# Michigan State University's Solutions to Campus and Smart Cities

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# **Major Campus Buildings**

Michigan State University Office of Admissions

Olds Hall

MSU Tech Store

Red Cedar River

### MSU Museum MSU Museum





Wharton Center for Performing Arts

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- 50,000+ students
  - From all 83 Michigan counties, all 50 US states, 141 other countries
- 5,700+ faculty and academic staff
- 7,200+ support staff
- 21 km<sup>2</sup> campus in East Lansing, Michigan, USA
- 110 major academic buildings
  - 566 total buildings
- Land-grant university founded in 1855
- \$2.8 billion annual budget
- Top-100 global research university

# **MSU Energy Infrastructure**

- MSU operates own micro-grid
  - Since 1894 (!)
  - Co-gen heat and electricity: T.B. Simon Plant
  - Significant cost savings vs. buying electricity
  - Historic record of reliability



- MSU consumes as much energy as 50,000 Michigan households, ~ 6 peta-Joule (6 x 10<sup>15</sup> Joule) per year
- Carbon emissions need to be reduced
  - Man-made global warming is real
  - Fossil fuel burning has adverse health effects
- Funds are tight, and energy expenses need to be reduced

# **MSU Energy Transition Plan**

### • Timetable ENERGY TRANSITION PLAN Year Campus Greenhouse MSU's plan to transition to 100% Living & FIGURE renewable energy Learning Renewable **Gas Emission** Laboratory Reduction Energy 2015 15% 30% Invest in Sustainable **Energy Research** 2020 20% 45% and Development 2025 25% 55% 65% 2030 40% Transition Improve the Physical **MSU to 100%** Environment Renewable Energy Approved by MSU

Board of Trustees, **April 2012** 



# Sustainability / Renewables @ MSU

- Recycling center /surplus store
- Organic waste composting facility
- Geo-thermal array
  - Nursing building
- Anaerobic digester



- Processing of food waste, reduction of artificial fertilizer use, electricity production
- Solar arrays
- Demand reduction
  - M\$5-10/year energy conservation measures
  - Better building challenge
  - Data center challenge
  - Spartan treasure hunts







# **Sustainability: Transportation**

- Public transportation
  - Electric bus
  - Autonomous van/bus
- Shared cars
- E-Scooters





# **Connected Infrastructure**















 What happens to the 35,000 trays with plates, cups, food scraps, napkins per day?



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### = 10 tons

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### But what happens to this food waste that we collect?

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# **MSU Anaerobic Digester**

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## Manure

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 MSU teaching and research centers for beef cattle, beef cow-calf, dairy, horse, poultry, sheep, and swine

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# **Usable Solar Radiation**

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# Direct + Ambient

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# Costs per W<sub>DC</sub> for Solar Arrays

# NREL PV system cost benchmark summary (inflation adjusted), 2010–2017

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# **Time Line**

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Aerial

# Dimensions

- 5,000 parking spots
- 180,000 m<sup>2</sup>
- 40,000 solar panels
- 13.4 MW dc peak power
- 10.5 MW ac peak power
- 15,000 MWh/year of solar energy
  - Enough electricity for 1,800
    US households

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# Finished Product (2017)

### 18% of MSU peak power demand, 5% of MSU total annual energy

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# Finished Product (2017)

### Largest solar carport array in the USA

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# **LED Night Lighting**

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# **Peak Shaving**

### 2018 Campus Electricity (MW)

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# **Peak Shaving**

### 2018 Campus Electricity (MW)

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# **Peak Shaving**

### 2018 Campus Electricity (MW)

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# Proposed 20 MW Array

Akers Course

University Corporate Research Park

Collins Rd

Michigan State University

Bennett Rd

E Jolly Rd

Forest Rd

Hagadorn

Hartrick Park

Jolly Rd

~100 Acres of meadows

Jolly Rd

Bennett Rd

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E Jolly Rd

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https://www.princeton.edu/news/ 2018/06/28/sheep-shearmaintenance-princetons-solar-field https://denison.edu/news-events/ featured/131013

### Sheep Grazing Meadow

## Wildflower/Pollinator Habitat

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# How many trees?

- 700 trees/acre
- 1000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> sequestered during life of a tree
- Total CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction equivalent to planting 14 Baker Woodlots of trees (> 800,000 trees) each year.

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Baker Woodlot, MSU: 78 acres (~ 320,000 m<sup>2</sup>) ~55,000 trees

# Costs

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34% cost reduction since FY14!

New Solar Array will save \$57 Million during next 25 years

True Sustainability: Saving Money while Saving the Planet

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