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
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*"So we have a choice to make. We can remain one of the world's leading importers of foreign oil, or we can make the investments that would allow us to become the world's leading exporter of renewable energy. We can let climate change continue to go unchecked, or we can help stop it. We can let the jobs of tomorrow be created abroad, or we can create those jobs right here in America and lay the foundation for lasting prosperity." - President Obama, March 19, 2009*

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Due to expanding requirements and diminishing resources, lacking holistic/integrated design approaches; HQ ACC/A7PS has formulated a process for measuring sustainability at Air Combat Command (ACC) installations. This process will establish baseline metrics to identify actionable opportunities and investment strategies, and facilitate year-to-year comparisons. There are many individual efforts already in place at HQ ACC/A7PS and at the installation level. It is within this context that the ACC Installation Sustainability Assessment (ISA) process and report was developed. This report summarizes the current and recommended sustainability efforts at Offutt Air Force Base (AFB) and provides a basis for comparison and benchmarking.

Numbers have been calculated for the five sustainability indicators at Offutt AFB for their mission support functions. Additionally, flying mission numbers have been established for the total carbon footprint and energy usage to show their additional effect on the installation's overall impact on sustainability. The bullet indicators, as shown in the chart below, represent how Offutt AFB compares to industry recognized benchmarks<sup>1</sup>. Green indicates a metric is on target or better than target. Yellow indicates a metric is slightly off target. Red indicates a metric is off target.

| MISSION SUPPORT     |           |         |   | FLYING MISSION    |           |       |   |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|---|-------------------|-----------|-------|---|
| Carbon Footprint:   | 30,620    | mTons   |  | Carbon Footprint: | 190,700   | mTons |  |
| Energy Usage:       | 1,074,568 | MMBTU   |  | Energy Usage:     | 2,686,608 | MMBTU |  |
| Water Conservation: | 163.10    | Mg      |  |                   |           |       |   |
| Waste Production:   | 4,997     | tons    |  |                   |           |       |   |
| Land Utilization:   | 10,816    | SF/acre |  |                   |           |       |   |

SF = square feet; mTons = metric tons; Mg = million gallons; MMBTU = million British thermal units

Fiscal Year (FY) 08 is the inaugural year for the ISA report therefore this report does not provide year-to-year comparisons but it does establish a baseline for all future measurements. This report demonstrates that the Base is performing well on Waste Reduction, Mission Support Carbon Footprint, and Mission Support Energy Usage relative to industry benchmarks; however, it is underperforming on Water Conservation, Land Utilization, Flying Mission Carbon Footprint and Flying Mission Energy Usage.

Offutt AFB has already initiated a large number of sustainability initiatives. Some examples include their renewable energy source for electrical energy, current recycling practices, and their initial exterior light re-lamping and potential control system program. There are additional strategies that are outlined relative to each sustainability indicator in the report such as commuting initiatives, storm water retention, energy reduction, and renewable transportation fuels.

Air Combat Command has a solid history of successes with sustainability initiatives; however, progressive action must continue. This report outlines a concise, measurable, and repeatable process that can be utilized year-to-year. Upon this installation's yearly assessment and data analysis; recommendations and actionable items will be established and monitored. ACC HQ/A7PS's role includes identifying synergies between installations to implement new and bridge existing sustainability initiatives. The ACC HQ/A7PS Installation Sustainability Assessment (ISA) will deliver a positive return on investment and promote leadership in sustainable initiatives.

<sup>1</sup>Industry recognized benchmarks are noted where referenced within the report.

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Installation Sustainability Assessment (ISA) Definition

The Installation Sustainability Assessment (ISA) is a process by which an installation's relative level of sustainability can be measured and it is expressed in five key indicators; (1) Carbon Footprint, (2) Energy Usage, (3) Waste Conservation, (4) Waste Reduction and (5) Land Utilization, and identifies and recommends installation specific improvement strategies. Identified improvement strategies will allow for the bridging of diverse sustainable initiatives (i.e. energy, heat island effect, water conservation, habitat/watershed protection and restoration, and new construction practices) and a more efficient implementation of these initiatives as it will account for installation-wide conditions. Additionally, overall review of completed ISA's will provide valuable trend analysis across installations. Direct comparison of installations is not the focus due to differing missions, climate variations and unique installation attributes.

Sustainable Design is a design philosophy that seeks to maximize the quality of the community and the built environment while minimizing or eliminating the negative impact to the natural environment. The word, installation, is defined as the grounds and buildings that belong to a given institution, and specifically refers to Air Force installations in this document. Sustainability initiatives include conscious efforts to protect habitats, optimize land use, produce zero waste, reduce heat islands, improve air quality, reduce light pollution, use energy efficiently, and maintain the health and well-being for a community.

Initiatives to improve on a particular established indicator typically will also have an effect on other indicators. In determining and prioritizing actionable items, it is important to take into account this interaction to determine which initiatives will result in the most positive outcome and highest return on investment.

### B. ISA and the DoD Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan

The *Installation Sustainability Assessment (ISA)* process, metrics, and indicators were initially developed in 2009 by HQ ACC as a means for measuring the overall "green posture" of the installation. In late 2010, the Department of Defense (DoD) published the Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan (SSPP) which identified department wide goals.

HQ ACC reevaluated the ISA process, metrics, and indicators in light of policy established in the SSPP in order to determine if there were conflicts or if changes were needed in the ISA.

The following table provides a summary of the evaluation. The ISA anticipated and aligned favorably with the broad goals and policy in the SSPP. Few modifications in the ISA data collection were needed and those have been fully incorporated into this updated ISA. The SSPP identified some goals which are completely outside the ability of the ISA to collect and report as, to the best of our knowledge, this information is not currently being collected (recall that the ISA relies on collecting data from existing sources).

Bottom Line: The ISA will remain ACC's tool for evaluating the progress of an installation towards the goals and performance expectations of the SSPP.

The following headers are provided in the table below.

- *SSPP Goals* are the goals and sub-goals taken directly from DoD's SSPP.
- *Changes to Align ISAs with SSPP Goals* shows three categories addressing how the ISA aligned with the SSPP.
  - *Few/No ISA Changes* indicates that the original data collect and the data input format of the ISA aligned very closely with the SSPP. *Modifications* that were needed have been incorporated into the ISA.
  - *ISA Additions (data available)* means that the ISA did not originally collect or have a data input format for these goals that were eventually identified in the SSPP. For the most part the data is available for collection. However, some of the data may not be easily accessible. Modifications to the ISA spreadsheet have been made for inputting the new data.
  - *Goals outside the ability of the ISA to collect and report* refer to goals that are not applicable to ACC installations. It also includes goals for which installations do not have the ability to collect the data for measuring progress against the goal.
- *Data Status and Location* addresses the location within the electronic ISA worksheet where data can be found and inputted in order to calculate progress towards meeting the SSPP goals. It also identifies what data has been collected for each goal.

## COMPARISON AND ALIGNMENT OF ISA AND SSPP

| SSPP Goals    |   | Changes to Align ISAs with SSPP Goals |                                |  | Data Status and Location   |
|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
|               |   | Few/No ISA Changes                    | ISA Additions (Data Available) | Goals Outside the Ability of the ISA to Collect and Report |  |
| <b>Goal 1</b> | <b>Use of Fossil Fuels Reduced</b>  |                                       |                                |  |  |
| Sub-Goal 1.1  | Energy intensity of facilities reduced by 30% of FY03 levels by FY15 and 37.5% by FY20  | ●                                     |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collected in the ISA is acceptable.</li> <li>Data input under the Energy Tab Spreadsheets.</li> </ul>  |
| Sub-Goal 1.2  | 18.3% of energy consumed by facilities is produced or procured from renewable sources by FY20   | ●                                     |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collected in the ISA is acceptable.</li> <li>Data input under the Energy Tab Spreadsheets.</li> <li>Sustainable Measures Tab worksheet shows a separate table for facilities with the energy intensity bar chart showing the renewable component.</li> </ul> |
| Sub-Goal 1.3  | Use of petroleum products by vehicle fleets reduced by 30% by FY20 relative to FY05   | ●                                     |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collected in the ISA acceptable.</li> <li>Data input under the Energy Tab Spreadsheets.</li> <li>Sustainable Measures tab shows reduction in transportation energy use and separates petroleum and renewable sources.</li> </ul>                             |
| <b>Goal 2</b> | <b>Water Resources Management Improved</b>  |                                       |                                |  |  |
| Sub-Goal 2.1  | Potable water consumption intensity by facilities reduced by 26% of FY07 levels by FY20 Assessment of ISA   | ●                                     |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collected in the ISA is acceptable.</li> <li>Data input under the Water Tab Spreadsheets.</li> <li>Sustainable Measures Tab shows the percent improvement from baseline in the per built SF table.</li> </ul>  |
| Sub-Goal 2.2  | Reduce industrial and irrigation water consumption 20% by FY20 from FY10 baseline   |                                       |                                | ●  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Tab spreadsheet updated to provide data entry points for when data becomes available.</li> <li>Data not currently available for input in the ISA for this metric. No separate metering for industrial uses.</li> </ul>                                      |
| Sub-Goal 2.3  | All development and redevelopment projects of 5,000 square feet or greater maintaining pre-development hydrology to the maximum extent technically feasible |                                       | ●                              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Tab spreadsheet modified to add a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Goal 3</b> | <b>Greenhouse Gas Emission from Scope 1 and 2 Sources Reduced 34% by FY20, Relative to FY08</b>   |                                       |                                |  |  |
| Sub-Goal 4.1  | Greenhouse gas emission from employee air travel reduced 15% FY20 relative to FY11  |                                       | ●                              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal.</li> </ul>  |
| Sub-Goal 4.2  | 30% of eligible employees teleworking at least once a week, on a regular, recurring basis, by FY20  |                                       | ●                              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal.</li> </ul>  |
| Sub-Goal 4.3  | 50% of non-hazardous waste diverted from disposal in landfills not owned by DoD by FY15, and thereafter through FY20  | ●                                     |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collected in the ISA is acceptable.</li> <li>Waste Management Tab has a check box for verification of the waste is going to non-DoD landfill.</li> </ul>   |

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|---------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
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| <b>Goal 5</b> | <b>Solid Waste Minimized and Optimally Managed</b>  |                                       |                                |  |  |
| Sub-Goal 5.1  | All DoD organizations implementing policies by FY14 to reduce the use of printing paper   |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal.</li> </ul>                    |
| Sub-Goal 5.2  | 50% of non-hazardous solid waste diverted from the waste stream by FY15, and thereafter through FY20—not including construction and demolition debris |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collected in the ISA is acceptable.</li> <li>Data input under the Waste Management Tab Spreadsheets.</li> </ul>  |
| Sub-Goal 5.3  | 60% of construction and demolition debris diverted from the waste stream by FY15, and thereafter through FY20   |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste Management Tab spreadsheet modified to add a header for C&amp;D debris.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal.</li> </ul>                     |
| Sub-Goal 5.4  | Ten landfills recovering landfill gas for use by DoD by FY20  |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not applicable to ACC installations.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Goal 6</b> | <b>The Use and Release of Chemicals of Environmental Concern Minimized</b>  |                                       |                                |  |  |
| Sub-Goal 6.1  | On-site releases and off-site transfers of toxic chemicals reduced 15% by FY20, relative to FY07  |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste Management Tab spreadsheet modified for listing reportable quantities.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal.</li> </ul>                      |
| Sub-Goal 6.2  | 100% of excess or surplus electronic products disposed of in environmentally sound manner   |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal.</li> </ul>                    |
| Sub-Goal 6.3  | 100% of DoD personnel and contractors who apply pesticides are properly certified through FY20  |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal.</li> </ul>                    |
| <b>Goal 7</b> | <b>Sustainability Practices Become the Norm</b>   |                                       |                                |  |  |
| Sub-Goal 7.1  | 95% of procurement conducted sustainably  |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> </ul>   |
| Sub-Goal 7.2  | 15% of existing buildings conform to the guiding principles on high performance and sustainable buildings by FY15, holding through FY20               |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACC/A7PS is evaluating how to implement this goal.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Goal 8</b> | <b>Sustainability Built into DoD Management Systems</b>   |                                       |                                |  |  |
| Sub-Goal 8.1  | All environmental management systems effectively implemented and maintained   |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal. Data is available.</li> </ul> |
| Sub-Goal 8.2  | Sustainability of transportation and energy choices in surrounding areas optimized by coordinating with related regional and local planning           |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to a yes/no box with a percent compliance.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal. Data is available.</li> </ul> |
| Sub-Goal 8.3  | All DoD installations have Integrated Pest Management Plans prepared, reviewed, and updated annually by pest management professionals                 |                                       |                                |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operations Tab spreadsheet modified to include a year and review date.</li> <li>Data not originally collected for sub-goal. Data is available.</li> </ul>         |



## C. Goals and Objectives

The ISA has been established to formulate a process for measuring sustainability at the Installation level. ISA's take a comprehensive look at ACC Installations and will address, at a minimum, current use of renewable energy, green-procurement practices, infrastructure systems, existing facility operations, conservation plans, environmental compliance, biological resources, habitat protection, watershed restoration, land use, and environmental stewardship.

The ISA will be used to:

- Report the findings.
- Establish a baseline for year-to-year comparisons.
- Define sustainable initiatives.
- Identify synergistic opportunities between diverse initiatives.
- Support the Mission, improve the quality of life, and conserve resources over time.
- Create an awareness of impacts and a catalyst for cultural change.

## D. Setting the Context

### Flying Mission:

Flying Mission includes anything that directly effects or has direct participation in flight or deployment operations. The flying mission calculations currently take into account energy usage (i.e. transportation and aviation fuels) and mission specific building and land use areas to calculate the installation's Flying Mission carbon footprint and energy usage. In the future, once sub-metering is in place, additional measures for Flying Mission may be established for water consumption and waste production.

### Mission Support:

Mission Support includes all other activities on the installation that do not directly affect flight and deployment operations.

## E. Process

### 1. Data Collection Categories

The ISA categories are a way of grouping data that was collected and used to calculate a set of sustainability criteria. In summary the ISA data collection categories are:

1. **Development**—Includes land use, building utilization, transportation, noise and light emissions.
2. **Energy**—Includes electrical, gas, oil, and liquid propane gas consumption, power purchased from utility or generated on site, and transportation and mission fuels for government vehicles and support equipment.
3. **Water**—Includes domestic, irrigation and storm water consumption, its source and its usage.
4. **Waste**—Includes solid and liquid waste production and its usage.
5. **Operations**—Includes best management practices such as procurement, training, maintenance and purchasing program for energy efficient equipment.

The following defines the five data collection categories in more detail.

**Development:**

Expanding human requirements and economic activities are placing ever increasing pressures on land resources, creating competition and conflicts and resulting in suboptimal use of resources. By examining all uses of land in an integrated manner, it is possible to minimize conflicts, to make the most efficient trade-offs and to link social and economic development with environmental protection and enhancement, thus helping to achieve the objectives of sustainable development.

Land use refers to the activities practiced by humans on land. Land supports uses such as residential, industrial and commercial facilities, recreational areas, natural infrastructure areas, and transportation functions. Integrating a green infrastructure with community connectivity in land use planning is essential to achieving sustainable developments as they incorporate multiple environmental benefits including:

- Reducing storm water runoff volumes and reducing peak flows by utilizing the natural retention and absorption capabilities of vegetation and soils.

The capacity of the land can be generally categorized as either pervious or impervious. Pervious includes areas that allow rainwater to pass through them and soak into the ground instead of flowing into storm drains. Impervious includes areas that are mainly constructed surfaces covered by impenetrable materials such as asphalt, concrete, brick, and stone. These materials seal surfaces, repel water, and prevent precipitation and melt water from infiltrating soils. Impervious surface areas include rooftops, sidewalks, roads, and parking lots. The impacts of increased impervious surfaces to storm water runoff should be controlled to mimic natural conditions and to protect water quality. Increasing the amount of pervious ground cover increases storm water infiltration rates, thereby reducing the volume of runoff entering our combined or separate sewer systems, and ultimately our lakes, rivers, and streams.

- Improving the rate at which groundwater aquifers are recharged or replenished.

Groundwater provides about 40% of the water needed to maintain normal base flow rates in our rivers and streams. Enhanced groundwater recharge can also boost the supply of drinking water for private and public uses.

- Preventing pollutants from being transported to nearby surface waters.

Once runoff is infiltrated into soils, plants and microbes can naturally filter and break down many common pollutants found in storm water.

- Limiting the frequency of sewer overflow events by utilizing the natural retention and infiltration capabilities of plants and soils that will reduce runoff volumes and delay storm water discharges.
- Capturing and removing carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the atmosphere via photosynthesis and other natural processes of plants and soils that serve as sources of carbon sequestration.
- Mitigating the effects of urban heat islands and reducing energy demands by providing increased amounts of urban green space and vegetation.

Urban heat islands form as communities replace natural land cover with dense concentrations of pavement, buildings, and other surfaces that absorb and retain heat. Heat from the sun is absorbed by impervious surface areas and is radiated back into the atmosphere, increasing temperatures in the surrounding area. Additionally, buildings and streets trap and concentrate waste heat from vehicles, factories, and air conditioners. The displacement of trees and vegetation minimizes their natural cooling effects. Trees, green roofs, and other green infrastructure lower the demand for air conditioning energy, thereby decreasing emissions from power plants.

- Improving air quality by incorporating trees and vegetation in urban landscapes.

Trees and vegetation absorb certain pollutants from the air through leaf uptake and contact removal. If widely planted throughout a community, trees and plants can even cool the air and slow the temperature-dependent reaction that forms ground-level ozone pollution.

- Providing increased access to recreational spaces and wildlife habitats including greenways, parks, urban forests, wetlands, and vegetated swales.
- Impacting overall human health by providing vegetation and green space.

Research has linked the presence of trees, plants, and green space to provide a stronger sense of community, improved performance, and even reductions in physical and mental illnesses.

- Improving accessibility by reducing travel distances and improving transportation options by creating nodes such as rideshare and bus stops.

Community connectivity, or clustering, refers to land use patterns in which related activities are located in proximity to one another. Clustering makes it easier to do such things as run several errands at the same time or to interact with others.

- Protecting greenfields and preserving habitat and natural resources by clustering buildings.
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions contributing to the carbon footprint as a result of decreased vehicle use travelling to and from sites.

Transportation fuel consumption and emissions contribute to climate change, smog and particulate pollution, all of which have negative impacts on human health.

- Controlling noise levels below 65 decibels that is considered an acceptable level in suitable living environments.

The Noise Control Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-574) directs federal agencies to comply with applicable federal, state, interstate, and local noise control regulations. Sound quality criteria disseminated by the USEPA, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Department of Defense (DOD) have identified noise levels to protect public health and welfare with an adequate margin of safety. Responses to noise vary, depending on the type and characteristics of the noise, the expected level of noise, the distance between noise source and the receptor, the receptor's sensitivity, and the time of day. These levels are considered acceptable guidelines for assessing noise conditions in an environmental setting.

- Reducing light pollution through fixture types, direction of light, lighting control and improved airfield lighting.

**Energy:**

Energy is constantly consumed for the operations of every installation. Data is already being collected by installation personnel to capture all energy sources used at the installation including transportation fuels and mission fuels. Energy sources may include petroleum, natural gas, electricity, coal, and renewable resources such as hydropower, solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, and ethanol. Utilizing existing data, the amount and type of energy consumed is further analyzed to establish a baseline measure for year-to-year comparisons and to monitor the reduction of energy consumption.

Energy usage results in undesired emissions into the environment. Installations typically do not monitor all emissions. Collecting the installation energy data allows the opportunity to calculate a carbon footprint measure (flying mission and mission support) for the installation that can be monitored year-to-year.

**Water:**

The current water distribution systems at most installations and communities are designed to meet multiple supply needs:

- Potable requirements (e.g., drinking, cooking, cleaning, etc.)
- Firefighting
- Municipal, commercial, and industrial needs
- Non-potable applications (e.g., toilet flushing, landscape irrigation, heating, cooling, etc.)

In some areas of the United States, dual distribution systems have been implemented that provide a primary system for delivering high quality drinking water and a secondary system for non-potable water applications. By using alternative sources for water supplies either to meet non-potable needs or to replenish existing water sources, higher quality sources of drinking water can be preserved. Capacity and functionality of alternative infrastructure systems need to be considered in cases where separate systems are provided for potable and non-potable applications (e.g. water reuse and recovering gray water, rain water, or storm water).

Per the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, any development or redevelopment project involving a Federal facility with a footprint that exceeds 5,000 square feet shall use site planning, design, construction, and maintenance strategies for the property to maintain or restore, to the maximum extent technically feasible, the predevelopment hydrology of the property with regard to temperature, rate, volume, and duration of flow. As mentioned under the Development category, storm water is critical to sustainable development. The combination of reducing water consumption, re-using storm, gray, and waste water as water sources, and treating runoff are sustainability goals related to water/storm water.

**Waste:**

Solid and liquid waste on an installation consists of paper, cardboard, plastics, wood, food wastes, glass, metals, special wastes, and hazardous wastes each of which take their own time to degenerate. The size of the annual waste stream is determined from monthly waste-hauling reports detailing the total tons and cost of the waste that has been hauled. Waste streams include landfill, recycling, hazardous, compost, and any others that are being used on the installation.

Responsible waste management of hazardous and nonhazardous waste is essential to protecting human health and the environment. This includes conserving resources by reducing waste, preventing future waste disposal problems by enforcing regulations and cleaning up areas where waste may have been improperly disposed.

Wastewater is any water that has been adversely affected in quality by human influence. In the most common usage, it refers to the municipal wastewater that contains a broad spectrum of contaminants resulting from the mixing of wastewaters from different sources. Grey water comprises 50-80% of the wastewater produced from such activities as dish washing, laundry, and bathing. The amount of the annual wastewater produced on an installation is calculated as a percentage of the reported total monthly gallons and cost of the municipal domestic water consumption.

Treated wastewater can be used for irrigation, fire protection, toilet flushing, artificial wetlands, processing and cooling towers. Reusing wastewater contributes to conserving water and protecting waterways.

### **Operations:**

Operational best management practices that have been found to be an effective and practical means in protecting or enhancing the environment include such activities as green procurement of goods and services, training, maintenance and purchasing programs for energy efficient equipment.

Green procurement is the purchase of environmentally preferable products and services for such things as recycled paper, green cleaning supplies, office products and printing services. In addition to being cost effective, green procurement reduces the amount of solid and hazardous waste generated and reduces consumption of energy and natural resources.

Proper training of operations and maintenance staff on the use of building systems results in energy savings with minimal upfront investment. The environment benefits from less energy being consumed and less emissions being put into the atmosphere and the building owner benefits from the cost savings associated with less energy being used.

In commercial buildings, use of equipment is the fastest growing consumer of electricity. Purchasing and using energy efficient equipment and appliances saves on the total energy being used and the costs associated with their use.

## **2. Preliminary Research and Data Collection**

HQ ACC/A7PS obtained applicable data and reports for the installation from available resources. Examples of reports used as data sources include the Natural Resources Plan, Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, Water Management Plan, Drinking Water Management Plan, Pollution Prevention Management Plan, Hazardous Waste Management Plan, Solid and Hazardous Waste Compliance, Economic Impact Analysis, Environmental Restoration Program, Transportation Master Plan, Department of Energy Report, Transportation Fuel Reports, Real Property Reports, and GIS database. Information gathered is from resources that already exist. Creation of new reports/data by installation personnel is not required.

### 3. On-site Evaluation and Data Collection

A three-person A/E team consisting of an Architect, Civil Engineer, and Industrial Engineer (with both a mechanical and electrical engineering background) met with personnel at Offutt AFB on April 14-16, 2009. While at the installation, the A/E team interviewed available civil engineering flight staff, such as, but not limited to, contracting, engineering, maintenance, and real property personnel to supplement the data collected previously from HQ ACC/A7PS as well as to collect data not previously obtained. The A/E team observed and measured existing conditions such as night time light levels along the flight line and sound levels throughout the installation.

### 4. Data Analysis

The data collected was entered in the pre-established spreadsheet form. Pre-established sustainability indicators were calculated that are quantifiable, repeatable, simple, and represent installation wide sustainability conditions. The metrics establish a baseline for year-to-year comparison, and document compliance or non-compliance with Federal guidance and other applicable Agency governances (e.g. Executive Orders, Energy Policy Act 2005, Energy Independence and Security Act 2007, MAJCOM directives, etc.).

### 5. Findings Summary

This report and supporting documentation is a compilation and summary of the information collected and the sustainability indicators calculated for Offutt AFB. The data was evaluated using criteria and protocol that is standard to this initiative and provides a consistent reporting structure. HQ ACC/A7PS will review these results and conclusions to identify potential projects, policy changes, incentives, and year-to-year comparisons.

The following defines the sustainability indicators and methodologies in more detail.

#### Carbon Footprint:

Carbon Footprint is the measure of the impact human activities have on the environment in terms of greenhouse gas emissions produced, measured in tons of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are referred to as greenhouse gases. Some greenhouse gases, such as CO<sub>2</sub>, occur naturally and are emitted to the atmosphere through natural processes and human activities. Other greenhouse gases are created and emitted solely through human activities. Human activities typically produce the following greenhouse gases:

- **CO<sub>2</sub>**—CO<sub>2</sub> is produced through the burning of fossil fuels (oil, natural gas, and coal), solid waste, trees and wood products, and as a result of other chemical reactions.
- **Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)**—Methane is emitted during the production and transport of coal, natural gas, and oil. Methane emissions also result from livestock and other agricultural practices and by the decay of organic waste in municipal solid waste landfills.
- **Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O)**—Nitrous oxide is emitted during agricultural and industrial activities, as well as during combustion of fossil fuels and solid waste.
- **Fluorinated Gases**—Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs), and sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) are synthetic, powerful greenhouse gases that are emitted from a variety of industrial processes.

In the USA, our energy-related activities account for three-quarters of our human-generated greenhouse gas emissions, mostly in the form of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from burning fossil fuels. More than

half the energy-related emissions come from large stationary sources such as power plants, while about a third comes from transportation. Industrial processes (such as the production of cement, steel, and aluminum), agriculture, forestry, other land use, and waste management are also important sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States. (U.S. EPA)

For reporting carbon footprint, the General Reporting Protocol v1.1 May 2008 from The Climate Registry was used. This protocol was used to calculate the carbon footprint as it is one of the most widely accepted systems in the United States and offers a relatively simple approach that can be adapted to installation wide systems. Where data was available, Scope I and Scope II emissions and some of Scope III emissions have been included. Scope I emissions are all direct greenhouse gasses from combustion sources to refrigerant leaks. Scope II includes indirect greenhouse gas emissions from offsite power generation. For this report, Scope III includes an estimate of employee commuting greenhouse gas emissions. Where possible, direct calculations of materials consumed or released to calculate the equivalent greenhouse gas emissions have been used. In some cases the use of generalized look-up figures and/or averages to generate quantities of emissions has been allowed. It is important to track the greenhouse gas emissions relative to mission fuels and transportation fuels to allow comparisons to other public and corporate entities.

### **Energy Usage:**

Energy usage is integral to every facet of our daily lives and is a critical component of a sustainable installation. The long-term reliance on non-renewable resources can be decreased and renewable resources can be developed in an environmentally and economically responsible manner. This potential for improved energy usage is important as carbon based energy sources are the most significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.

For reporting energy use, actual usage data from the Base was captured from reporting practices in the government. For purposes of this project, the energy usage data was separated into building/site energy and transportation categories. Transportation data was further broken down into flying mission and mission support categories along with quantifying which energy sources are from green, bio-, and/or renewable sources. These numbers are used to provide energy consumption relative to full-time equivalent (FTE) and installation building square footages along with allowing analysis of green/renewable sources and flying mission versus mission support consumption. It was important to separate mission energy consumption from standard transportation due to the large amount of fuels required for aircraft, and to provide a fair comparison to other public campuses or corporate entities.

### **Water Conservation:**

As demand for fresh, clean water for irrigation and industry increases, underground aquifers are being drained faster than they can be refilled. Pollution and changing climatic conditions are adding to the burden on fresh water supplies. Poor land development creates more impervious surfaces generating higher levels of runoff, while more natural areas decrease the amount of runoff. There is the potential to become water-self-sufficient by harvesting rainwater and reducing use of domestic water.

For reporting water conservation, the domestic water use is captured and compared to the installation population and building square footages for comparison year-to-year.

Storm water conservation is based on comparing the 2-year post development calculation from the Offutt AFB Final Storm Water Modeling Report, September 2008, to a 2-year predevelopment

(greenfield) calculation utilizing the USDA, NRCS (SCS) Method as outlined in Urban Hydrology for Small Watersheds Technical Release 55 (TR-55). This calculation indicates that the current site is discharging more storm water to downstream water systems. This increases the potential for contaminated or polluted waters from parking lots, streets, and the airfield to reach water systems off-site, resulting in a need for improved containment and/or treatment.

#### **Waste Reduction:**

Every economic activity produces waste. The average human uses 45-85 tons of materials each year. Due to diminishing resources and recent legislation, Bases need to reduce the amount of waste produced and increase the amount of waste recovered. Composting has the potential to significantly alter the amount of waste we throw into our local landfills.

For reporting waste reduction, data is captured regarding total waste, landfill, recycling, compost, hazardous and the costs associate with each. The data is compared to installation population, USEPA recommended guidelines, and tracked year-to-year.

#### **Land Utilization:**

Community sustainability requires a transition from poorly-managed sprawl to land use planning practices that create and maintain efficient infrastructure, ensure sense of community, and preserve natural systems. Many current land use practices have converged to generate haphazard, inefficient, and unsustainable sprawl. Stratified land use policies and inadequate funding for demolition of obsolete facilities isolates employment locations, shopping and services, and housing locations from each other creating excessive transportation and creating excessive hard surfaced areas.

For reporting land utilization, source data was gathered on the installation that provides a baseline site area along with area breakdowns for buildable, non-buildable, and habitat areas. Combining this information with building footprints and building areas by category/use codes allows the breakdown of land use and utilization of the installation. Some of the starting basic calculations include total building area relative to the buildable land along with the total non-built or green area relative to the entire site. An attempt was made to provide a reference of built area relative to the site occupancy. Currently, two times the code recommended square footage per FTE is being used to provide a comparison of building area against the installation's population and to depict the utilization of the building space.

## **6. Recommendations**

The recommendations described in this report are derived from the specific information obtained at the installation and are intended for further definition and development for projects that would have a direct and viable impact for the sustainability of the installation. The recommendations are categorized within the pre-established sustainability indicators. Ultimately this list will be used to develop a prioritized group of projects.



## II. INSTALLATION INFORMATION

### A. Background

Offutt AFB is a U.S. Air Force installation near Omaha, Nebraska and lies adjacent to Bellevue in Sarpy County. It is the headquarters of the U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM), the Air Force Weather Agency, and the 55th Wing (55 WG) of the Air Combat Command (ACC), the latter serving as the host unit. It was named in honor of World War I pilot and Omaha native 1st Lt. Jarvis Offutt. Offutt's legacy includes the construction of the first two bombers to drop atomic bombs and over 40 years as the headquarters for the former Strategic Air Command (SAC) and home for its associated ground and aerial command centers for the U.S. in case of nuclear war during the Cold War era.



Offutt AFB from Approximately 1,000 Feet

### B. History

Fort Crook was commissioned by the War Department in 1890 as a U.S. Army Depot immediately south of Bellevue, Nebraska, along the Missouri River. It was first used as a dispatch point for Indian conflicts on the Great Plains.

The oldest surviving portion of Fort Crook is the parade grounds and surrounding red brick buildings that were constructed between 1894 -1896. These structures are still in active use today as squadron headquarters, living quarters for high-ranking generals (Generals Row), and Nebraska's oldest operational jail.



General Curtis E. Lemay Building, U.S. Strategic Command Headquarters

In 1918, the 61st Balloon Company of the Army Air Corps was assigned to Fort Crook at the close of World War I. In 1921, an airfield was built at the Fort as a refueling stop for mail and transcontinental flights and in 1924 the airfield was officially named "Offutt Field" in honor of 1st Lt. Jarvis Offutt.

In 1940, the Army Air Corps chose Offutt Field as the site for a new bomber plant that was to be operated by the Glenn L. Martin Company. The plant's construction included a two mile-long concrete runway, six large hangars, and a 1.7 million square-foot aircraft-assembly building.

In 1948, Offutt Field transferred to the new Department of the Air Force and became Offutt AFB. Later that same year, the 3902d Air Base Wing became the host unit at Offutt. During the same year, Offutt gained international prominence when it became the host Base for the headquarters of the Strategic Air Command (SAC). Offutt was chosen for its strategic central position in the USA; allowing long-range, nuclear-armed bombers to (then) stay safely out of range of hostile missiles or bomber aircraft. Offutt's population and facilities grew dramatically to keep pace with the increased operational demands during the Cold War. Several new buildings were erected, including more than 2,000 family housing units.

The 3902d Air Base Wing was deactivated on 1 March 1986 and the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing assumed host-unit responsibilities for Offutt. Increased defense spending during the 1980s brought additional operational improvements to Offutt, including the Bennie Davis Aircraft Maintenance Hangar, and a new command center for Headquarters SAC.

In 1992, the Air Force reorganized its military unit structure; the Strategic Air Command (SAC) was deactivated on June 1, succeeded by the unified U.S. Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM). The 55th Strategic Wing then became the 55th Wing, under the newly created Air Combat Command (ACC).

In 2005, Offutt began several major renovations. The on-base Wherry housing area was demolished for replacement with new housing. A new fire house, AAFES mini-mall, and U.S. Post Office were completed in 2006.

Additionally, the Air Force Weather Agency broke ground on a new facility which was completed in 2008.



Air Force Weather Agency

## C. Mission and Vision

The 55th Wing's mission statement is, "Provides dominant intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, electronic attack, command and control and precision awareness to national leadership and warfighters across the spectrum of conflict any time, any place."

The 55th Wing's vision is to provide unmatched ISR, electronic attack, and command and control capabilities across the range of military operations.

The Fightin' Fifty-Fifth operates a variety of aircraft to conduct operations from Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Kadana AB, Japan; RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom; Souda Bay Naval Support Activity, Crete; and other locations around the world. The 55th Wing is the largest wing in Air Combat Command and the second largest in the Air Force.

## D. Geography

According to the United States Census Bureau, the Base has a total area of 4.3 square miles, of which, 4.2 square miles of it is land and 0.1 square miles of it (3.22%) is water.

|                     |                                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Coordinates:</b> | 41°6'49"N 95°55'42"W              |
| <b>State:</b>       | Nebraska                          |
| <b>County:</b>      | Sarpy                             |
| <b>Elevation:</b>   | 1,052 feet                        |
| <b>Terrain:</b>     | Sloping, tiered site              |
| <b>Soils:</b>       | Predominantly silty clay and sand |

## E. Climate

**Temperature:** Average July maximum and minimum temperatures are 88°F (31°C) and 66°F (19°C) respectively, with moderate humidity and relatively frequent thunderstorms.

Average January maximum and minimum temperatures are 31°F (-1°C) and 11°F (-12°C) respectively.

**Precipitation:** Average yearly precipitation is 30 inches (76 cm) of that an average yearly snowfall being around 30 inches (76 cm).

**Humidity:** Humid continental climate

Humidity Range between 40% rh and 90% rh.

**Wind:** Wind Power Classification between 2 and 3  
(from US DOE National Renewable Energy Laboratory)

| WIND POWER CLASSIFICATION   | WIND POWER DENSITY             | WIND SPEED    |
|---|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 2   | 200-300 w/m <sup>2</sup> @ 50m | 12.8-14.6 mph |
| 3   | 300-400 w/m <sup>2</sup> @ 50m | 14.6-16.1 mph |
| w/m <sup>2</sup> = watt per square meter; m = meter; mph = miles per hour |                                |               |

## F. Demographics

As of the census of 2000, there were 8,901 people, 2,304 households, and 2,255 families residing on the Base. The population density was 2,113.1 people per square mile. There were 2,429 housing units at an average density of 576.6/sq mi.

### III. FINDINGS

#### A. Description

A set of five sustainability indicators have been established to summarize the installation's level of sustainability. The five indicators are: 1) Carbon Footprint; 2) Energy Usage; 3) Water Conservation; 4) Waste Reduction; and 5) Land Utilization. These indicators have been established to consolidate the large amount of data analyzed into a few comprehensive outputs.

The findings associated with the indicators presented below are based on the population and consumption numbers presented in the following table.

| <b>POPULATION AND CONSUMPTION<br/>NUMBERS, OFFUTT AFB</b>   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Base Area (acres)   |             |
| Usable Building Area (SF, 2009)   | 5,614,073   |
| Base Population   |             |
| Military (2009)   | 5,741       |
| Civilian (2009)   | 3,308       |
| Dependent Population (2007)   | 12,171      |
| 2009 Energy Use <sup>1</sup>  |             |
| Electric Use (kWh)  | 158,355,000 |
| Natural Gas (cf)  | 47,941,000  |
| Potable Water (Mgal)  | 163         |
| 2009 Mission Fuel Usage (gal)   |             |
| Aviation Fuels  | 19,933,346  |
| Diesel  | 245,703     |
| Gasoline Fuel   | 74,625      |
| Bio Diesel  | 0           |
| 2009 Non-Mission Fuel Usage (gal)   |             |
| Diesel  | 262,112     |
| Gas fuel  | 147,821     |
| Bio Diesel  | 2,993       |
| Ethanol   | 10,700      |
| Waste   |             |
| Total Waste (tons) <sup>2</sup>   | 4,997       |
| Waste Recycled (tons) <sup>2</sup>  | 2,091       |
| <sup>1</sup> Base only; no housing<br><sup>2</sup> Includes landfill, recycling, compost, hazardous, and other<br>SF = square feet, kWh = kilowatts hour,<br>cf = thousand cubic feet, Mgal = million gallons,<br>and gal = gallons |             |

#### B. Current Sustainability Indicators

Refer to the following pages for a summary of findings for the five sustainability indicators for Offutt AFB.

## 1. Offutt Carbon Footprint

In the context of the ISA, carbon footprint is a measure of the Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other Greenhouse Gas (GHG) generated to produce energy that is used by the installation. Each energy source has an associated CO<sub>2</sub>/GHG value based on the source (e.g., gas, coal, solar, etc.) and the process used to convert fuels (e.g. gasoline engine, jet engine, oil furnace, etc.) to a usable form.

### Total Carbon Footprint Offutt AFB is 221,320 mTons (includes Flying and Support Missions)

ACC and Offutt AFB jointly need to establish a goal for the installation's carbon footprint. Currently, based on industry benchmarks, Offutt AFB produces a reasonably small carbon footprint. Aviation fuel is the biggest contributor with building energy being the second largest contributor. Offutt AFB uses 100% hydroelectric power; therefore, its electrical consumption has no impact on the carbon footprint. If the power source was coal based, the carbon footprint would increase by 30%. The USAF and ACC have already started to initiate the early stages of a future program to replace carbon based aviation fuel with bio-based aviation fuels.

### Annual Total Mission Support Carbon Footprint for Offutt AFB is 30,620 mTons

#### MISSION SUPPORT—Transportation<sup>5</sup> (No Commuting<sup>3</sup>)

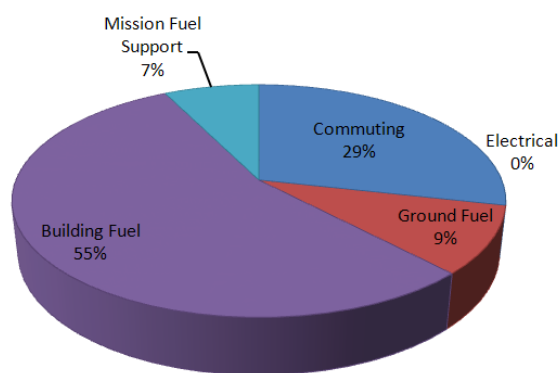
| Annual Total Carbon Footprint:  |      | 7,183          | mTons |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|-------|
| Baseline (2005):                | (A)  | mTons/FTE/year |       |
| Previous Year (2008):           | (A)  | mTons/FTE/year |       |
| Current Year (2009):            | 0.79 | mTons/FTE/year |       |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> :        | 7.54 | mTons/FTE/year |       |
| % Reduction from Baseline:      | -    |                |       |
| % Reduction from Previous Year: | -    |                |       |

|                                 |       |                     |  |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--|
| Baseline (2005):                | (A)   | mTons/1,000 SF/year |  |
| Previous Year (2008):           | (A)   | mTons/1,000 SF/year |  |
| Current Year (2009):            | 1.28  | mTons/1,000 SF/year |  |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :        | 20.44 | mTons/1,000 SF/year |  |
| % Reduction from Baseline:      | -     |                     |  |
| % Reduction from Previous Year: | -     |                     |  |

#### MISSION SUPPORT—Facilities<sup>6</sup>

| Annual Total Carbon Footprint:  |      | 23,437         | mTons |
|---------------------------------|------|----------------|-------|
| Baseline (2003):                | 2.51 | mTons/FTE/year |       |
| Previous Year (2008):           | 2.47 | mTons/FTE/year |       |
| Current Year (2009):            | 2.59 | mTons/FTE/year |       |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> :        | 7.54 | mTons/FTE/year |       |
| % Reduction from Baseline:      | -3%  |                |       |
| % Reduction from Previous Year: | -5%  |                |       |

|                                 |       |                     |  |
|---------------------------------|-------|---------------------|--|
| Baseline (2003):                | 4.13  | mTons/1,000 SF/year |  |
| Previous Year (2008):           | 3.88  | mTons/1,000 SF/year |  |
| Current Year (2009):            | 4.17  | mTons/1,000 SF/year |  |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :        | 20.44 | mTons/1,000 SF/year |  |
| % Reduction from Baseline:      | -1%   |                     |  |
| % Reduction from Previous Year: | -8%   |                     |  |



**MISSION SUPPORT CARBON FOOTPRINT<sup>4</sup>  
(INCLUDES COMMUTING<sup>3</sup>)**

<sup>1</sup>Per the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the weighted average for college campus' carbon footprint based on 2008 reportings is 7.54 mTons/FTE.

<sup>2</sup>Per the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the weighted average for college campus' carbon footprint based on 2008 reportings is 20.44 mTons/1,000 SF.

<sup>3</sup>Greenhouse gases from personal commuting (i.e., back and forth to work) is not included in the Mission Support Transportation calculation table because personal commuting is not part of the SSPP goals. However, in order to gain an understanding of the base's energy/carbon footprint from commuting it is included in the pie chart as a percentage of the Mission Support footprint.

<sup>4</sup>Definitions for pie chart categories can be found in IV. Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations.

<sup>5</sup>Mission Support—Transportation includes ground fuel and mission support fuel quantities shown in the pie chart.

<sup>6</sup>Mission Support—Facilities includes electrical and building fuels shown in the pie chart.

(A) = Data is incomplete.

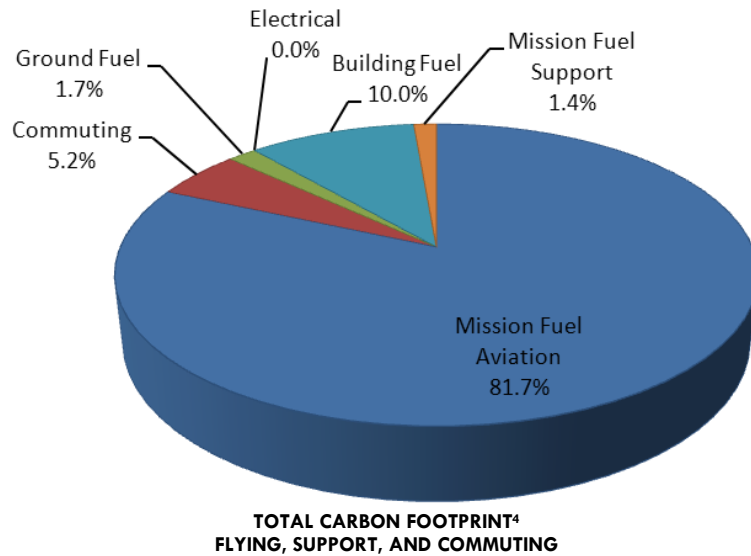
**1a. Offutt Carbon Footprint—Flying Mission**

**Annual Total Flying Mission Carbon Footprint for Offutt AFB is 190,700 mTons**

**FLYING MISSION<sup>1</sup>**

| <b>Annual Total Carbon Footprint:</b> |     | 190,700 | mTons               |                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Baseline (2003):                      | (A) |         | mTons/FTE/year      | <b>Per FTE</b>      |
| Previous Year (2008):                 |     | 19.55   | mTons/FTE/year      |                     |
| Current Year (2009):                  |     | 21.07   | mTons/FTE/year      |                     |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> :              |     | 7.54    | mTons/FTE/year      |                     |
| % Reduction from Baseline:            |     | -       |                     |                     |
| % Reduction from Previous Year:       |     | -8%     |                     |                     |
| <hr/>                                 |     |         |                     |                     |
| Baseline (2003):                      | (A) |         | mTons/1,000 SF/year | <b>Per Built SF</b> |
| Previous Year (2008):                 |     | 30.79   | mTons/1,000 SF/year |                     |
| Current Year (2009):                  |     | 33.97   | mTons/1,000 SF/year |                     |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :              |     | 20.44   | mTons/1,000 SF/year |                     |
| % Reduction from Baseline:            |     | -       |                     |                     |
| % Reduction from Previous Year:       |     | -10%    |                     |                     |

**Flying Mission, Support, and Commuting Carbon Footprint Percentages**



- The total grassland needed to offset the total carbon footprint for Mission Support is 57,157 acres = 20.6 times the installation area
- for Flying Mission is 311,424 acres = 112.5 times the installation area
- The Flying Mission carbon footprint is equivalent to 60 Pentagons
- 1 Pentagon = 77,015,000 cu. ft.

<sup>1</sup>Per the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the weighted average for college campus' carbon footprint based on 2008 reportings is 7.54 mTons/FTE.

<sup>2</sup>Per the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the weighted average for college campus' carbon footprint based on 2008 reportings is 20.44 mTons/1,000 SF.

<sup>3</sup>Definitions for pie chart categories can be found in IV. Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations.

(A) = Data is incomplete.

## 2. Offutt Energy Usage

### Total Energy Usage Offutt AFB is 3,761,176 MMBTU (includes Flying and Support Missions)

ACC and Offutt AFB jointly need to establish a goal for the installation's energy intensity. Currently, based on industry benchmarks, Offutt AFB has relatively light energy usage. Aviation fuel is the biggest contributor to the energy intensity with electrical being the second largest contributor. The Executive Order is requiring a flat decrease in energy consumption however, based on the findings Offutt AFB is doing better than Energy Star benchmarks.

### Annual Total Mission Support Energy Usage for Offutt AFB is 1,074,568 MMBTU

#### MISSION SUPPORT—Transportation<sup>5</sup> (No Commuting<sup>3</sup>)

|                                   |        |                |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------------|
| <b>Annual Total Energy Usage:</b> | 99,557 | MMBTU          |
| Baseline (2005):                  | (A)    | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Previous Year (2008):             | (A)    | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Current Year (2009):              | 11.00  | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> :          | 327.00 | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| % Reduction from Baseline:        | -      |                |
| % Reduction from Previous Year:   | 28%    |                |

#### MISSION SUPPORT—Facilities<sup>6</sup>

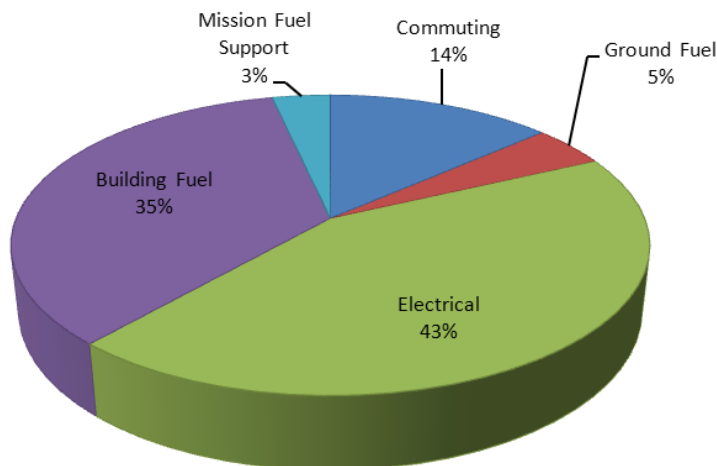
|                                   |         |                |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| <b>Annual Total Energy Usage:</b> | 975,011 | MMBTU          |
| Baseline (2003):                  | 104.80  | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Previous Year (2008):             | 94.44   | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Current Year (2009):              | 107.75  | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> :          | 327.00  | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| % Reduction from Baseline:        | -3%     |                |
| % Reduction from Previous Year:   | -14%    |                |

|                                    |      |               |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------|
| Baseline (2005):                   | (A)  | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Previous Year (2008):              | (A)  | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Current Year (2009):               | 0.02 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :           | 0.13 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| % of Energy from Renewable Source: | 0.8% |               |
| % Reduction from Baseline:         | -    |               |
| % Reduction from Previous Year:    | -    |               |

Per FTE

Per Built SF

|                                    |      |               |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------|
| Baseline (2003):                   | 0.17 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Previous Year (2008):              | 0.15 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Current Year (2009):               | 0.17 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :           | 0.13 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| % of Energy from Renewable Source: | 55%  |               |
| % Reduction from Baseline:         | -1%  |               |
| % Reduction from Previous Year:    | -17% |               |



MISSION SUPPORT ENERGY USAGE<sup>4</sup>  
(INCLUDES COMMUTING<sup>3</sup>)

<sup>1</sup>Per the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the weighted average for college campus' carbon footprint based on 2008 reportings is 7.54 mTons/FTE.

<sup>2</sup>Per the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the weighted average for college campus' carbon footprint based on 2008 reportings is 20.44 mTons/1,000 SF.

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<sup>6</sup>Mission Support—Facilities includes electrical and building fuels shown in the pie chart.

(A) = Data is incomplete.

**2a. Offutt Energy Usage - Flying Mission**

**Annual Total Flying Mission Energy Usage for Offutt AFB is 2,686,608 MMBTU**

**FLYING MISSION**

| Annual Total Energy Usage: 2,686,608 MMBTU |        |                |
|--|--------|----------------|
| Baseline (2003):                           | (A)    | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Previous Year (2008):                      | 275.49 | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Current Year (2009):                       | 296.90 | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> :                   | 327.00 | MMBTU/FTE/year |
| % Reduction from Baseline:                 | -      |                |
| % Reduction from Previous Year:            | -8%    |                |

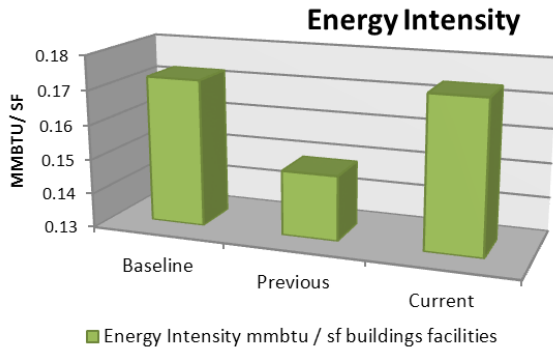
**Per FTE**

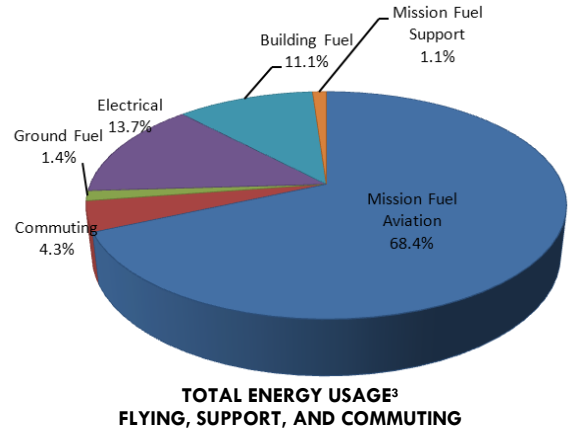
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| Baseline (2003):                | (A)  | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Previous Year (2008):           | 0.43 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Current Year (2009):            | 0.48 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :        | 0.40 | MMBTU/SF/year |
| % Reduction from Baseline:      | -    |               |
| % Reduction from Previous Year: | -10% |               |

**Per Built SF**

**Energy Intensity per Square Foot of Total Building Space**



**Flying Mission, Support, and Commuting Energy Usage Percentages**



- % of total energy from a renewable source for Mission Support is 50% for Flying Mission is 14 %

<sup>1</sup>Per the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the weighted average for college campus' carbon footprint based on 2008 reportings is 7.54 mTons/FTE.

<sup>2</sup>Per the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), the weighted average for college campus' carbon footprint based on 2008 reportings is 20.44 mTons/1,000 SF.

<sup>3</sup>Definitions for pie chart categories can be found in IV. Glossary of Terms and Abbreviations.

(A) = Data is incomplete.



### 3. Offutt Water Conservation

ACC and Offutt AFB jointly need to establish a goal for the installation's water conservation. Currently, based on industry benchmarks, Offutt AFB has relatively low water consumption. Based on the information and data received, it is unclear if the on-base housing water consumption is metered separately. The assumption is that it is included. Offutt AFB currently does not have any storm water quality practices or storm water temperature monitoring in place.

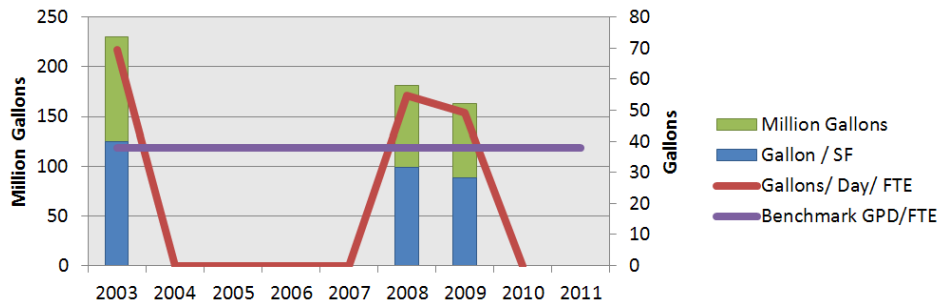
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| Annual Total Water Consumption: |       |                | 163.10 | Million Gallons |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| Baseline (2007):                | (A)   | Gallon/FTE/day |        | <b>Per FTE</b>  |
| Previous Year (2008):           | 54.90 | Gallon/FTE/day |        |                 |
| Current Year (2009):            | 49.38 | Gallon/FTE/day |        |                 |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> :        | 28-38 | Gallon/FTE/day |        |                 |
| % Reduction from Baseline:      | -     |                |        |                 |
| % Reduction from Previous Year: | 10%   |                |        |                 |

|                                 |       |                |  |                     |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------------|--|---------------------|
| Baseline (2007):                | (A)   | Gallon/FTE/day |  | <b>Per Built SF</b> |
| Previous Year (2008):           | 31.55 | Gallon/FTE/day |  |                     |
| Current Year (2009):            | 28.38 | Gallon/FTE/day |  |                     |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :        | -     | Gallon/FTE/day |  |                     |
| % Reduction from Baseline:      | -     |                |  |                     |
| % Reduction from Previous Year: | 10%   |                |  |                     |

Water Consumption (Domestic)



<sup>1</sup>Per Yudelso Associates, Benchmarking Campus Sustainability, 2010.

<sup>2</sup>Benchmark has yet to be established relative to an AFB. This could be established either through the initial ISA investigation or through an additional research project.

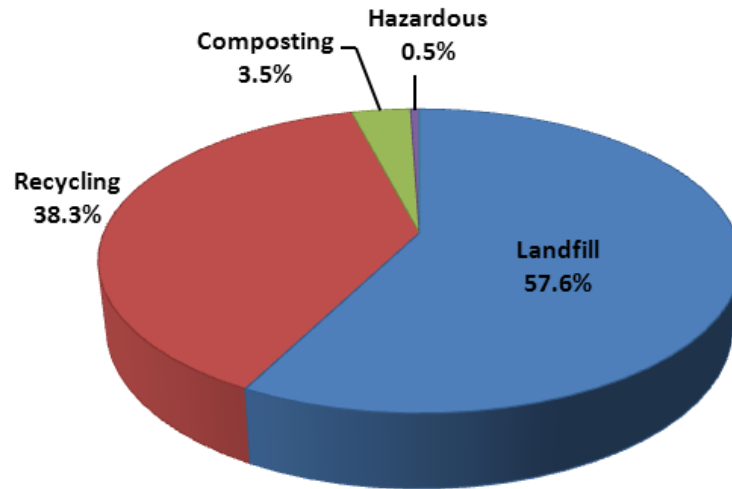
(A) = Data is incomplete.

#### 4. Offutt Waste Reduction

ACC and Offutt AFB jointly need to establish a goal for the installation’s waste reduction. Currently, based on industry benchmarks, Offutt AFB produces a reasonably small amount of waste. Landfill waste is the biggest contributor to the waste production with recycling being the second largest contributor. The average American only recycles 30% of their waste. If one ton or 100% post-consumer paper is recycled, it saves the equivalent of 24 trees (40' in height, 6'-8" diameter), 7,000 gallons of water, 4,100 kilowatt hours of electricity, and 60 pounds of air pollution.

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|  |      |             |                    |      |
|--|------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| <b>Annual Total Waste Production:</b>        |      |             | 4,997              | Tons |
| Current Year (2008):                         | 3.03 | LBS/FTE/day | Per<br>FTE         |      |
| Benchmark <sup>1</sup> :                     | 4.62 | LBS/FTE/day |                    |      |
| Current Year (2008):                         | 1.78 | LBS/SF/day  | Per<br>Built<br>SF |      |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :                     | -    | LBS/SF/day  |                    |      |
| % Non-Hazardous Waste Diverted from Landfill | 42%  |             |                    |      |



➤ Total % of composted waste material  
Currently is 3.5%

<sup>1</sup>Per the USEPA Municipal Solid Waste in The United States: 2007 Facts and Figures, the annual municipal solid waste (MSW) generation rate in 1960 was just 2.68 pounds (lbs.) per person per day; it grew to 3.66 lbs. per person per day in 1980, reached 4.50 lbs. per person per day in 1990, and increased to 4.65 lbs. per person per day in 2000. Since 2000, MSW generation has remained fairly steady. The generation rate was 4.62 lbs. per person per day in 2007.

<sup>2</sup>Benchmark has yet to be established relative to an AFB. This could be established either through the initial ISA investigation or through an additional research project.

## 5. Offutt Land Utilization

ACC and Offutt AFB jointly need to establish a goal for the installation's land utilization. Currently, based on industry benchmarks, Offutt AFB building density and building utilization are under the benchmark by approximately a factor of six (i.e. building density is extremely low). Additional studies and comparisons among ACC installations need to be completed to provide a weighted opinion on land utilization.

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#### Total Building Density<sup>1</sup>:

|                              |        |         |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Current Year (2009):         | 10,816 | SF/Acre |
| Benchmark <sup>2</sup> :     | 60,000 | SF/Acre |
| Previous Year (2008):        | 11,072 | SF/Acre |
| % Change from Previous Year: | -2%    |         |

#### Total Building Utilization<sup>5</sup>:

|                              |     |        |
|------------------------------|-----|--------|
| Current Year (2009):         | 620 | SF/FTE |
| Benchmark <sup>3</sup> :     | 160 | SF/FTE |
| Previous Year (2008):        | 635 | SF/FTE |
| % Change from Previous Year: | -2% |        |

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#### Total % Green Space<sup>6</sup>:

|                          |     |  |
|--------------------------|-----|--|
| Current Year (2009):     | 73% |  |
| Benchmark <sup>4</sup> : | -   |  |
| Previous Year (2008):    | 73% |  |

#### Total % Building/Impervious<sup>7</sup>:

|                          |     |  |
|--------------------------|-----|--|
| Current Year (2009):     | 16% |  |
| Benchmark <sup>4</sup> : | -   |  |
| Previous Year (2008):    | 16% |  |

#### Total % Building/Footprint<sup>8</sup>:

|                          |     |  |
|--------------------------|-----|--|
| Current Year (2009):     | 73% |  |
| Benchmark <sup>4</sup> : | -   |  |
| Previous Year (2008):    | 75% |  |

- 29,338 average daily traffic at the gates = 3.24 trips per FTE
- 26 people per acre of Mission Support developable area

<sup>1</sup>Building density = ACSES real property records, building square footage/property acreage.

<sup>2</sup>Per the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED-NC guidelines, development density must be equal to or greater than 60,000 SF/acre.

<sup>3</sup>Per building code guidelines, the average gross square foot per FTE figured at 2 times code standard is 160.

<sup>4</sup>Benchmark has yet to be established relative to an AFB. This could be established either through the initial ISA investigation or through an additional research project.

<sup>5</sup>Building Utilization = ACSES real property records, building square footage/population

<sup>6</sup>% Green Space = Non-Built Green area/Total Installation area.

<sup>7</sup>% Building-to-Impervious = ACSES real property records and Geobase, usable building square footage/impervious area.

<sup>8</sup>% Building-to-Footprint = ACSES real property records and Geobase, usable building square footage/building footprint area.

## C. Year-to-year Sustainability Indicators

This is the initial report for Offutt AFB; therefore, year-to-year comparisons do not exist at this time. For reports in future years, comparisons will be provided for the established sustainability indicators:

1. **Carbon Footprint**
2. **Energy Usage**
3. **Water Conservation**
4. **Waste Reduction**
5. **Land Utilization**

## D. Current Sustainability Initiatives

The ISA process at Offutt AFB and the data compiled and analyzed establish baseline sustainability metrics for the installation. The A/E team learned from the data gathering process and interviews that the following sustainable initiatives are currently in place at Offutt AFB.

1. A hydro source (a renewable energy) is used for 100% of its electrical power. The current Federal guideline requires a renewable energy source for a minimum of 3% by FY07, 5% by FY10, 7.5% by FY13, and 25% by FY25 of total electric use.
2. Three buildings at Offutt AFB are designed to meet LEED® certification requirements totaling approximately 290,000 square feet. There is a Department of Defense requirement that all new buildings be designed and constructed to a minimum LEED® SILVER design standard.
3. Alternative work schedules are being implemented for 33% of the Civil Engineering and Communications staff. The current alternative work schedule requires that selected staff work the same 9 days within a typical 10-day work period and have every other Friday off. Everyone participating in the alternative work schedule program has the same Friday off. This results in a complete energy usage and water consumption savings in certain buildings on the day that all participating staff are not at work. Offutt AFB's ultimate goal is to achieve an alternative work schedule for 50% of the entire Base population.
4. A policy prohibiting the use of personal electrical equipment or appliances (including refrigerators, microwaves, coffee pots, space heaters, etc.) is being developed.
5. The replacement of lamps in buildings with energy efficient light bulbs is currently in process. To date, they are more than 80% complete with the re-lamping effort.
6. The re-lamping of flight apron lights and working with the public utility company to re-lamp the street lights throughout the installation with energy efficient light bulbs is currently in process.
7. Individual metering program is being implemented by installing sub-metering for both electric and gas consumption at all buildings on the installation. They are currently complete with 23% of the buildings.
8. Recycling program is in place in an effort to reduce waste.

9. Irrigation of the installation is very conservative. Irrigation is only provided for the golf course and parade ground areas. Separate dedicated groundwater wells are used for a majority of the irrigation. Domestic water supplies are only used for irrigation in back up situations.
10. They are in the early conceptual planning stages of allowing the flight line control tower to potentially control all flight line lighting and security lighting to decrease energy usage and light pollution.
11. Procurement initiatives using paper with 30% recycled fiber content are being implemented. Green cleaning supplies are not being used due to military contracting requirements.
12. Operations and Maintenance Manuals are current for all new and remodeled equipment. There are continuous training programs in place for building systems.

## E. Guidance Compliance Summary and Matrix

Refer to Appendix C to review Offutt AFB's compliance with current Federal guidance.

## IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations described below are derived from the specific information obtained at Offutt AFB. They are intended for further definition and development of projects that would have a direct and viable impact on the sustainability of the installation. Ultimately, this list will be used to develop a prioritized group of projects. Some of the other currently established expanding requirements that are in various stages of implementation will have an impact on sustainability; however, these efforts are independent from the goal of this report.

### A. Carbon Footprint

- Offutt AFB has an agreement that all electrical energy be from a hydroelectric source, therefore, the carbon footprint is reasonably good relative to installations that use non-renewable resources. Based on the information we have at this time, the areas of most impact on carbon footprint are building energy (in terms of carbon-based fuels like natural gas) and commuting.
- Develop strategies to decrease the commuting carbon footprint by encouraging car pooling, public transportation, or high efficiency/non carbon based fuel vehicles.
  - If the number of vehicles entering/leaving the installation decreased by 10%; there would be a 1.2% net decrease of the total carbon footprint for the Mission and a 4.7% net decrease of the total carbon footprint for the Mission Support.
- Continue to improve on energy efficiency by using carbon-based fuels such as natural gas to reduce total carbon fuel consumed. This can be accomplished by assessing existing building systems via the retro-commissioning process and by improving existing systems.
  - Typically energy efficiency is 80%. If Offutt's energy efficiency increased to 95%; there would be a 1.9% net decrease of the total carbon footprint for the Mission and a 7.4% net decrease of the total carbon footprint for the Mission Support.
- Incorporate bio fuels or non-carbon based fuels like electricity (hydroelectric) or hydrogen for ground transportation and aviation fuels.
  - If the diesel fleet improved by 20% bio diesel (B20 blend) fuel, there would be a 1.3% net decrease of the total carbon footprint for the Mission.
  - If 20% bio aviation fuel was implemented, there would be a 15.8% net decrease of the total carbon footprint for the Mission Support.

### B. Energy Usage

- Based on the information available, Offutt AFB is fairly conservative with energy use in areas where they have direct control. The real question is how to improve on the sustainability of the energy consumed while continuing to improve conservation efforts.
- Complete sub-metering in order to capture and analyze the data to facilitate focused direction on future projects that will impact energy usage, carbon footprint, water conservation, etc.

- Continue to reduce small appliance duplication, replace low efficiency motors, and change light fixture types at buildings. These efforts should be analyzed on a building by building basis to establish the return on investment.
  - Fluorescent lighting upgrades can reduce power consumption by as much as 40 percent. Older T12 lighting systems with magnetic ballasts produce only about 55 lumens per watt of energy consumed. This can be replaced with a T8 or T5 lighting system with electronic ballasts that provide approximately 90 lumens per watt.
  - Electric motors replaced with energy efficient motors can increase motor efficiency by up to 20 percent.
- Reduce site lighting and airfield lighting to minimum requirements.
  - Based on observations while on site, the exterior lighting appears to be above recommended standards at parking areas. A complete study should be executed to look at implementing higher efficiency fixtures or lowering light level and controls.
  - Based on the limited data collected, the range of light on the airfield was between 3-15 foot-candles. This level is greatly higher than the recommended level of foot-candles per the Air Force Installation Security Program that is 0.2 foot-candles. As a result, a complete airfield study should be executed to determine improvements to be made to the current lighting design or security technology such as low light video.

### C. Water Conservation

- Typically, water conservation efforts related to water consumed per FTE, water consumed for landscape or site cleaning purposes, and use or control of site water drainage (storm water). At Offutt AFB, domestic water is not being used for irrigation and the irrigation efforts are minimized to two areas (the parade grounds and the golf course). Water consumed per FTE is at a reasonable level and will be difficult to implement changes for improvement. Initiatives to reduce the quantity of storm water runoff and improve the quality of storm water will have the greatest positive impact at Offutt AFB.
- Continue to implement the required 2% reduction per year of water consumption based on the Executive Order.
  - Implement the next generation of low flush toilets and urinals, automatic faucets on hand wash sinks.
- Incorporate pervious concrete pavements in parking areas and sidewalks, and add green space islands within parking lots at Offutt AFB. The application of pervious concrete pavements and space islands reduces and potentially eliminates storm water retention areas, allowing increased land use. By collecting rainfall and allowing it to infiltrate, groundwater and aquifer recharge is increased, peak water flow through drainage channels is reduced, and flooding is minimized. Pervious concrete pavements and space islands allow adjacent trees to receive more air and water and still permit full use of the adjacent pavement. An additional benefit of incorporating pervious pavements and green space islands is the reduction of the heat island effect. The light color of concrete pavements absorbs less heat

from solar radiation than darker pavements and the relatively open pore structure of the pervious concrete stores less heat. Reducing the heat island effect will also reduce the carbon footprint and conserve energy.

- Based on the 2-year rainfall, if 34% of the installation's parking surfaces were converted to concrete pervious paving, the storm water discharge reported in the findings would be brought back to a pre-developed site condition. The heat island effect would also be reduced.

## D. Waste Reduction

- The waste production per FTE at Offutt AFB is relatively low in comparison to the U.S. daily average. In addition to their low waste production, they recycle a large percentage of the solid waste that is produced. Hence, Offutt AFB's waste minimization and recycling efforts are very good relative to being "green". Beyond reducing waste production and recycling, Energy Recovery from solid waste is another potential for improving on the installations overall sustainability.
- Incorporate composting practices with a garbage hauler in lieu of sending waste to the landfill.
- Disposing of trash on landfills has been known to impact our groundwater, surface water and air quality as compostable organic material undergoes anaerobic decomposition and produces significant quantities of methane. To prevent these environmental problems, the raw organic and biodegradable waste can be converted to energy in waste-to-energy facilities or to produce compost. Composting offers an environmentally superior alternative to land filling organics that eliminates methane production, provides a series of economic and environmental co-benefits, and has a substantial impact on greenhouse gas reduction.
- Typical US Municipal Solid Waste has 5.7% wood, 11.9% food and 13.1% yard trimmings or 30.7% compostable waste. If Offutt's paper is blended in and a 24% composting rate is achieved, they would eliminate 1,390 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e from going into the atmosphere per year.
- Municipal Solid Waste is currently not factored into the Carbon Footprint calculation as it is considered an optional base calculation component of the Carbon Footprint equation. If it was factored into the calculation, there would be a 2.6% reduction in Offutt AFB total Carbon Footprint.

## E. Land Utilization

- Land utilization is always an interesting and complex discussion relative to a military campus or installation. The installation is mixed use including residential, commercial and industrial spaces. There are certain height restrictions for air bases, numerous anti-terrorism force protection requirements, and the availability of space and political process tends to spread development out rather than concentrate it.



- Remove or schedule for reuse all unused or undesirable buildings to bring the square feet per FTE back inline. Currently there is an excess amount of building area for the working population on the installation.
  - If the overall building square footage is decreased by 25%, it would result in a reduction of energy usage to 0.12 MMBtu/SF and a reduction in building utilization to 508 SF/FTE.
- Future development of the installation should consider improving the overall density of the site, and providing proximity to supporting services.
  - Reducing unnecessary vehicle travel would decrease energy used.
  - Maximizing vertical space where possible will decrease the impervious area relative to each building function and help reduce the heat island effect.
- Conduct a study to determine existing internal traffic counts and internal commuting to examine the impact of the proximity of services and energy usage and carbon footprint.

## V. GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

| <b>Term</b>                                    | <b>Definition</b>  |
|--|--|
| Alternative work schedule                      | Work schedules that do not follow the traditional format of an 8-hour day Monday through Friday; alternatively compress the 40 hour work week into fewer days or allow staff to work remotely.   |
| Aviation fuel                                  | All special grades of gasoline for use in aviation reciprocating engines, as given in the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification D 910. Includes all refinery products within the gasoline range that are to be marketed straight or in blends as aviation gasoline without further processing (any refinery operation except mechanical blending). Also included are finished components in the gasoline range, which will be used for blending or compounding into aviation gasoline.                             |
| Baseline                                       | A standard reference case or condition used as a basis for comparison. Establishing a clearly defined baseline is important and defining a repeatable baseline is essential if the work is to be compared to results of other work.  |
| Baseline year                                  | The year in which the baseline was established.  |
| Benchmark                                      | A standardized problem or test case that serves as a basis for evaluation or comparison. The terms benchmark and baseline are often used interchangeably. Consistent and repeatable benchmarking requires clearly defined performance metrics and protocols for developing the reference case to serve as the baseline.  |
| Buildable area                                 | Land use classification areas including administration, aircraft operations and maintenance, community commercial, community service, manufacturing and production, and medical/dental.  |
| Building Fuel CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent       | Includes gas, oil, and liquid propane gas used for buildings.<br>A metric measure used to compare the emissions from various greenhouse gases based upon their global warming potential (GWP). CO <sub>2</sub> equivalents are commonly expressed as “million metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> equivalents (MMTCDE).” The CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent for a gas is derived by multiplying the tons of the gas by the associated GWP. (MMTCDE = (million metric tons of a gas) * (GWP of the gas))   |
| CO <sub>2</sub> equivalent (CO <sub>2</sub> e) | A measure for describing how much global warming a given type and amount of greenhouse gas may cause, using the functionally equivalent amount or concentration of CO <sub>2</sub> as the reference. For a given mixture and amount of greenhouse gas, the amount of CO <sub>2</sub> that would have the same GWP, when measured over a specified timescale (generally, 100 years).  |
| Carbon equivalent                              | A metric measure used to compare the emissions of different greenhouse gases based upon their GWP. Greenhouse gas emissions in the U.S. are most commonly expressed as “million metric tons of carbon equivalents” (MMTCE). GWPs are used to convert greenhouse gases to CO <sub>2</sub> e—they can be converted to carbon equivalents by multiplying by 12/44 (the ratio of the molecular weight of carbon to CO <sub>2</sub> ). The formula for carbon equivalents is: MMTCE = (million metric tons of a gas) * (GWP of the gas) * (12/44) |
| Carbon footprint                               | The total set of GHG emissions caused directly and indirectly by an individual, organization, event or product.  |
| Climate Registry                               | A nonprofit collaboration between North American states, provinces, territories, and Native Sovereign Nations to record and track the greenhouse gas emissions of businesses, municipalities and other organizations. Data submitted to the Climate Registry is inputted into the Climate Registry Information System (CRIS), which was developed on EPA’s CRAVe-EATS platform.  |
| Commuting                                      | Calculated based on average commuting distance of base FTE using a mix of passenger car and light trucks used for commuting. A typical fuel MPG is calculated for each and summed to calculate the total gallons of fuel used for commuting.   |
| Current year                                   | The FY in progress.  |
| Design guideline                               | A set of rules and strategies to help building designers meet certain performance criteria such as energy efficiency or sustainability.  |

| <b>Term</b>                     | <b>Definition</b>  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Electrical                      | Electricity usage entered is for the KWH used by the base annually. Note that the relationship between energy intensity and carbon footprint varies based on the mix of coal, natural gas, diesel, fuel oil, nuclear, wind, solar, and hydro electric energy production within the eGRID region.   |
| Energy                          | The capacity for doing work as measured by the capability of doing work (potential energy) or the conversion of this capability to motion (kinetic energy). Energy has several forms, some of which are easily convertible and can be changed to another form useful for work. Most of the world's convertible energy comes from fossil fuels that are burned to produce heat that is then used as a transfer medium to mechanical or other means in order to accomplish tasks. In the United States, electrical energy is often measured in kWh, while heat energy is often measured in BTUs. |
| Energy efficiency               | Using less energy to provide the same level of energy service. Also referred to as efficient energy use and is achieved primarily by means of a more efficient technology or process rather than by changes in individual behavior.  |
| Energy intensity                | Ratio between the consumption of energy to a given quantity of output; usually refers to the amount of primary or final energy consumed per unit of gross domestic product.  |
| Energy recovery                 | Includes any technique or method of minimizing the input of energy to an overall system by the exchange of energy from one sub-system of the overall system with another. The energy can be in any form in either subsystem, but most energy recovery systems exchange thermal energy in either sensible or latent form.   |
| Energy Star                     | An international standard for energy efficient consumer products. Devices carrying the Energy Star logo, such as computer products and peripherals, kitchen appliances, buildings and other products, save 20%-30% on average.   |
| Fiscal Year (FY)                | The period used for calculating the annual ("yearly") sustainability indicators. The U.S. government's FY begins on October 1 of the previous calendar year and ends on September 30 of the year with which it is numbered. For example, FY for 2008 is written as "FY08" or as "FY07-08."   |
| Fleet                           | Two or more vehicles.  |
| Flying Mission                  | Includes anything that directly effects or has direct participation in flight or deployment operations.  |
| Footprint                       | The outline of the total area of a lot or site that is surrounded by the exterior walls of a building or portion of a building, exclusive of courtyards. In the absence of surrounding exterior walls, the building footprint shall be the area under the horizontal projection of the roof.   |
| Full-time Equivalent (FTE)      | In the U.S. Federal government, FTE is defined by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) as the number of total hours worked divided by the maximum number of compensable hours in a work year as defined by law. For example, if the work year is defined as 2,080 hours, then one worker occupying a paid full time job all year would consume one FTE. Two employees working for 1,040 hours each would consume one FTE between the two of them.  |
| General aviation                | That portion of civil aviation, which encompasses all facets of aviation except air carriers. It includes any air taxis, commuter air carriers, and air travel clubs, which do not hold Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity.  |
| Geographical Information System | An information system that integrates, stores, edits, analyzes, manages, shares, and displays geographic information that is linked to a specific location.  |
| Grassland                       | Terrestrial ecosystem (biome) found in regions where moderate annual average precipitation (25 to 76 centimeters or 10 to 30 inches) is enough to support the growth of grass and small plants but not enough to support large stands of trees.  |
| Green space                     | A land use planning and conservation term used to describe protected areas of undeveloped landscape. Also known as open space.   |

| <b>Term</b>  | <b>Definition</b>   |
|--|---|
| Greenhouse effect                                    | The effect produced as greenhouse gases allow incoming solar radiation to pass through the Earth's atmosphere, but prevent part of the outgoing infrared radiation from the Earth's surface and lower atmosphere from escaping into outer space. This process occurs naturally and has kept the Earth's temperature about 59°F warmer than it would otherwise be. Current life on Earth could not be sustained without the natural greenhouse effect.   |
| Ground Fuel  | Ground Fuel is considered the total of all government vehicle fuel used outside flightline fuel use.  |
| Incentive program                                    | A formal scheme used to promote or encourage specific actions or behavior by a specific group of people during a defined period of time.  |
| Indicator  | A parameter, or a value derived from a set of parameters, that points to, provides information about, or describes the state of a phenomenon. It has significance beyond that directly associated with the parameter value. Indicators are one of many tools for simplifying, quantifying, and communicating vast amounts of information in ways that are more easily understood. They are also useful for alerting us to what areas that need more attention, as well as areas that see improvement. |
| Industrial sector                                    | Construction, manufacturing, agricultural and mining establishments.  |
| Installation   | A facility directly owned and operated by or one of its branches that shelters military equipment and personnel and facilitates training and operations.  |
| Land classification                                  | The analysis of land according to its use. Land classifications include agricultural, industrial, recreational, and residential.  |
| Land use   | The human modification of natural environment or wilderness into built environment such as fields, pastures, and settlements.   |
| Land use planning                                    | The term used for a branch of public policy which encompasses various disciplines which seek to order and regulate the use of land in an efficient and ethical way.   |
| Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) | Green Building Rating System, developed by the USGBC, provides a suite of standards for environmentally sustainable construction.   |
| Lumen  | A measure of the perceived power of light.  |
| Meter  | Metering devices used on utility mains for electricity, water and gas.  |
| Metric   | Any measurable quantity. A performance metric is a metric of some performance characteristic; however, not all metrics are performance metrics. For example, area is a metric, but it is not a performance metric.  |
| Metric ton   | Common international measurement for the quantity of greenhouse gas emissions. A metric ton is equal to 2205 lbs. or 1.1 short tons. See short ton.   |
| Military   | Any property or aspect of a military.   |
| Mission Fuel   | This includes aviation fuel only. That is, the fuel needed for the aircraft to fly.   |
| Mission Support                                      | Includes all other activities on the installation that do not directly affect flight and deployment operations.   |
| Mission Support Fuel                                 | This fuel is used for vehicles working on the flightline. It does not include fuel used for aircraft.   |
| Offset   | An agent, element, or thing that balances, counteracts, or compensates for something else.  |
| Performance goal                                     | A specific statement of a desired level of achievement. Performance goals must be measurable and definite such that progress can be evaluated. Performance metrics should be carefully chosen to measure progress toward performance goals.   |
| Performance indicator                                | A high-level performance metric that is used to simplify complex information and point to the general state or trends of a phenomenon. Performance indicators are used to communicate general trends and are often used on a program planning level to show progress toward goals. See the definition of indicator for more discussion.   |

| <b>Term</b>              | <b>Definition</b>   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Performance metric       | A measurable quantity that indicates some aspect of performance. Performance metrics should measure and communicate progress toward achieving performance goals. There are different levels of performance metrics.   |
| Performance objective    | A general statement of a desired achievement.   |
| Population density       | A measurement of population per unit area or unit volume.   |
| Potential energy         | Energy stored within a physical system that has the potential to be converted into other forms of energy, such as kinetic energy, and to do work in the process. The standard unit of measure for potential energy is the joule, the same as for work or energy in general.   |
| Power generation         | The process of creating electricity from other forms of energy. Also known as electricity generation.   |
| Previous year            | 12-month period prior to the current year.  |
| Procedure                | A standard method or set of methods for determining one or more performance metrics.  |
| Procurement              | The acquisition of goods and/or services at the best possible total cost of ownership, in the right quality and quantity, at the right time, in the right place and from the right source for the direct benefit or use of corporations, individuals, or even governments, generally via a contract. Simple procurement may involve nothing more than repeat purchasing. Complex procurement could involve finding long term partners or even 'co-destiny' suppliers that might fundamentally commit one organization to another. |
| Renewable energy         | Energy obtained from sources that are essentially inexhaustible, unlike, for example, the fossil fuels, of which there is a finite supply. Renewable sources of energy include wood, waste, geothermal, wind, PV, and solar thermal energy. See hydropower, PV.   |
| Residential sector       | An area or portion consisting only of housing units.  |
| Transportation sector    | Consists of private and public passenger and freight transportation, as well as government transportation, including military operations.   |
| <b>Abbreviations</b>     |   |
| Acre                     | A unit of area equal to 43,560 square feet.   |
| Btu                      | British thermal unit: The quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 pound of water 1 °F at or near 39.2 °F.   |
| CFC                      | chlorofluorocarbon  |
| CH <sub>3</sub> OH       | Methanol  |
| CH <sub>4</sub>          | Methane   |
| CO                       | carbon monoxide   |
| CO <sub>2</sub>          | carbon dioxide  |
| CO <sub>2</sub> e        | carbon dioxide equivalent based on the GWP  |
| cu ft or ft <sup>3</sup> | cubic foot: A unit of volume of a cube with sides of one foot in length.  |
| DADT                     | Daily Average Daily Traffic   |
| dB                       | decibel: A logarithmic unit of measurement that expresses the magnitude of a physical quantity (usually power or intensity) relative to a specified or implied reference level.   |
| eCO <sub>2</sub>         | CO <sub>2</sub> Equivalents   |
| FC                       | fluorocarbon  |
| FTE                      | full-time equivalent  |
| FY                       | fiscal year   |
| GWP                      | global warming potential  |
| HCFC                     | hydrochlorofluorocarbon   |
| HFC                      | hydrofluorocarbon   |
| J                        | joule   |
| kW                       | kilowatt  |

| <b>Term</b>      | <b>Definition</b>   |
|------------------|---|
| kWh              | kilowatt hour   |
| lb               | pound   |
| LEV              | low emission vehicle  |
| LNG              | liquefied natural gas   |
| LPG              | liquefied petroleum gas   |
| MMBtu            | One Million Btus. A Btu is the quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 pound of water 1 °F at or near 39.2°F. |
| N <sub>2</sub> O | nitrous oxide   |
| NGL              | natural gas liquid  |
| NMVOG            | non-methane volatile organic compound   |
| NO               | nitrogen oxide  |
| NO <sub>x</sub>  | nitrogen oxides   |
| O <sub>3</sub>   | ozone   |
| ODS              | ozone depleting substance   |
| PFC              | perfluorocarbon   |
| PM               | particulate matter  |
| ppb              | parts per billion   |
| ppm              | parts per million   |
| PV               | photovoltaic  |
| RCx              | retro-commissioning   |
| SF               | square feet   |
| SF <sub>6</sub>  | sulfur hexafluoride   |
| SNG              | synthetic natural gas   |
| SO <sub>2</sub>  | sulfur dioxide  |
| SO <sub>x</sub>  | sulfur oxides   |
| SRI              | solar reflectance index   |
| TSS              | total suspended solids  |
| VMT              | vehicle miles traveled  |
| VOC              | volatile organic compounds  |
| <b>Acronyms</b>  |   |
| ASHRAE           | American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers   |
| BMP              | Best Management Practice  |
| DADT             | Daily Average Daily Traffic   |
| DOE              | U.S. Department of Energy   |
| GIS              | Geographical Information System   |
| LEED             | Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design   |
| MSW              | Municipal Solid Waste   |
| SSPP             | Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan   |
| EPA or USEPA     | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  |

## VI. APPENDICES (NOT INCLUDED)

### A. Data Collection Forms and Supporting Documentation

1. **Development**
2. **Energy**
3. **Water**
4. **Waste**
5. **Operations**

**A.1 Development:** The following pages include the development data collection forms, data sources and supporting documentation that supports the information reported in the Installation Sustainability Assessment for Offutt AFB.



**A.2 Energy:** The following pages include the energy data collection forms, data sources and supporting documentation that supports the information reported in the Installation Sustainability Assessment for Offutt AFB.

**A.3 Water:** The following pages include the water data collection forms, data sources and supporting documentation that supports the information reported in the Installation Sustainability Assessment for Offutt AFB.

**A.4 Waste:** The following pages include the waste data collection forms, data sources and supporting documentation that supports the information reported in the Installation Sustainability Assessment for Offutt AFB.

**A.5 Operations:** The following pages include the operations data collection forms, data sources and supporting documentation that supports the information reported in the Installation Sustainability Assessment for Offutt AFB.

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  - j. Fuel System Data, 14 April 2009
  - k. Natural Gas Data, 16 April 2009
  - l. Water Map, 20 April 2009
  - m. Storm Water Map, 20 April 2009

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