

Green Building Alliances Releases 2025 Erie 2030 District Report

GBA to work with commercial property owners to improve energy performance, reduce emissions and utility costs, and improve indoor air quality

August 18, 2026 (ERIE, Pa) -- The Erie 2030 District, a project of Green Building Alliance (GBA), today released its **2025 Progress Report**, revealing that Erie 2030 District commercial property partners reached a **16.3% reduction in energy use**, and a **36.8% reduction in carbon emissions** in 2025, or 29,800 metric tons of CO₂e emissions avoided compared to the baseline. Energy cost savings came in at **\$3.4 million** for the year.

The Erie 2030 District comprises commercial building owners, operators, and partners working toward the goal of deep reductions energy use and carbon emissions by the year 2030.

The 2025 report shows a slight increase in both energy use and emissions generated over 2024, at 18.9% and 37.5% respectively, moving Erie slightly further behind in achieving its goal of a 50-65% reduction in emissions by the year 2030.

While these increases were spread out across participating properties, causes for the increase could be attributed to a gradual increase of in-office work as well as renovations and building expansions among participating properties as they accommodate higher occupancy rates.

To regain momentum, GBA is calling on building owners to take advantage of the expertise and resources available to them through the Erie 2030 District program.

“GBA’s Erie 2030 District team is here to assist property owners in making their buildings more efficient, regardless of budget or building size,” says **Green Building Alliance CEO Jenna Cramer**. “Investing in energy efficiency is a win for the bottom line and a proven economic development strategy. Every dollar saved on utility bills is a dollar that can be reinvested back into your building, your business, your mission, and your employees, contributing to a stronger economy and a healthier, more vibrant local community. Cutting energy use also reduces emissions and lightens the load on the region’s grid, improving resiliency and reliability for everyone in the region.”

Properties that participate in the Erie 2030 District have access to:

- A confidential **building energy-use performance report** that benchmarks their building’s annual energy use, analyzes progress toward energy reduction, and identifies use patterns that signal opportunities for improvement.
- **Building walkthroughs to help identify the sources and causes of excessive energy use** and prioritize improvements based on budget and return on investment. This can range from improvements to the building envelope (windows, doors, siding, insulation, etc.), to changes in operational and mechanical systems (HVAC, lighting).
- **Customized guidance on no- and low-cost changes that reduce demand and deliver savings**, including changes in maintenance practices.
- Guidance and support in identifying and applying for **funding and rebates**.

Healthier Buildings, Healthier People

Erie 2030 District programming also supports Property Partners in assessing and **improving indoor air quality (IAQ) in their buildings.**

Poor IAQ can be caused by combustion appliances such as furnaces, boilers and cooking equipment that are not properly ventilated; volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted by building materials, paint, adhesives, furniture, carpeting, and pesticides; cleaning products; and outdoor pollution that enters through HVAC systems.

Poor IAQ contributes to fatigue, headaches, increases in asthma and respiratory illness, and reductions in employee productivity and student learning outcomes.

2030 District Partner **Erie Insurance** has modeled IAQ best practices in creating healthy, comfortable indoor air quality for the 3,000 employees based at its Erie Headquarters. This includes ongoing monitoring, optimizing humidity levels for the comfort of staff, and adopting MERV-13 filters in their HVAC systems to enable enhanced removal of particulate matter, allergens, bacteria, and viruses. To learn more, read the ***Erie Insurance Indoor Air Quality Case Study*** at [Erie Insurance Indoor Air Quality Measures - Green Building Alliance](#).

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To learn more about GBA and the Erie 2030 District program, reach out to info@gba.org or visit www.gba.org.

About Green Building Alliance:

Green Building Alliance (GBA) positively transforms the world through the built environment to create a sustainable, healthy, and economically vibrant future for everyone. As Pennsylvania's authority on smart, high-performance building design, construction, products, and operations, GBA works alongside community leaders, schools, nonprofits, businesses and more while equipping designers, manufacturers, developers, and policymakers to adopt building practices that are as healthy for people as they are for the environment. GBA manages the largest 2030 District in North America (the Pittsburgh 2030 District), and in 2019, established Pittsburgh as the 2nd International Center of Excellence on High Performance Building in the world. GBA works throughout Pennsylvania and across the region, country, and world through strategic alliances including the 2030 Districts Network, United Nations, International Living Future Institute, and the High Performance Building Alliance (Ireland). More at www.gba.org.

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