Combustion of mobile fuels – diesel and gasoline – produced 36% of GHGs.

Figure 3: 2006 Fairfax County GHG emissions, by energy type



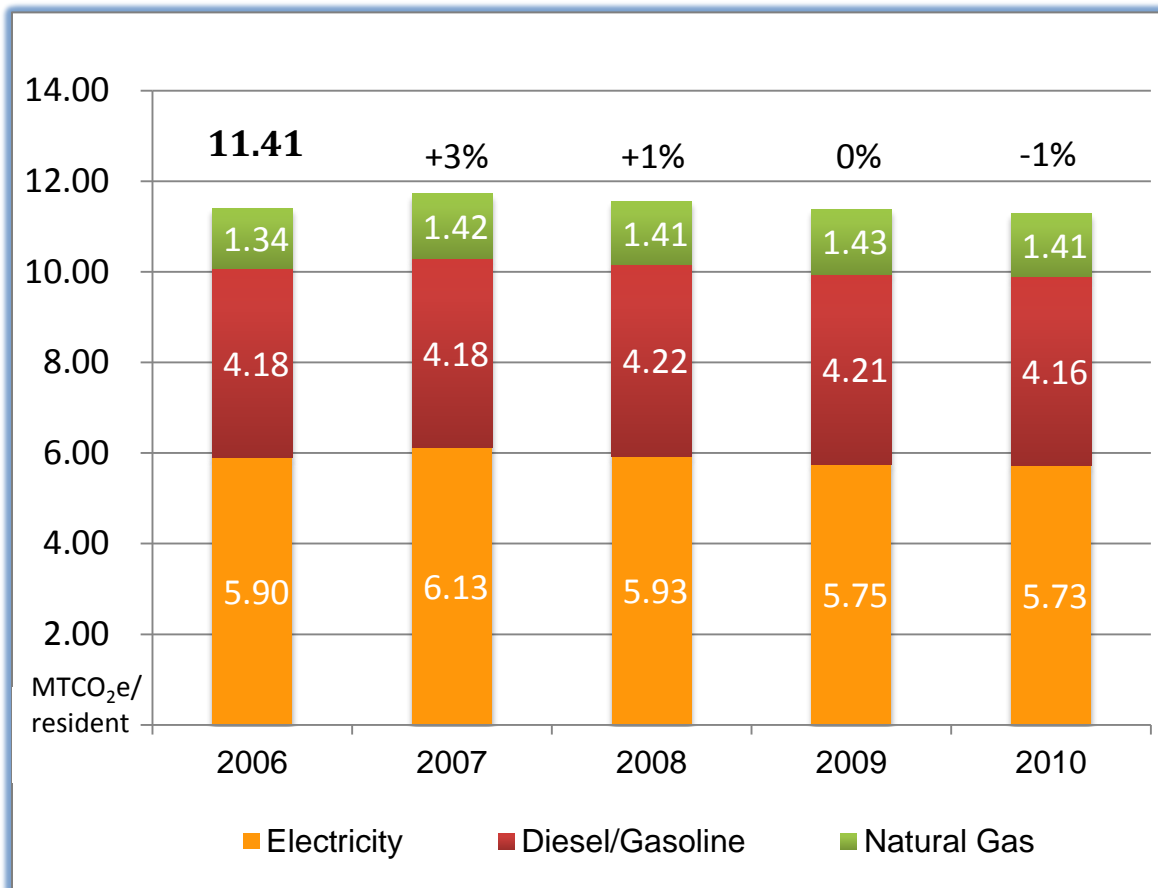
Communitywide, Fairfax County’s total GHG emissions rose 3% from 2006 to 2010, per Table 1, below. Scope 1 – combustion within county boundaries – increased 2% in 2007, then an additional 1% in each following year. Thus, Scope 1 GHGs were 5% greater in 2010 than in 2006. Scope 2 – electricity consumption – increased 3% from 2006 to 2007, but then decreased, ending 2010 only 1% above 2006 levels. Over the five-year period, GHGs from stationary sources climbed 3%, less than the county’s 4% population growth. Mobile emissions rose 4%, in line with that growth.

Table 1: Trends in GHG emissions across scopes and sources, 2006-2010

| Emissions (Million MTCO₂e) | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>All sources</i> | 11.838 | 12.211 | 12.097 | 11.978 | 12.217 |
| -- Change vs. 2006 | -- | +3% | +2% | +1% | +3% |
| <i>Scope 1 (combustion)</i> | 5.721 | 5.831 | 5.892 | 5.931 | 6.021 |
| -- Change vs. 2006 | -- | +2% | +3% | +4% | +5% |
| <i>Scope 2 (electricity)</i> | 6.117 | 6.380 | 6.205 | 6.047 | 6.197 |
| -- Change vs. 2006 | -- | +4% | +1% | -1% | +1% |
| <i>Stationary Sources</i> | 7.450 | 7.803 | 7.630 | 7.504 | 7.663 |
| -- Change vs. 2006 | -- | +5% | +2% | +1% | +3% |
| <i>Mobile Sources</i> | 4.388 | 4.408 | 4.467 | 4.474 | 4.554 |
| -- Change vs. 2006 | -- | +0% | +2% | +2% | +4% |
| Population vs. 2006 | -- | +0% | +1% | +1% | +4% |

For the five-year period, GHG emissions per resident rose in 2007 relative to 2006, then declined below 2006 levels by 2010. Figure 4 displays how this decline was primarily due to a fall in per capita electricity and, to a limited extent, mobile fuel combustion. By contrast, natural gas emissions per resident increased from 2006 to 2010.

Figure 4: Fairfax County annual emissions per resident, by energy type, with percent change relative to 2006



Sections 2 and 3 elaborate upon the approach and results for stationary sources and mobile sources, respectively. Section 4 provides a discussion of these findings.

2 EMISSIONS FROM STATIONARY SOURCES

2.1 Approach

Stationary sources are buildings, facilities, and residences. Energy is used to heat and produce electricity that is used by these stationary sources. Energy production by fossil fuels – coal, natural gas, propane and fuel oils – generates GHG emissions either directly, via combustion within the county (Scope 1), or indirectly, via the power grid (Scope 2).

Scope 1: GHGs from Combustion within the County

Natural gas is the predominant source of stationary Scope 1 emissions in Fairfax County. Only *de minimis* amounts of GHGs are produced by stationary combustion of other fossil fuels, such as fuel oil and propane. Natural gas is distributed within the county by two providers: Washington Gas (99.93%) and Columbia Gas (0.07%).³

The following two parameters were used to incorporate natural gas combustion into the community GHG inventory:

- Natural gas use was measured by customer consumption. Emissions related to transmission loss were excluded because they are outside the county's jurisdiction.
- GHG emissions per therm of natural gas use were determined using standard values in the Local Government Operations Protocol.

Scope 2: GHGs from Electricity Generation outside the County

Essentially all of the electricity that Fairfax County consumes is generated outside the county. Electricity is distributed within the county by two providers: Dominion Virginia Power (96%) and Northern Virginia Electric Company (4%).

Determining the GHG emissions related to electricity consumption relies on the use of factors because the interconnected nature of the electric grid makes it difficult to determine the precise blend of fossil, nuclear and renewable fuels used to produce electricity each year. As a result, the following two parameters were used for estimating electricity-related emissions:

³ Washington Gas delivered annualized data for all years in therms, for which GHG emissions factors are readily available. By contrast, Columbia Gas provided only 2006 data, and in units of Million cubic feet (Mcf). Thus its data were converted using ratio 1 Mcf:10.27 therms. Columbia Gas data for subsequent years were estimated in proportion to its relative contribution to 2006 natural gas consumption in the county.

- Electricity use was measured by customer consumption. Emissions related to transmission loss were excluded because they are outside the county's jurisdiction.
- GHG emissions per kWh of power consumed each year are based on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) inventory emission rate for the portion of the national electricity grid located in Virginia and the Carolinas.⁴

Annual electricity-to-GHG conversion factors (kWh to MTCO₂e) are presented in Appendix B, Table 7. For example, the table's conversion factor for 2006 indicates that each kWh of electricity consumed in Fairfax County created a byproduct of about 0.0005 MTCO₂e., which is about 1.1 pounds (0.5 kg) of CO₂e per kWh consumed.

Additional detail on the methods used to determine stationary GHG emissions is provided in Appendix B.

2.2 Results

Stationary sources produced over 7.4 million MTCO₂e in 2006. As shown in Table 2, residential and commercial energy use generated the vast majority of emissions from stationary sources, with each accounting for 46% of stationary emissions.

Figure 5 provides the allocation by sector and energy type.

Table 2: 2006 Stationary GHG emissions by sector and energy use (% of total)

| Sector | Electricity | Natural Gas | All Stationary Emissions |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Commercial | 42% | 4% | 46% |
| Residential | 35% | 12% | 46% |
| Local Government | 4% | 1% | 5% |
| Industrial | 1% | 2% | 3% |
| All Stationary Emissions | 81% | 19% | 100% |

⁴ The EPA has defined this area as the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council sub-region for Virginia/Carolina (SRVC).

Figure 5: 2006 stationary GHG emissions (in MTCO₂e) by sector and energy use

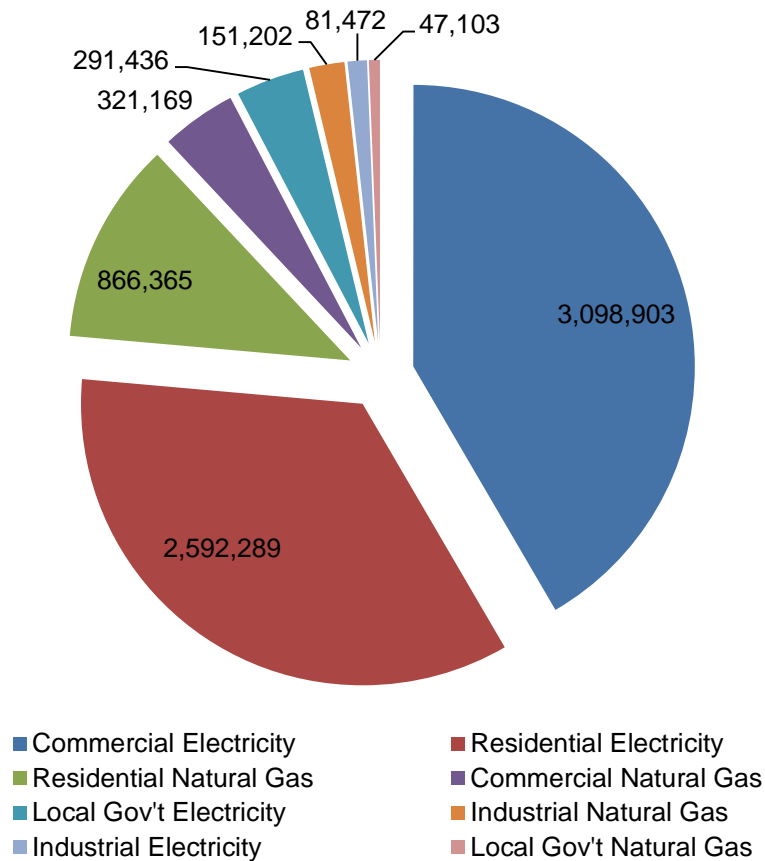


Table 2 also demonstrates that electricity is by far the biggest stationary energy use and GHG source for all sectors but industry. Three-fourths of residential GHGs came from electricity use, whereas 90% of commercial GHGs came from electricity use. Comprising only 5% of stationary emissions, county government GHGs also resulted mostly from electricity.

On a per capita basis, the county produced 7.18 MTCO₂e from stationary energy use in 2006. Figure 6 and Table 3 depict how commercial and residential electricity consumption from stationary sources emitted 5.5 MTCO₂e per person – nearly half of both stationary and mobile (total) GHGs – for the county that year.

Figure 6: 2006 stationary emissions per capita (in MTCO₂e)

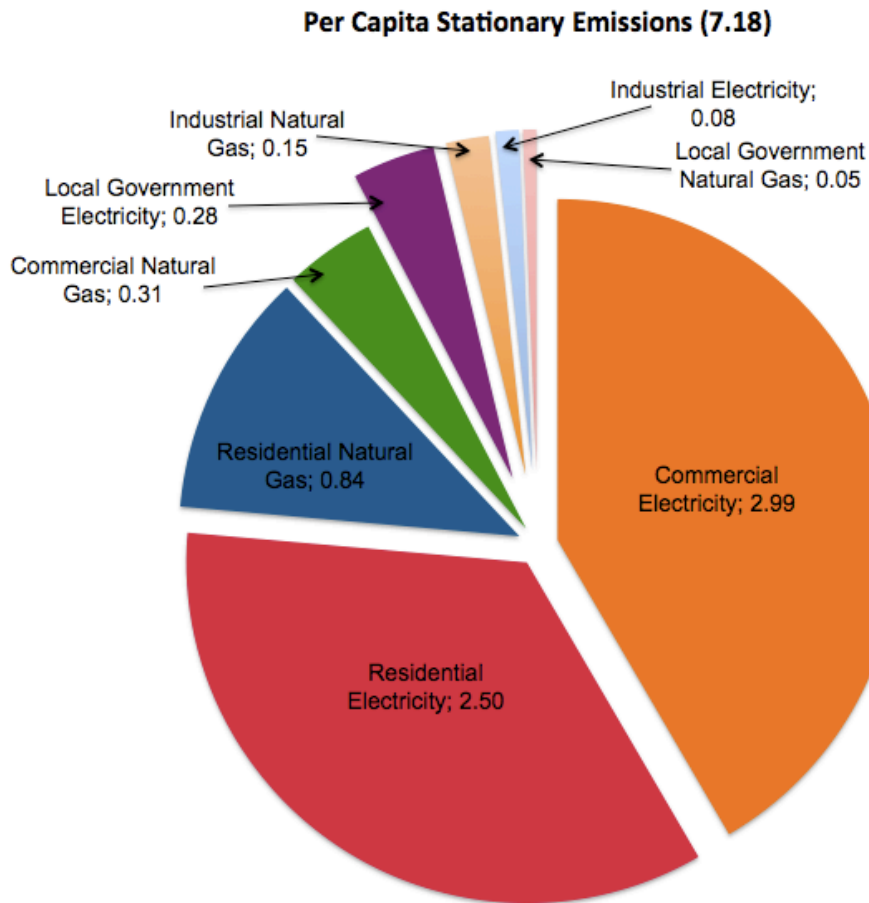


Table 3: 2006 stationary GHG emissions per resident, by sector and energy use

| Sector | MTCO ₂ e per person | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | Electricity | Natural Gas | Total Emissions |
| Commercial | 2.99 | 0.31 | 3.30 |
| Residential | 2.50 | 0.84 | 3.33 |
| Local Government | 0.28 | 0.05 | 0.33 |
| Industrial | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.22 |
| Total | 5.85 | 1.34 | 7.18 |

As presented in Appendix C.3, residential GHGs increased more than 7% over five years, from 3.46 million MTCO₂e in 2006 to 3.72 in 2010. GHGs from county operations also increased by 5%, while commercial emissions declined by 1% and industrial emissions by 15%. By 2010, industrial emissions had dropped to only 0.19 million MTCO₂e.

3 EMISSIONS FROM MOBILE SOURCES

3.1 Approach

Mobile sources of GHG emissions include all manner of private and public on-road vehicles (e.g., sedans and SUVs), transportation (e.g., commuter trains) and off-road engines, vehicles and equipment (e.g., construction equipment and lawn mowers). Mobile GHG emitters may be either local (registered within the jurisdiction) or transient (passing through).

It is difficult to obtain definitive usage data for mobile source emissions in large part because fuel purchase and consumption is highly dispersed. All vehicles, whether local or transient, may release GHGs both within and outside the county's jurisdictional boundaries.

Three vehicle categories were considered for this GHG inventory:

1. *Local and transient on-road vehicles*, including passenger vehicles, light and heavy duty trucks, per vehicle class descriptions in Table 1 of Appendix B;
2. *Off-road engines, vehicles and equipment*, as defined and modeled by EPA, per categories described in Table 2 of Appendix B.
3. *Local trains with stations in the county*, specifically electric Metrorail rapid transit trains and diesel-powered VRE commuter trains.

Emissions related to local airports and major train stations were excluded as they exist outside the county's jurisdictional boundary. Other potential sources of mobile GHG emissions, such as commercial watercraft, were excluded as *de minimis*.

The methods described below aim to estimate annual fossil fuel consumption for each vehicle class or train type, then derive CO₂e using the conversion factor for that unit's energy type (Appendix B, Table 7). The inventory only considers the predominant energy use for a given vehicle, be it gasoline, diesel fuel or electricity.⁵

⁵ Alternative fuel blends, such as E10, were not analyzed. Emissions associated with electric vehicles are reflected in the electricity consumption of the stationary unit where the vehicle is recharged.

Fuel consumption in gallons was determined indirectly as the quotient of annual vehicle miles traveled (AVMT) per vehicle class divided by its fuel economy (MPG). For the county government fleet, which is a subset of locally registered vehicles, direct fuel consumption was also recorded (Appendix C) but excluded from mobile calculations in order to prevent double accounting of emissions.

Over 940,000 vehicles are locally registered and their weight and/or year, make and model recorded by Fairfax County. In 2006, this local vehicle fleet was composed of 67% passenger vehicles, 33% light duty trucks and less than 1% heavy duty trucks.

MPG estimates for each vehicle class of locally registered vehicles is provided in Table 4. MPG from 2006 to 2010 improved only very slightly, no more than 0.3%, for all vehicle classes.

Table 4: MPG for locally registered on-road vehicle fleet, 2006-2010

| Vehicle Type | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Passenger | 28.3 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 28.3 | 28.3 |
| Light Duty | 20.8 | 20.8 | 20.9 | 20.9 | 21.1 |
| Heavy Duty | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Total Local Vehicles | 25.7 | 25.9 | 25.9 | 26.0 | 26.1 |

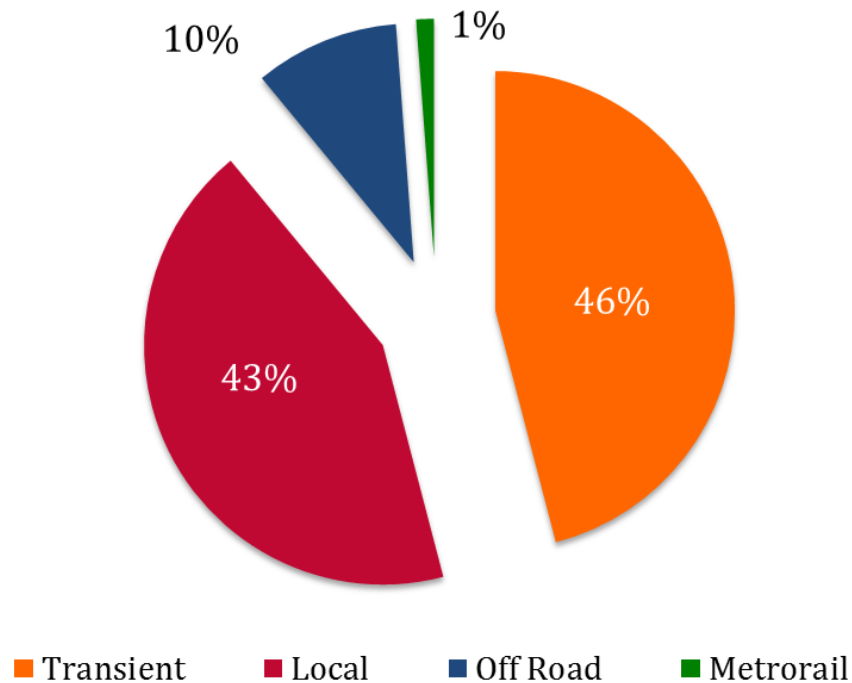
Integrating multiple agencies' survey data produced estimates of AVMT for both local and transient vehicles within each vehicle class, per methods in Appendix B.5.1. Over the five-year period, AVMT increased for both passenger vehicles and light duty trucks, and for both locally registered and transient fleets.

3.2 Results

Emissions from On-Road Vehicles (89%)

On-road vehicles accounted for 89% of mobile emissions in 2006, as shown in Figure 7. A slight majority of these vehicles were transient (46%), while the rest were locally registered (43%). Off-road engines, vehicles and equipment contributed 10% of GHGs and Metrorail 1%. VRE emissions of 0.04% were too small to register on this chart.

Figure 7: Distribution of mobile sources of GHG emissions in 2006



Mobile GHGs per resident were 4.23 MTCO₂e, of which 1.94 came from transient and 1.82 from local vehicles. Transient and local vehicles each accounted for about one-sixth of the county's total 11.4 MTCO₂e per resident.

Passenger vehicles dominated mobile emissions. As shown in Table 7, passenger vehicles created more GHGs than all other mobile units combined in both 2006 and later years. In second position, heavy duty trucks produced about one-fifth the GHGs as passenger vehicles, despite relatively tiny numbers and much lower AVMT. Slightly lower GHGs levels were created by light duty trucks and by off-road engines, vehicles and machinery.

Over the five-year period 2006-2010, GHG emissions increased from most mobile sources, with the exception of heavy duty trucks.

Table 5: AVMT by vehicle class and year, in million miles per year, 2006 - 2010

| Vehicle Type | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Passenger | 8,647 | 8,724 | 8,831 | 8,961 | 9,006 |
| Total Light Duty | 1,094 | 1,132 | 1,146 | 1,126 | 1,152 |
| Total Heavy Duty | 320 | 305 | 311 | 292 | 315 |
| Total Vehicles | 10,061 | 10,161 | 10,287 | 10,379 | 10,473 |
| Transient Passenger | 4,462 | 4,519 | 4,621 | 4,697 | 4,740 |
| Transient Light Duty | 565 | 586 | 600 | 590 | 606 |
| Transient Heavy Duty | 165 | 158 | 163 | 153 | 166 |
| Total Transient | 5,192 | 5,263 | 5,383 | 5,440 | 5,512 |
| Local Passenger | 4,185 | 4,205 | 4,209 | 4,264 | 4,266 |
| Local Light Duty | 529 | 546 | 546 | 536 | 546 |
| Local Heavy Duty | 155 | 147 | 148 | 139 | 149 |
| Total Local | 4,869 | 4,898 | 4,904 | 4,939 | 4,961 |

For purposes of converting fuel to GHG emissions, passenger vehicles and light duty trucks were considered to use gasoline, while heavy duty trucks used diesel fuel. These data were used to produce a fleet-wide average fuel economy for each vehicle class for both transient and local fleets. Table 6 illustrates fuel consumption for 2006.

Table 6: Fuel consumption by on-road vehicles in 2006, in million gallons

| Vehicle Class | Gasoline (Million gallons) | Diesel (Million gallons) |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| All Vehicles | | |
| Total Passenger | 305 | |
| Total Light Duty | 53 | |
| Total Heavy Duty | | 58 |
| Total Vehicle | 358 | 58 |
| Transient | | |
| Passenger | 158 | |
| Light Duty | 27 | |
| Heavy Duty | | 30 |
| Total Transient | 185 | 30 |
| Local | | |
| Passenger | 148 | |
| Light Duty | 25 | |
| Heavy Duty | | 28 |
| Total Local | 173 | 28 |

Emissions from Off-Road Engines, Vehicles and Equipment (10%)

Off-road sources were modeled using EPA software that provided only carbon dioxide emissions, not methane or nitrous oxide (14). Since off-road sources' contribution was small, and carbon dioxide comprises roughly 95% of combustion emissions for on-road vehicles, off-road methane and nitrous oxide emissions were dismissed as negligible (15). Appendix B provides technical detail on the methods used to derive GHG emissions from the above approach, including conversion factors.

Emissions from Rapid Transit and Commuter Trains (1%)

Railway emissions were determined using energy usage data provided by VRE and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which operates Metrorail. VRE provided monthly systemwide diesel consumption data for its commuter trains. WMATA provided calendar year systemwide electricity usage for Metrorail rapid transit. The proportion of total VRE and Metrorail passengers residing in the county was estimated on a July-June fiscal year basis⁶ in order to allocate a portion of these two systems' total energy usage to Fairfax County riders.

⁶ Proportion of ridership attributable to Fairfax County residents in a calendar year was allocated the same value as ridership for the corresponding fiscal year (ending June 30). The proportion of train energy used by Fairfax residents while they were passengers outside the county was assumed to be equivalent to the proportion used by visitors while inside the county. Thus, local railway energy use was a proxy for use by both residents and visitors inside county boundaries.

Table 7: GHG emissions in Million MTCO₂e by mobile source and year, 2006 – 2010

| Source | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Vehicles | | | | | |
| Total Passenger | 2.822 | 2.845 | 2.880 | 2.923 | 2.936 |
| Total Light Duty | 0.486 | 0.502 | 0.507 | 0.497 | 0.505 |
| Total Heavy Duty | 0.596 | 0.567 | 0.578 | 0.544 | 0.587 |
| Total Vehicle | 3.905 | 3.914 | 3.965 | 3.964 | 4.028 |
| Transient Vehicles | | | | | |
| Passenger | 1.456 | 1.474 | 1.507 | 1.532 | 1.545 |
| Light Duty | 0.251 | 0.260 | 0.265 | 0.261 | 0.266 |
| Heavy Duty | 0.308 | 0.294 | 0.302 | 0.285 | 0.309 |
| Total Transient | 2.015 | 2.027 | 2.075 | 2.078 | 2.120 |
| Local Vehicles | | | | | |
| Passenger | 1.366 | 1.371 | 1.373 | 1.391 | 1.391 |
| Light Duty | 0.235 | 0.242 | 0.242 | 0.237 | 0.239 |
| Heavy Duty | 0.288 | 0.273 | 0.275 | 0.259 | 0.278 |
| Total Local | 1.890 | 1.886 | 1.890 | 1.886 | 1.908 |
| Local Rail | | | | | |
| Metrorail | 0.053 | 0.052 | 0.050 | 0.048 | 0.054 |
| VRE | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0.005 | 0.004 | 0.004 |
| Total Local Rail | 0.055 | 0.056 | 0.055 | 0.052 | 0.058 |
| Other Mobile Units | | | | | |
| Off-Road | 0.429 | 0.438 | 0.448 | 0.458 | 0.468 |
| Mobile Total | 4.388 | 4.408 | 4.467 | 4.474 | 4.554 |

4 DISCUSSION

This inventory identified 11.8 million MTCO₂e of GHG emissions resulting from community activities within the jurisdictional boundary of Fairfax County in 2006.

As shown in Table 8, direct (Scope 1) and indirect (Scope 2) energy emissions each accounted for about half of the total: 5.7 and 6.1 million MTCO₂e, respectively. Passenger vehicles literally drove on-road transportation to dominate Scope 1 emissions, at 3.9 Million MTCO₂e. Residential natural gas use was a distant second at 0.9 million MTCO₂e. Electricity consumption by commercial (3.4) and residential (2.6) sectors accounted for nearly all Scope 2 emissions. These four GHG sources will likely be the most critical for county GHG managers to track and understand over time.

Table 8: Fairfax County GHG emissions inventory results

| GHG Emissions Sources and Scope – Million MTCO₂e | |
|--|-------------|
| Stationary Sources | 2006 |
| Residential Buildings | |
| Direct Emissions (Scope 1) | 0.9 |
| Energy Indirect Emissions (Scope 2) | 2.6 |
| Commercial/Institutional Facilities | |
| Direct Emissions (Scope 1) | 0.4 |
| Energy Indirect Emissions (Scope 2) | 3.4 |
| Industrial Energy Use | |
| Direct Emissions (Scope 1) | 0.2 |
| Energy Indirect Emissions (Scope 2) | 0.1 |
| Subtotal – All Stationary | 7.6 |
| Mobile Sources | |
| On-Road Transportation | |
| Direct Emissions (Scope 1) | 3.9 |
| Railways | |
| Direct Emissions (Scope 1) | --- |
| Energy Indirect Emissions (Scope 2) | 0.1 |
| Off-Road | |
| Direct Emissions (Scope 1) | 0.4 |
| Subtotal – All Mobile | 4.4 |
| TOTAL | 11.8 |

Passenger vehicles' GHG emissions increased 4% over the 2006 – 2010 time frame. The spatial pattern was not uniform, however: locally registered vehicles' emissions increased 2% while transient vehicles' GHGs rose 6%.

Residential electricity use also produced 6% more GHGs in 2010 than in 2006. Emissions from residents' natural gas grew more dramatically, over 13%. By contrast, GHGs from commercial electricity fell between 1 and 2% during this period.

The net impact of these changes was reported in Table 1. Scope 1 emissions increased steadily by 5% after 2006, while Scope 2 emissions remained within 1% of the 2006 baseline level. Hence, overall county emissions increased by around 3% by 2010. Still, population growth of 4% meant that county emissions per resident started to decline.

Subsequent years' GHG inventories should clarify whether or not this per capita decline indicates a new trend in energy efficiency and conservation. Either way, local population trends are an important consideration for tracking and anticipating the trajectory of GHG emissions over time.

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APPENDIX A: LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| Acronym | Definition |
|-------------------|--|
| AFOLU | Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Uses |
| AVMT | Annual Vehicle Miles Traveled |
| Btu | British Thermal Units |
| CH ₄ | Methane |
| CO ₂ | Carbon Dioxide |
| CO ₂ e | Carbon Dioxide Equivalent |
| DVP | Dominion Virginia Power |
| E10 | Fuel mixture of 10% ethanol and 90% gasoline |
| EIA | United States Energy Information Administration |
| EPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| FCDOT | Fairfax County Department of Transportation |
| GGP | Greenhouse Gas Protocol |
| GHG | Greenhouse Gas |
| GRP | General Reporting Protocol (of the Climate Registry) |
| GWP | Global Warming Potential |
| HFCs | Hydrofluorocarbons |
| ICLEI | Local Governments for Sustainability |
| IEAP | International Local Government GHG Emissions Analysis Protocol |
| IPCC | Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change |
| kWh | Kilowatt Hour |
| LGOP | Local Government Operations Protocol (of the Climate Registry) |
| LULUCF | Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry |
| MPG | Miles per Gallon |
| MMT | Million Metric Tons (1 MMT = 10 ⁹ kg) |
| MT | Metric Tons (1 MT = 1,000 kg) |
| MWCOG | Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments |
| N ₂ O | Nitrous Oxide |
| NOVEC | Northern Virginia Electric Company |
| PFCs | Perfluorocarbons |
| REC | Renewable Energy Credit |
| SF ₆ | Sulfur Hexafluoride |
| SRVC | Southeastern Electric Reliability Council sub-region for Virginia/Carolina |
| SUV | Sport Utility Vehicle |
| UNFCCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| VDOT | Virginia Department of Transportation |
| VMT | Vehicle Miles Traveled |
| VRE | Virginia Railway Express |
| WMATA | Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority |
| WRI | World Resources Institute |

APPENDIX B: METHODS AND CALCULATIONS

B.1 Methodological Standards

This Fairfax County Community GHG inventory consolidates two component research activities, the first for Fairfax County local government operations and the second for the broader non-governmental community (i.e., residential, commercial, industrial and transportation sectors).

Fairfax County created the government operations component using a set of standards evolved from the Greenhouse Gas Protocols (GGPs) for corporate and public sector organizations (8,16,17). In particular, the county closely followed direction of the Climate Registry (8) and its partners' GGP-compliant General Reporting Protocol (GRP) and its derivative Local Government Operations Protocol (LGOP), version 1.1 (2010).

The Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Protocol (18) of the ICLEI was expected to provide a parallel framework for the second component of this project. However, at the time this report was completed, the protocol had not yet been finalized.⁷ In the interim, ICLEI guided local governments to interpret and adapt its more general 2009 International Local Government GHG Emissions Analysis Protocol (IEAP) (7). Section 3.2.2, in particular, notes United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) expectations that localities should report community emissions for the following sectors:

- Stationary Energy
- Transport
- Fugitive Emissions
- Industrial Processes
- Agriculture
- Land Use, Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)
- Waste

Certain sources that represent less than 5% of total CO₂e emissions meet *de minimis* criteria and may be excluded from measurement and reporting (7). Beyond Fairfax County's own operations, all sectors beyond Stationary Energy and Transport were deemed to meet *de minimis* criteria for reporting exclusion on an annual basis. (LULUCF may be more prominent when examined over multi-year to decadal periods of

⁷ The ICLEI Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory Protocol was scheduled for completion in Spring 2012. Early drafts were requested, but not made available to the research team before the Fairfax County GHG inventory was completed.

change.) Beyond transient mobile emissions, IEAP-optional Scope 3 emissions were also omitted.

Beyond the general terms of the IEAP, the development of Fairfax County’s first community GHG Emissions inventory pre-dated any communitywide tool or data processing guidance from nationally or internationally-recognized authorities.

In order to be consistent with the IEAP’s Global Reporting Standard for comparative purposes, neighboring Arlington County previously adapted ICLEI’s LGOP-compliant Clean Air & Climate Protection software to generate its own community GHG inventory (19). Arlington incorporated locally generated (IEAP Tier 2 and Tier 3) data accessible to both counties wherever feasible, otherwise defaulting to national-scale Tier 1 specificity (e.g., regarding vehicular MPG estimates) (2). Arlington officials advised Fairfax that repeating its customization of proprietary ICLEI software might not be the most prudent course of action. As a result, the GHG inventory development team opted to develop its own calculation spreadsheets from scratch.

The community portion of this inventory – residential, commercial, industrial and transportation sectors – is derived from Arlington County’s methods. Any known deviations from this approach are either noted above this section or else explicitly identified below.

B.2 Hierarchal Classification for Types of Emissions

Data were classified into sectors and sources, following standard and readily accessible categorization schema used by utilities and tracking agencies. Energy types include electricity, natural gas, diesel fuel and gasoline. Figure B-1 shows top-level classes of sources as stationary and mobile. One tier below, sectors include residential, commercial, transportation, local government and industrial. (For simplicity, transportation includes mobile sources related to any other sector.)

Figure B-1: High-level categories used for the Fairfax County GHG inventory

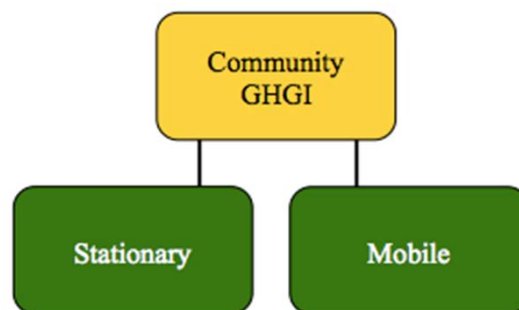
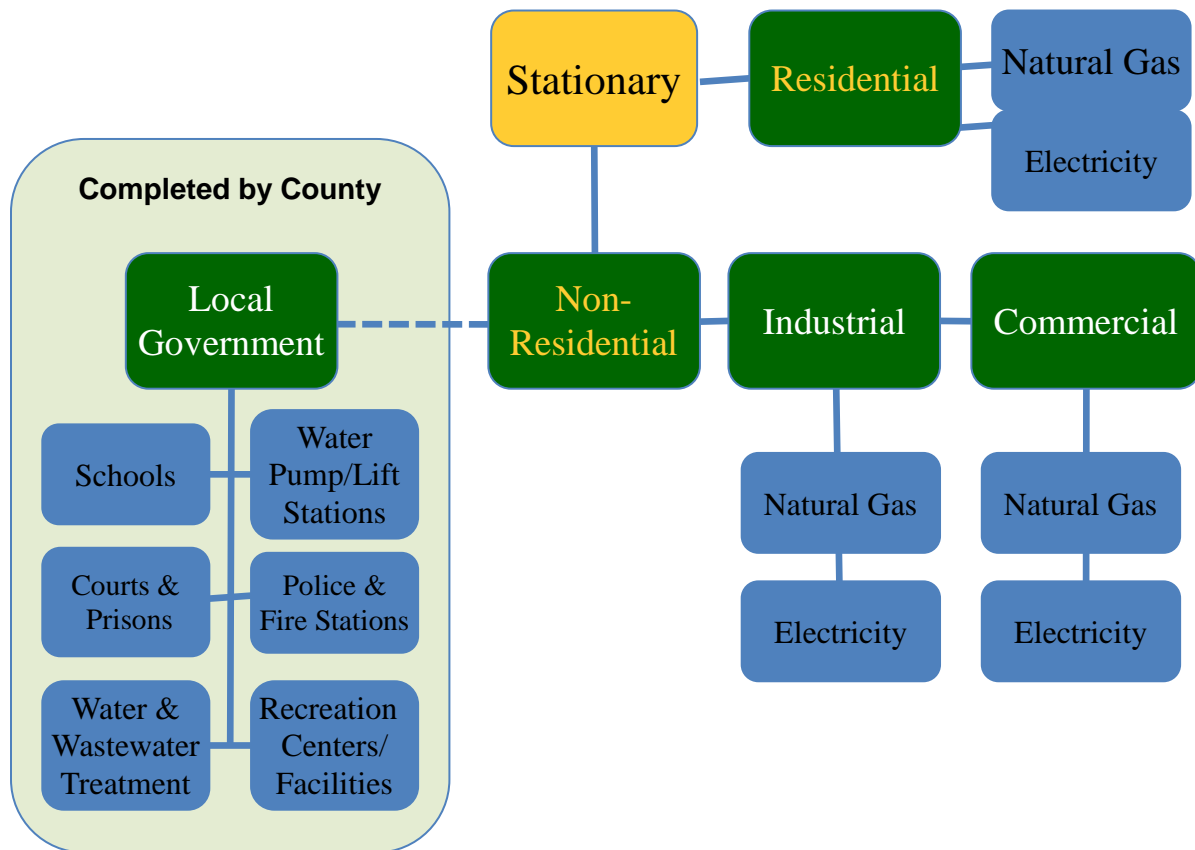


Figure B-2 presents primary categories for stationary emissions sources (residential and non-residential), along with sub-categories according to sector and energy type. Non-transportation fuel oil usage and livestock emissions were both deemed to be too small (<< 1%) to merit inclusion in the overall emissions for Fairfax County. Terms “Industrial,” “Commercial” and “Residential” were defined per the Energy Information Agency (EIA) of the United States Department of Energy (10).

Figure B-2: Primary categories for stationary sources



As presented in Figure B-3, mobile emissions sub-categories include “local” vehicles that were registered in Fairfax County and “transient” vehicles that were not. Each includes a fleet of heavy duty trucks, light duty trucks and SUVs, and passenger vehicles and motorcycles. These vehicle classes reduced 13 federal functional classes to three (20), displayed in Table B-1. Note that local (registered in Fairfax County) vs. transient (registered elsewhere) could not be ascertained for off-road vehicles and are not applicable to Metrorail rapid transit and VRE commuter rail trains. County-owned passenger and transit fleets are implicitly included in this portion of the inventory, though explicitly listed under local government in Appendix C.

Figure B-3: Primary sub-categories for mobile category

While Fairfax County elected not to include pass-through transport via air or train tracks, emissions by county residents using Metrorail light rail and VRE commuter trains are included.

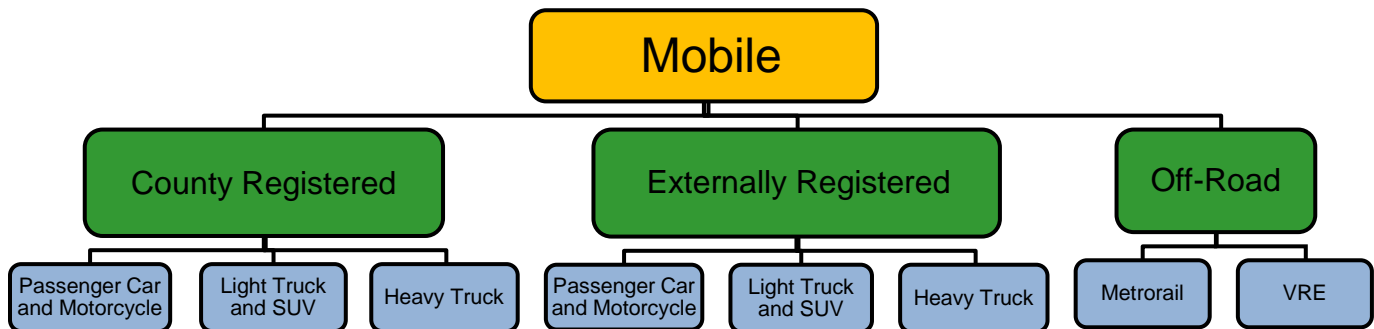


Table B-1: On-road vehicles by federal functional class, vehicle class and weight⁸

⁸ County-registered vehicles of unknown make and model that weighed between 3,375 and 6,500 lbs. were assigned to vehicle classes of passenger or light duty truck using linear interpolation between these two values. Classes were based on EPA standards (<http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/info/shtml>). According to EPA's Test Car List Data Files (<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/tcldata.html>), Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (i.e., with passengers, called "ETW" by EPA) below 3,375 lbs. is always a passenger vehicle (class=0). Those above 6,500 and less than 10,000 are always [light] trucks (class=1). This was true for both 2006 and 2010 model years. For vehicles of intermediate weight (w), but unknown model type, we can linearly interpolate class (c) as follows: $c = (w - 3,375) / (6,500 - 3,375)$, where c is in the

| Federal Functional Class | Vehicle Classes | Weight of Vehicles |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Motorcycles | Passenger | 1 – 6,500 lbs. |
| Passenger Vehicles | | |
| Two Axle, 4 Tire Single Unit Vehicles | Light duty truck | 3,375 – 10,000 lbs. |
| Buses | Heavy duty truck | 10,001+ lbs. |
| Two Axle, 6 Tire Single Unit Trucks | | |
| Three Axle Single Unit Trucks | | |
| Four or More Axle Single Unit Trucks | | |
| Four Axle or Fewer Single Trailers | | |
| Five Axle Single Trailers | | |
| Six or More Axle Single Trailers | | |
| Five Axle or Fewer Multi-Trailers | | |
| Six Axle Multi-Trailers | | |
| Seven or More Axle Multi-Trailers | | |

Off-road emissions classes – including off-road engines, equipment and vehicles – were estimated by EPA’s NONROAD2008a model, the only readily available source for estimating off-road vehicular emissions for Fairfax County (14). This stand-alone tool does not provide estimates of quantity of (diesel or gasoline) fuel; hence it is not included in energy usage results (Appendix C.1 and C.2).

Table B-2 provides a list of off-road engines, vehicles and equipment for which emissions can be estimated at the county level using EPA’s NONROAD2008a modeling tool

Table B-2: Off-road engines, vehicles and equipment with emissions estimated by EPA (14)

| Off-Road Vehicles |
|------------------------|
| Agricultural Equipment |
| Airport Support |
| Commercial Equipment |
| Construction Equipment |

interval [0,1], representing the proportion of vehicles with known weight (w) that are expected to be passenger vehicles, and (1-c) the proportion expected to be light trucks. The known quantity (q) of all vehicles of a given weight under 6,500 lbs., but without make and model, that were classified as passenger vehicles was (q * c) and as light trucks (q * (1-c)).

| |
|--------------------------|
| Off-Road Vehicles |
| Industrial Equipment |
| Lawn & Garden Equipment |
| Logging Equipment |
| Oil Field Equipment |
| Railway Maintenance |
| Recreational Marine |
| Recreational Vehicle |
| Underground Mining |

B.3 Data and Calculations

The basic model for determining GHG emissions for each usage type consists of first identifying their respective emission factors, i.e., how much GHG emissions – particularly metric tons (MT) of CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O – are produced per unit use of each resource (e.g., kWh of electricity, therms of natural gas, gallons of gasoline). This emission factor is then multiplied by a standard estimate of the Global Warming Potential (GWP) of that gas relative to CO₂, presented in units of metric tons CO₂ equivalent (MT CO₂e) in (1).

For instance, 1 therm of natural gas produces 5.31x10⁻³ MT of CO₂, 5.00x10⁻¹⁰ MT of CH₄ and 1.00x10⁻¹¹ MT of N₂O. Multiplying each of these gas emissions by their respective GWP {1, 21, 310} results in {5.31x10⁻³ MTCO₂e, 1.05x10⁻⁸ MTCO₂e, 3.10x10⁻⁹ MTCO₂e}, altogether slightly more than 0.00531 MTCO₂e per therm of natural gas expended. This is the therm-to-CO₂e conversion factor for natural gas in this inventory.

Table B-7 provides some of the conversion factors for emissions considered in this inventory. (Upon request, the underlying spreadsheet is available for review.) Specific conversion factors used here include: therm to CO₂e, kWh to CO₂e, diesel to CO₂e, gasoline to CO₂e, ethanol to CO₂e, E10 gas to CO₂e, fuel oil to CO₂e and propane to CO₂e. (Due to variable fuel blends for electricity, kWh-to-CO₂e conversion factor is recalculated for each year.)

To determine the annual GHG emissions in MTCO₂e for a given source and year, one calculates the product of the total quantity of that resource used (e.g., 73,547 therms used by Columbia Gas residential customers in 2006) and the conversion factor (0.00531 MTCO₂e/therm) to produce the results (e.g., 390 MTCO₂e produced by those customers in 2006). These results divided by the county population for a given year provides the per capita GHG emissions.

B.4 Stationary Sources

Stationary emission sources include electricity and natural gas from residential, commercial and industrial sectors. The methodology to calculate emissions from these sources includes three steps:

- B.4.1 Determine annual consumption of electricity and natural gas and, for local government operations only, stationary fuel oil.
- B.4.2 Determine the appropriate CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emission and conversion factors for electricity and natural gas.
- B.4.3 Calculate emissions from electricity and natural gas.

The following sections (B.4.1-B.4.3) describe these steps in more detail.

B.4.1 Determine annual consumption of electricity and natural gas

Emissions resulting from electricity and natural gas were determined by using actual consumption data whenever possible. Annual consumption of residential, commercial and industrial electricity was provided by DVP, MWCOG and NOVEC. These data include gross consumption at point of meter, not inclusive of any transmission losses or Renewable Energy Credits (RECs, started by DVP in 2009). All data were received in MWh and kWh respectively. Table B-3 presents electricity consumption (in kWh) in Fairfax County from 2006 through 2010 by sector.

Table B-3: Total electricity usage (in kWh) by sector and year, 2006 – 2010

| Type | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Commercial | 5,925,905,138 | 6,153,587,240 | 6,096,775,760 | 5,919,452,368 | 5,976,199,142 |
| Residential | 4,957,128,372 | 5,234,984,703 | 4,985,215,444 | 4,985,809,019 | 5,366,142,672 |
| Industrial | 155,796,127 | 146,256,367 | 120,591,922 | 120,874,291 | 117,295,218 |
| Local Government | 557,301,768 | 565,734,851 | 568,933,533 | 559,968,145 | 580,165,555 |
| Total | 11,596,131,405 | 12,100,563,161 | 11,771,516,659 | 11,586,103,823 | 12,039,802,587 |

Annual consumption of residential, commercial and industrial natural gas was provided by Columbia Gas and Washington Gas. Natural gas includes gross in-county usage provided by Washington Gas and, for 2006, Columbia Gas.⁹ Gross usage excludes any carbon offsets (started by Washington Gas in mid-2009) or transmission losses. All natural gas data were received in Mcf and therms respectively.¹⁰

Electricity and natural gas use by local government operations was provided directly by the county. Table B-4 presents natural gas consumption (in therms) in Fairfax County from 2006 through 2010 by sector.

Table B-4: Annual natural gas usage (in therms) by sector and year, 2006 – 2010

| Sector | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Residential | 163,279,747 | 177,504,347 | 178,656,732 | 181,608,585 | 185,393,179 |
| Commercial | 60,529,169 | 63,702,168 | 64,315,722 | 63,957,425 | 64,167,070 |
| Industrial | 28,496,373 | 26,588,025 | 24,024,929 | 26,225,554 | 25,749,351 |
| Local Government | 8,712,694 | 10,016,655 | 10,645,687 | 11,406,177 | 11,146,256 |
| Total | 261,017,982 | 277,811,195 | 277,643,069 | 283,197,741 | 286,455,856 |

The county also provided measures of its #2 fuel oil and propane usage, all of which were less than 4% of the county operations' total GHG emissions from stationary fuel usage (i.e., these fuel oils plus natural gas), per Table B-5. These emissions met the *de minimis* criterion (<5%) for exemption from reporting in a GHG inventory but were included in county operations for completeness. Since county use of these fuel oils met exemption requirements, extrapolating to other sectors would necessarily result in

⁹ Natural gas consumption by Columbia Gas customers in 2007-2010 was estimated using the ratio of Columbia Gas-to-Washington Gas usage in 2006 multiplied by the usage by Washington Gas customers in subsequent years.

¹⁰ Mcf was converted to therms by dividing by 10.27, per EIA estimates of average heat content per cf (13).

similar exemption. Thus, no further effort was made to estimate stationary fuel oil usage in other sectors, based on county operations values.

Table B-5: County operations' #2 fuel oil and propane usage (in gal.), 2006 - 2010.

| Type | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|---|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| #2 Fuel Oil | 68,006 | 95,288 | 116,039 | 219,094 | 66,013 |
| Propane | 31,224 | 38,585 | 34,390 | 40,406 | 30,270 |
| % of County stationary fuel GHG emissions | 1.9% | 2.2% | 2.4% | 3.9% | 1.4% |

B.4.2 Determine the appropriate CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emission and conversion factors for electricity and natural gas

For electricity, the kWh-to-lb of CO₂ as well as kWh-to-lb of CH₄ and kWh-to-lb of N₂O emission factors vary year-to-year due to a transition to less GHG-polluting blend of energy sources, as shown in Table B-6. The county provided its standard emission factor, using the Inventory Emission Rate from 2006 eGRID using 2004 data, subregion SRVC, SERC Virginia/Carolina.

For natural gas, Mcf was converted to therms by multiplying by 0.09737 (13). The therm to CO₂e conversion factor (0.00530) is based on the LGOP (Version 1.1, May 2010).

Table B-6: Fairfax County CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emission factors for stationary energy

| Type | Units | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Electricity | | | | | | |
| CO ₂ | MWh/lb | 1,146.39 | 1,146.39 | 1,146.39 | 1,134.88 | 1,118.41 |
| CH ₄ | MWh/lb | 0.029 | 0.029 | 0.029 | 0.02377 | 0.02226 |
| N ₂ O | MWh/lb | 0.019 | 0.019 | 0.019 | 0.01979 | 0.01908 |
| Natural Gas | Therm/CO ₂ e | 0.0053 | 0.0053 | 0.0053 | 0.0053 | 0.0053 |

Note: Electricity factor from eGRID2010 Version 1.1, and natural gas factor from Climate Registry LGOP Version 1.1. The former decreased by approximately 1% in 2009 and 2010, due to the transition to less polluting energy sources for electricity (SAIC, personal communication).

Table B-7: Energy-to-MTCO₂e conversion factors used in this inventory

| Energy Used | Units | Conversion Factor | Reference |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|---|
| Natural Gas | therms | 0.005306 | GWP in http://www.theclimateregistry.org/resources/protocols/general-reporting-protocol ; GHG per therm in http://www.theclimateregistry.org/downloads/2010/05/2010-05-06-LGO-1.1.pdf |
| Electricity | kWh in 2006 | 0.000522942 | GHG per kWh provided by Fairfax County, based on EPA's eGRID |
| Electricity | kWh in 2007 | 0.000522942 | GHG per kWh provided by Fairfax County, based on EPA's eGRID |
| Electricity | kWh in 2008 | 0.000522942 | GHG per kWh from Calendar 2008 GHG Inventory Emission Rate from 2006 eGRID using 2004 data, subregion SRVC, SERC Virginia/Carolina (http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/egridzips/eGRID2006V2_1_Summary_Tables.pdf) |
| Electricity | kWh in 2009 | 0.000517782 | GHG per kWh from Calendar 2009 GHG Inventory Emission Rate from 2007 eGRID using 2005 data, subregion SRVC, SERC Virginia/Carolina; see http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/egridzips/eGRID2007V1_1_year05_SummaryTables.pdf |
| Electricity | kWh in 2010 | 0.000510197 | GHG per kWh from Calendar 2010 GHG Inventory Emission Rate from 2010 eGRID using 2007 data, subregion SRVC, SERC Virginia/Carolina; see http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/egridzips/eGRID2010V1_1_year07_SummaryTables.pdf |
| Diesel | gallons | 0.01030278 | GHG per gallon, from http://www.theclimateregistry.org/resources/protocols/local-government-operations-protocol/ |
| Gasoline | gallons | 0.009242105 | GHG per gallon, calculated as 100/95 of gasoline-to-CO ₂ ratio, per http://www.epa.gov/oms/climate/420f05004.htm . I.e., assumes CO ₂ comprises 95% of vehicular emissions, then multiplies accordingly by 100/95 per EPA to get CO ₂ e. |
| Ethanol | gallons | 0.0058287 | GHG per gal from http://www.theclimateregistry.org/resources/protocols/local-government-operations-protocol/ |
| E10 | gallons | 0.008900765 | calculated as 90% gasoline + 10% ethanol |
| Fuel Oil | gallons | 0.010229236 | GHG per gallon provided by Fairfax County. |
| Propane | gallons | 0.00570462 | GHG per gallon provided by Fairfax County. |

B.4.3 Calculate emissions from electricity and natural gas

Using conversion factors as the sum across all GHGs of the product of emissions factors for that GHG times its GWP:

$$\text{CO}_2 \text{ Emissions (metric tons CO}_2\text{e)} = \text{CO}_2 \text{ Emissions (metric tons)} \times 1 \text{ (GWP)}$$

$$\text{CH}_4 \text{ Emissions (metric tons CO}_2\text{e)} = \text{CH}_4 \text{ Emissions (metric tons)} \times 23 \text{ (GWP)}$$

$$\text{N}_2\text{O Emissions (metric tons CO}_2\text{e)} = \text{N}_2\text{O Emissions (metric tons)} \times 296 \text{ (GWP)}$$

With conversion factors in Table 7, the following equations were used to calculate total emissions:

$$\text{Emissions (MT CO}_2\text{e)} = \text{kWh of electricity consumed} \times \text{electricity conversion factor}$$

$$\text{Emissions (MT CO}_2\text{e)} = \text{therms of natural gas used} \times \text{natural gas conversion factor}$$

B.5 Mobile Sources

Mobile emissions incorporated local and transient on-road vehicles, off-road vehicles, rapid transit and commuter rail. Methods for determining the energy use and GHG emissions for each are presented below. The approach paralleled that for stationary sources:

B.5.1 Determine annual consumption of energy by on-road vehicles, rapid transit and commuter trains.

B.5.2 Determine the appropriate CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emission and conversion factors for diesel and gasoline.

B.5.3 Calculate GHG emissions from vehicles and trains.

B.5.4 Estimate CO₂ from off-road vehicles and machines.

The following sections (B.5.1-B.5.4) describe these steps in more detail.

B.5.1 Determine annual consumption of energy by on-road vehicles, rapid transit and commuter trains

Distinct methods were used to determine energy consumption for each of on-road vehicles, Metrorail rapid transit and VRE commuter trains, as follows:

On-road vehicles

Fuel consumption (in gallons) by an on-road vehicle equals its distance traveled (in miles) divided by its fuel economy (MPG). That is:

$$\text{Fuel consumption (in gal.)} = \text{AVMT (in miles)} / \text{fuel economy (as MPG)}$$

Estimating fuel consumption across over a million vehicles – motorcycles, passenger vehicles and trucks registered in or traveling to Fairfax County – each year required counting and aggregating vehicles into vehicle classes, then determining MPG per vehicle class. Counts and MPG by vehicle class, in turn, served as inputs to calculate vehicle class-weighted, fleet-wide MPG (the denominator for fuel consumption). Finally, annual vehicle miles traveled (AVMT) was estimated for both county-registered and transient vehicles, their sum serving as the numerator for total fuel consumption.

Counting and classifying vehicles: Fairfax County provided aggregated registration data for over 940,000 vehicles residing in the county each year. Counts of vehicles by year, make and model for each registration year were categorized into three categories: passenger vehicle, light duty truck and heavy duty truck. Table B-1 presents how these vehicle classes consolidate federal functional classes.

Myriad registered vehicles were not recorded by year, make and model – from 137,000 in 2006 to over 330,000 by 2010. Instead, vehicle weights provided for all vehicles registered in 2010 were used to classify these unknown vehicles into vehicle classes (see footnote 9). The relative proportion of unknown vehicles in each vehicle class in 2010 was applied to similarly categorize unknown vehicles from prior years (for which vehicle weight was also unavailable) by vehicle class.

The result was a county-registered fleet comprised of about 69% passenger vehicles, 30% light duty trucks and 1% heavy duty trucks.

Determining vehicle class and fleet-wide MPG: Based on EPA's average MPG for both city and highway combined (<http://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/download.shtml>), average MPG was estimated according to vehicles' model, year and class for each vehicle registration year.

Weighted MPG for each vehicle class for a particular production year was calculated as the product of the total number of vehicles for that model year and its corresponding average MPG. Summing weighted MPG across all model years provided an age-weighted MPG for each vehicle class, in each registration year. Average fuel economy for passenger vehicles (28.3 MPG) and heavy duty trucks (5.5 MPG) did not vary across 2006-2010 registration years; however, light trucks improved by 0.3 MPG (from 20.8 to 21.1). Weighting these MPG values by relative vehicle prevalence in the county, fleet-wide MPG rose from 25.7 to 26.1 during the five-year study period.

Estimating annual vehicle miles traveled: AVMT in Fairfax County was calculated using an annual road segment survey data from VDOT and interpolated from a 2005 and 2010 household survey data from MWCOG. The maximum of the two sources in a given year was used as the AVMT for this inventory.

VDOT – but not MWCOG – distinguished vehicle classes and Fairfax County from the jurisdictions it surrounds (Fairfax City and Falls Church). Hence MWCOG data were corrected for the proportion of VDOT miles across these three jurisdictions that was attributable to travel in the county alone. Furthermore, VDOT vehicle proportions were used to allocate AVMT by vehicle class. Meanwhile, MWCOG provided AVMT per household¹¹ which, when multiplied by the number of county households,¹² provided an estimate of AVMT by county-registered vehicles (vs. transient vehicles).

For each year, total AVMT within Fairfax County for the federal functional vehicle class was derived from daily means on the VDOT website (<http://www.virginiadot.org/info/ct-TrafficCounts.asp>). AVMT for Fairfax City and City of Falls Church was also obtained in order to determine their ratio of AMVT compared with Fairfax County. In addition, VDOT's AVMT data by federal functional class was consolidated into vehicle classes.

The following provides an example of this computation process. VDOT's 2006 daily vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for motorcycles in Fairfax County (59,630) was summed with passenger vehicles daily VMT (22,061,211) to determine the daily VMT attributable to passenger vehicles (85.9%) in 2006. Annualizing and summing with other vehicles' corresponding data determines the total VDOT estimate for 2006 AVMT (25,738,260 miles/day, 9,394 mega-miles/yr). MWCOG's estimated AVMT for all vehicle types¹³ across the three jurisdictions (10,322 mega-miles/yr in 2006) was adjusted by the VDOT

¹¹ See <http://www.mwco.org/uploads/committee-documents/bF5cWV5Y20090415144559.ppt>

¹² The Fairfax County website includes annual estimates of number of households and (for per capita calculations) residents at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/demogrph/gendemo.htm>.

¹³ MWCOG GHGI staff confirmed (July 2011) that MWCOG survey accounted for all vehicle classes.

proportion of AVMT attributable to trips within the county (10,061 mega-miles/yr). In 2006, county households' AVMT (4,869 mega-miles/yr for all county-registered vehicles) was calculated at 48.4% of total AVMT. This inventory's AVMT was the maximum of VDOT and MWCOC estimates, which for 2006 is 10,061 mega-miles/yr.

In all study years, MWCOC AVMT was greatest, while VDOT data helped to apportion AVMT by vehicle class. Thus, vehicle class and fleet-wide fuel consumption was determined as the MWCOC-derived county-wide AVMT divided by fleet-wide MPG for each study year.

Accounting for county-owned vehicles: Neither MWCOC nor VDOT estimates of countywide AVMT distinguished county-owned vehicles from those of the public-at-large. Nonetheless, the county directly calculated its vehicles' energy consumption. As a result, county vehicles were included in energy and emissions results for both the transportation sector and county operations, then subtracted from overall emissions calculations to prevent double counting.

Metrorail rapid transit and VRE commuter rail

Fairfax County's portion of electricity use for Metrorail rapid transit was estimated using the proportion of all Metrorail riders residing in the county multiplied by system-wide electricity use. WMATA provided total systemwide electricity use.

Similarly, commuter rail diesel fuel use was determined as a function of the proportion of all VRE riders residing in the county multiplied by systemwide diesel fuel use. Virginia Railroad Express (VRE) supplied its monthly systemwide diesel fuel usage.

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) delivered ridership values on a fiscal year basis. (The fiscal year ended June 30 of the corresponding calendar year.) However, neither FCDOT nor WMATA nor VRE provided calendar year ridership. Thus, fiscal year was used as the best feasible proxy for calendar year.

B.5.2 Determine the appropriate CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O emission for diesel and gasoline

From LGOP version 1.1 (3), CO₂ emissions per gallon of diesel or gasoline fuel are presented as emission factors in Table B-8. The corresponding factors for diesel fuel CH₄ and N₂O are 6×10^{-7} and 3×10^{-7} kg/gallon, respectively – less than a millionth that of CO₂. Hence, even when factoring in the high GWP of these secondary byproducts, the diesel-to-CO₂e conversion factor is dominated by its CO₂ component.

EPA has recommended that CO₂ represent 95% of all GHG emissions for gasoline.¹⁴ Using this multiplier, no additional emission factors needed to be calculated for CH₄ or N₂O.

Table B-8: Mobile CO₂ emission factor (in kg/gallon), by fuel type¹⁵

| Fuel Type | Applicable Vehicles | CO ₂ Emission Factor |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Diesel | Heavy duty trucks, VRE commuter rail | 10.084 |
| Gasoline | Passenger vehicles, light duty trucks | 8.788 |

B.5.3 Calculate GHG emissions from vehicles and trains

Metrorail electricity use in Fairfax County was converted to GHG emissions by multiplying the amount (in kWh) by the same annual conversion factors as for electricity as a whole, as shown in Table B-7). Emissions associated with passenger vehicles and light duty trucks similarly derived from the corresponding Table B-7 conversion factor for gasoline to CO₂e. GHG emissions from VRE commuter rail and heavy duty trucks were calculated by multiplying the amount (in gallons) of diesel fuel usage per year by the diesel-to-CO₂e conversion factor in the same table.

B.5.4 Estimate CO₂ from off-road vehicles and machines

Off-road emissions include CO₂ emissions from the sources listed in Table B-2: agricultural equipment; airport support; commercial equipment; construction equipment; industrial equipment; lawn & garden equipment; logging equipment; oil field equipment; railway maintenance; recreational marine; recreational vehicle; and underground mining.

These emissions were obtained from EPA NONROAD2008a model (with 2009-2010 based on 2008 model estimates, which is latest update) for Fairfax County (locality number 51059). This only provides CO₂ emissions, however, so other GHGs' magnitudes were not able to be directly estimated. Given the relatively tiny contribution of off-road CO₂, the contribution of other non-road GHGs was deemed inconsequential and thus exempt from reporting.

¹⁴ Source: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/climate/420f05004.htm>

¹⁵ Source: <http://www.epa.gov/oms/climate/420f05001.htm>

APPENDIX C: ENERGY USAGE AND EMISSIONS BY SECTOR AND YEAR

Appendix C presents the entirety of this inventory's outputs by both energy type and GHG emissions by sector and year. Tables C-1 and C-2 provide energy consumption data on a total basis and a per-capita basis. Note regarding energy use follow Table C-2. Tables C-3 and C-4 provide emissions data on a total basis and a per-capita basis. Notes regarding emissions follow Table C-4.

Table C-1: Total energy use by sector and year

| Sector | Note | Unit | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|---------------------------------|------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Residential Electricity | 1 | kWh | 4,957,128,372 | 5,234,984,703 | 4,985,215,444 | 4,985,809,019 | 5,366,142,672 |
| Residential Natural Gas | 2 | therms | 163,279,747 | 177,504,347 | 178,656,732 | 181,608,585 | 185,393,179 |
| Commercial Electricity | 1 | kWh | 5,925,905,138 | 6,153,587,240 | 6,096,775,760 | 5,919,452,368 | 5,976,199,142 |
| Commercial Natural Gas | 2 | therms | 60,529,169 | 63,702,168 | 64,315,722 | 63,957,425 | 64,167,070 |
| Industrial Electricity | 1 | kWh | 155,796,127 | 146,256,367 | 120,591,922 | 120,874,291 | 117,295,218 |
| Industrial Natural Gas | 2 | therms | 28,496,373 | 26,588,025 | 24,024,929 | 26,225,554 | 25,749,351 |
| Passenger Vehicle | | gal | 305,376,116 | 307,799,734 | 311,644,222 | 316,256,977 | 317,692,893 |
| Light Duty Vehicle | | gal | 52,618,830 | 54,337,129 | 54,845,426 | 53,782,240 | 54,617,933 |
| Heavy Duty Vehicle | | gal | 57,839,827 | 55,006,601 | 56,077,960 | 52,826,451 | 57,008,544 |
| County-based Passenger Vehicle | | gal | 147,794,030 | 148,366,225 | 148,557,799 | 150,499,497 | 150,490,148 |
| County-based Light Duty Vehicle | | gal | 25,466,134 | 26,191,689 | 26,144,286 | 25,593,744 | 25,872,347 |
| County-based Heavy Duty Vehicle | | gal | 27,992,959 | 26,514,389 | 26,731,823 | 25,138,906 | 27,004,772 |
| External Passenger Vehicle | | gal | 157,582,086 | 159,433,509 | 163,086,423 | 165,757,480 | 167,202,745 |
| External Light Duty Vehicle | | gal | 27,152,696 | 28,145,441 | 28,701,140 | 28,188,496 | 28,745,586 |
| External Heavy Duty Vehicle | | gal | 29,846,868 | 28,492,213 | 29,346,137 | 27,687,545 | 30,003,772 |
| Off-Road Vehicle | 7 | gal | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |

| Sector | Note | Unit | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|---|-------|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Metrorail | | kWh | 100,620,946 | 100,174,219 | 94,978,664 | 93,209,842 | 106,120,192 |
| Commuter Rail | | gal | 174,100 | 352,765 | 463,823 | 367,575 | 375,165 |
| Sector | Note | Unit | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| County Operations-Electricity | 3,4 | kWh | 557,301,768 | 565,734,851 | 568,933,533 | 559,968,145 | 580,165,555 |
| County Operations-Direct Combustion ... Natural Gas | 3,4 | therms | 8,712,694 | 10,150,528 | 10,796,115 | 11,665,677 | 11,242,539 |
| County Operations-Direct Combustion ... #2 Fuel Oil | 3,4,6 | gal | 68,006 | 95,288 | 116,039 | 219,094 | 66,013 |
| County Operations-Direct Combustion ... Propane | 3,4 | gal | 31,224 | 38,585 | 34,390 | 40,406 | 30,270 |
| County Operations-Mobile | 3,5 | gal | 87,110 | 87,116 | 94,348 | 100,499 | 102,754 |

Table C-2: Per capita energy use by sector and year

| Sector energy, per capita | Note | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-------------------------------|------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Residential Electricity | 7 | 4,778.83 | 5,026.36 | 4,767.38 | 4,739.41 | 4,964.04 |
| Residential Natural Gas | 7 | 157.41 | 170.43 | 170.85 | 172.63 | 171.50 |
| Commercial Electricity | 7 | 5,712.76 | 5,908.35 | 5,830.36 | 5,626.91 | 5,528.38 |
| Commercial Natural Gas | 7 | 58.35 | 61.16 | 61.51 | 60.80 | 59.36 |
| Industrial Electricity | 7 | 150.19 | 140.43 | 115.32 | 114.90 | 108.51 |
| Industrial Natural Gas | 7 | 27.47 | 25.53 | 22.98 | 24.93 | 23.82 |
| Passenger | 7 | 294.39 | 295.53 | 298.03 | 300.63 | 293.89 |
| Light Duty | 7 | 50.73 | 52.17 | 52.45 | 51.12 | 50.53 |
| Heavy Duty | 7 | 55.76 | 52.81 | 53.63 | 50.22 | 52.74 |
| County-based Passenger | 7 | 142.48 | 142.45 | 142.07 | 143.06 | 139.21 |
| County-based Light Duty | 7 | 24.55 | 25.15 | 25.00 | 24.33 | 23.93 |
| County-based Heavy Duty | 7 | 26.99 | 25.46 | 25.56 | 23.90 | 24.98 |
| External Passenger | 7 | 151.91 | 153.08 | 155.96 | 157.57 | 154.67 |
| External Light Duty | 7 | 26.18 | 27.02 | 27.45 | 26.80 | 26.59 |
| External Heavy Duty | 7 | 28.77 | 27.36 | 28.06 | 26.32 | 27.76 |
| Off-Road | 8 | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. |
| Commuter Rail | 7 | 0.17 | 0.34 | 0.44 | 0.35 | 0.35 |
| Metrorail | 7 | 97.00 | 96.18 | 90.83 | 88.60 | 98.17 |
| County Operations-Electricity | 7 | 537.26 | 543.19 | 544.07 | 532.29 | 536.69 |

| Sector energy, per capita | Note | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|--|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| County Operations-Direct Combustion Wash. Gas | 7 | 8.40 | 9.75 | 10.32 | 11.09 | 10.40 |
| County Operations-Direct Combustion #2 Fuel Oil | 7 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.11 | 0.21 | 0.06 |
| County Operations-Direct Combustion Propane | 7 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.03 |
| County Operations-Mobile | 7 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.10 |

NOTES REGARDING ENERGY USE:

1. Electricity is gross in-county usage provided by DVP and NOVEC at the meter and does not account for transmission loss or any Renewable Energy Credits (RECs, started by DVP in 2009).
2. Natural gas includes net in-county usage provided by Washington Gas and Columbia Gas (2006 only) at the meter and does not account for transmission loss or any carbon offsets (started by Washington Gas in 2011).
3. County operations include county schools' operations and county-operated bus transit. Each also includes both stationary and mobile emissions.
4. Stationary component of county operations is not included in other sectors' stationary usage.
5. Mobile component of county operations is included in communitywide mobile inventory, thus is not double counted here.
6. A factor of three variations in #2 fuel oil usage across years can be explained by intentional decision to use up existing supplies,
7. Per capita data calculated by dividing total emissions by the county's population estimates, with energy units per Annex C.1:

| 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1,037,311 | 1,041,507 | 1,045,694 | 1,051,990 | 1,081,004 |

8. Off-road vehicular emissions were calculated without direct access to underlying energy usage, also without any specific inputs from our research team, per EPA's NONROAD2008a model (9).

Table C-3: Total GHG emissions by sector and year in MTCO₂e

| Sector | Note | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|---|------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Total Emissions (in MTCO₂e) | 1 | 11,838,076 | 12,210,986 | 12,097,494 | 11,978,115 | 12,217,349 |
| Residential Electricity | 2 | 2,592,289 | 2,737,592 | 2,606,977 | 2,581,563 | 2,737,791 |
| Residential Natural Gas | 3 | 866,365 | 941,840 | 947,955 | 963,618 | 983,699 |
| Commercial Electricity | 2 | 3,098,903 | 3,217,967 | 3,188,258 | 3,064,986 | 3,049,040 |
| Commercial Natural Gas | 3 | 321,169 | 338,005 | 341,260 | 339,359 | 340,471 |
| Industrial Electricity | 2 | 81,472 | 76,484 | 63,063 | 62,587 | 59,844 |
| Industrial Natural Gas | 3 | 151,202 | 141,076 | 127,477 | 139,153 | 136,626 |
| Passenger | | 2,822,318 | 2,844,718 | 2,880,249 | 2,922,880 | 2,936,151 |
| Light Duty | | 486,309 | 502,189 | 506,887 | 497,061 | 504,785 |
| Heavy Duty | | 595,911 | 566,721 | 577,759 | 544,259 | 587,346 |
| County-based Passenger | | 1,365,928 | 1,371,216 | 1,372,987 | 1,390,932 | 1,390,846 |
| County-based Light Duty | | 235,361 | 242,066 | 241,628 | 236,540 | 239,115 |
| County-based Heavy Duty | | 288,405 | 273,172 | 275,412 | 259,001 | 278,224 |
| External Passenger | | 1,456,390 | 1,473,501 | 1,507,262 | 1,531,948 | 1,545,305 |
| External Light Duty | | 250,948 | 260,123 | 265,259 | 260,521 | 265,670 |
| External Heavy Duty | | 307,506 | 293,549 | 302,347 | 285,259 | 309,122 |
| Off-Road | | 429,187 | 438,185 | 447,775 | 457,665 | 467,600 |
| Metrorail | | 52,619 | 52,385 | 49,668 | 48,262 | 54,142 |
| Commuter Rail | | 1,794 | 3,634 | 4,779 | 3,787 | 3,865 |
| County Operations | 4 | 425,649 | 437,306 | 449,736 | 453,434 | 458,743 |
| County Operations-Stationary | 5 | 338,540 | 350,190 | 355,388 | 352,934 | 355,989 |
| County Operations-Electricity | 5 | 291,436 | 295,846 | 297,519 | 289,941 | 295,999 |
| County Operations-Direct Combustion | 5 | 47,103 | 54,343 | 57,869 | 62,993 | 59,990 |
| County Operations-Mobile | 6 | 87,110 | 87,116 | 94,348 | 100,499 | 102,754 |

Table C-4: Per capita GHG emissions by sector and year

| Sector | Note | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|--|------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Emissions (in MTCO₂e per capita) | | 11.41 | 11.72 | 11.57 | 11.39 | 11.30 |
| Residential Electricity per capita | 7 | 2.50 | 2.63 | 2.49 | 2.45 | 2.53 |
| Residential Natural Gas per capita | 7 | 0.84 | 0.90 | 0.91 | 0.92 | 0.91 |
| Commercial Electricity per capita | 7 | 2.99 | 3.09 | 3.05 | 2.91 | 2.82 |
| Commercial Natural Gas per capita | 7 | 0.31 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.32 | 0.31 |
| Industrial Electricity per capita | 7 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| Industrial Natural Gas per capita | 7 | 0.15 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.13 |
| Passenger per capita | 7 | 2.72 | 2.73 | 2.75 | 2.78 | 2.72 |
| Light Duty per capita | 7 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.48 | 0.47 | 0.47 |
| Heavy Duty per capita | 7 | 0.57 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.52 | 0.54 |
| County-based Passenger per capita | 7 | 1.32 | 1.32 | 1.31 | 1.32 | 1.29 |
| County-based Light Duty per capita | 7 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.22 | 0.22 |

| Sector | Note | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| County-based Heavy Duty per capita | 7 | 0.28 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.26 |
| External Passenger per capita | 7 | 1.40 | 1.41 | 1.44 | 1.46 | 1.43 |
| External Light Duty per capita | 7 | 0.24 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| External Heavy Duty per capita | 7 | 0.30 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.27 | 0.29 |
| Off-Road per capita | 7 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.44 | 0.43 |
| Metrorail per capita | 7 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 |
| Commuter Rail per capita | 7 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| County Operations per capita | 7 | 0.41 | 0.42 | 0.43 | 0.43 | 0.42 |
| County Operations-Stationary per capita | 7 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.33 |
| County Operations-Electricity per capita | 7 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.28 | 0.27 |
| County Operations-Direct Combustion per capita | 7,8 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 |
| County Operations-Mobile per capita | 9 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.10 |

NOTES REGARDING EMISSIONS:

1. County mobile operations are omitted from total GHG emissions to prevent double counting as part of total mobile units' emissions.
2. Electricity is gross in-county usage provided by DVP and NOVEC at the meter, and does not account for transmission loss or any Renewable Energy Credits (RECs, started by DVP in 2009).
3. Natural gas includes net in-county usage provided by Washington Gas and Columbia Gas (2006 only) at the meter, and does not account for transmission loss or any Carbon offsets (started by Washington Gas in 2011).
4. County operations include county schools' operations and county-operated bus transit. Each also includes both stationary and mobile emissions.
5. Stationary component of county operations is not included in other sectors' stationary usage.
6. Mobile component of county operations is included in community-wide mobile portion of inventory, thus is not double counted here.
7. Per capita data calculated by dividing total emissions by the county's population estimates:

| 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1,037,311 | 1,041,507 | 1,045,694 | 1,051,990 | 1,081,004 |

8. While county operations include stationary fuel oil and propane emissions, the broader community's stationary fuel oil and propane emissions were not calculated due to expected minor (<2% of total) contribution and difficulty in obtaining accurate data.
9. Mobile component of county operations is included in community-wide mobile portion of the inventory, thus is not double counted here.