

Buying green makes a big impact at Alameda County

Green purchasing saves money, supports emerging local businesses, improves public health and promotes a clean environment. Here are 5 ways the County does it!

1 Buying Green and Buying Less

Since 2010, the County reduced paper purchased by 27% and transitioned to almost all 100% recycled content paper.

Resulting annual savings equal to:

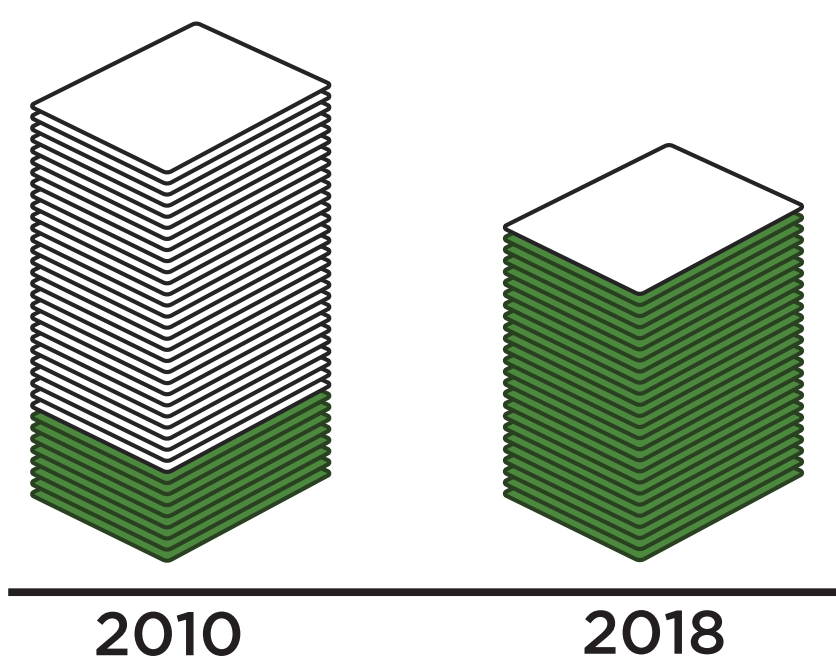
\$97,000 taxpayer dollars



6,000 trees¹



Climate pollution from 94 cars¹

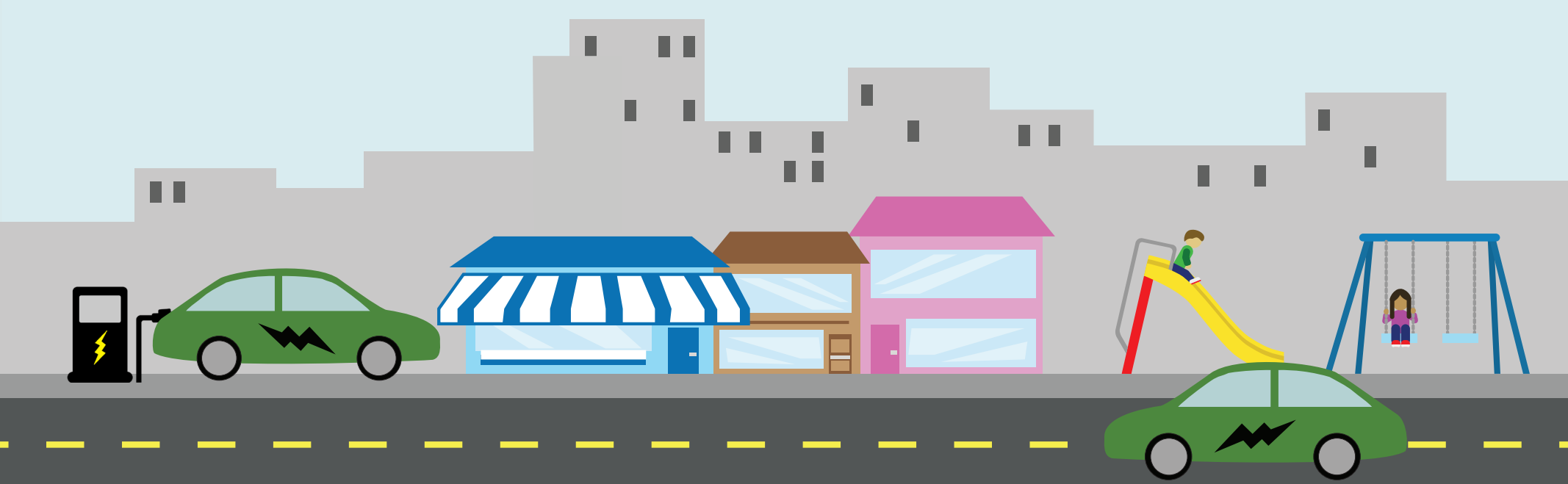


2 Moving to an Electric Vehicle Future

Driving County-owned EVs and hybrids:

Saves the County 40,000 gallons, or \$140,000 each year

Reduces air pollution in our most vulnerable communities



3 Supporting Local Green Businesses

Since 2011, the County doubled the share of print services it buys from Certified Green Businesses.



How do Certified Green Businesses help Alameda County?

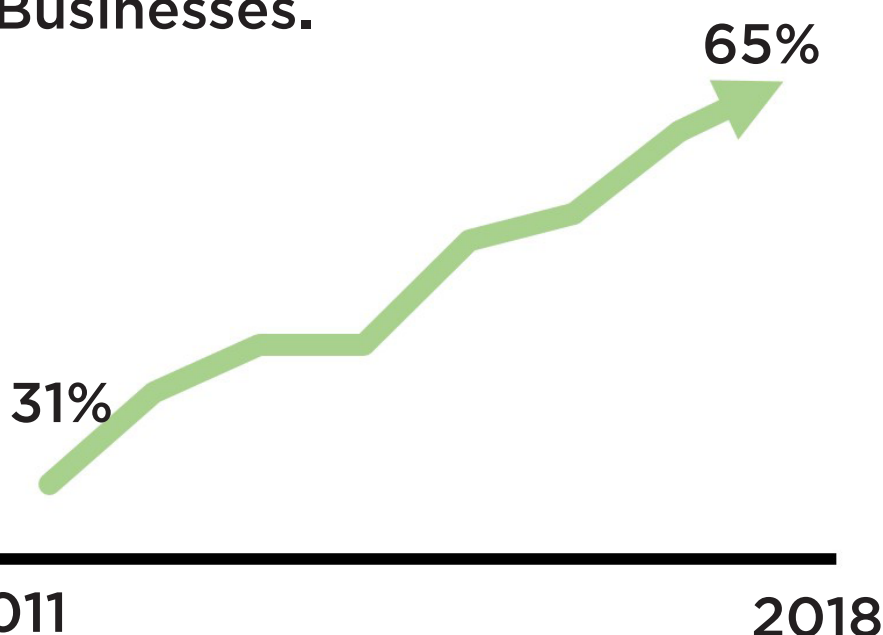
Leading the booming green



Maintaining healthy, clean workplaces



Decreasing pollution by upgrading to cleaner, energy-efficient technologies



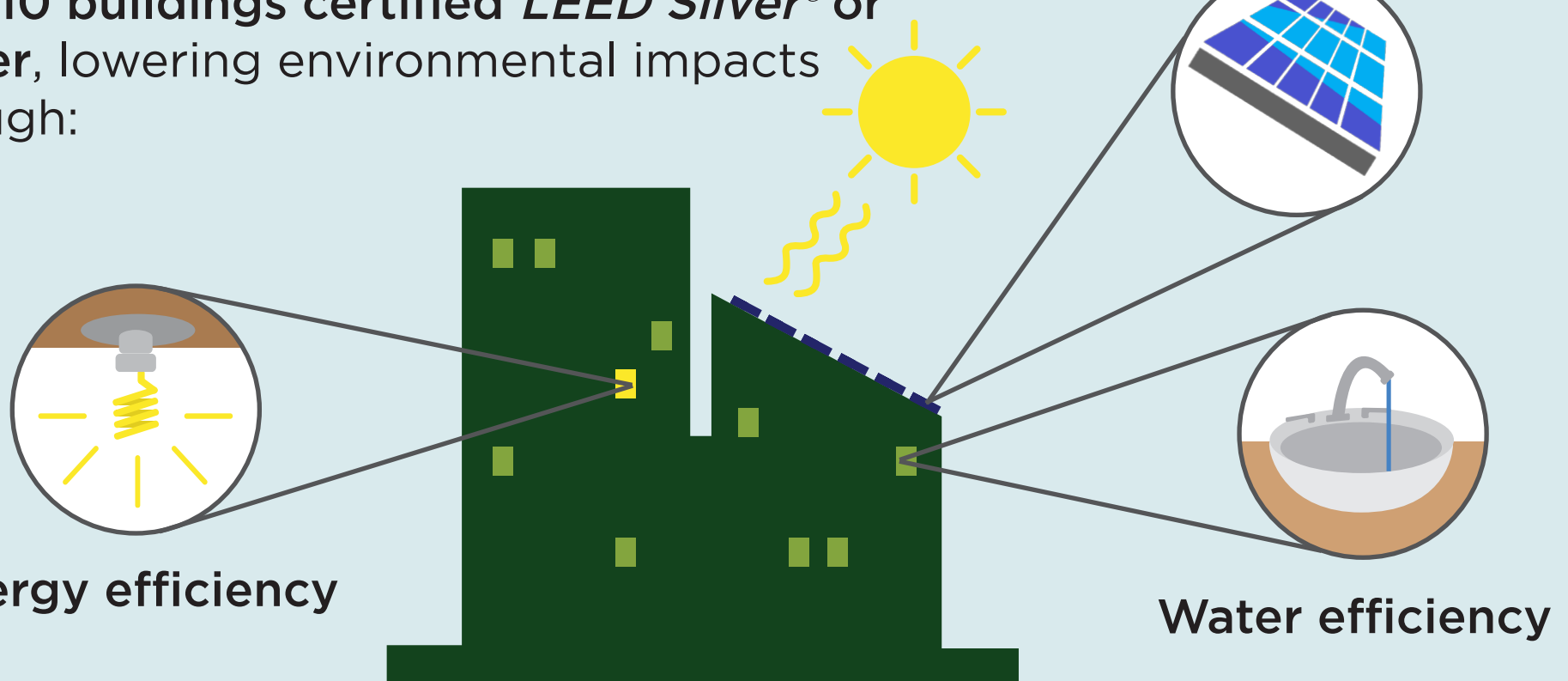
4 Greening County Buildings

Since adopting its Green Building Ordinance in 2003, Alameda County has built 10 buildings certified **LEED Silver[®]** or higher, lowering environmental impacts through:

Solar power equal to usage of 690 homes²

Energy efficiency

Water efficiency



5 Cleaning Green and Healthy

93% of the cleaning products Alameda County buys carry a verified eco-label.

Using products with eco-labels:

Promotes a safer workplace

Ensures a healthier environment



Why purchasing?

Alameda County provides a wide range of services to our communities in order to assist the vulnerable, provide public safety and public health, and improve quality of life for our residents. With its large operating budget, the County has the opportunity to use its significant market power as a force for good. Through strategic, sustainable purchasing initiatives, the County can leverage its purchasing power to build safe and livable communities, a prosperous, vibrant economy, and a healthy environment.

Learn about the Alameda County Green Purchasing Program's other successful initiatives at <https://www.acgov.org/sustain/what/purchasing/>.