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# ***The Sustainability Cultural Indicators Program (SCIP)***

***January 2016***



# ***Agenda***

- Overview of SCIP and the datasets
- Key findings
- Examples of supplemental analyses by SCIP team
- Examples of how university staff have been using SCIP data to inform their work
- Questions and discussion

## Theme

## Guiding Principle

## 2020 Goals



### Climate Action

We will pursue energy efficiency and fiscally-responsible energy sourcing strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions toward long-term carbon neutrality.

Reduce scope 1 & 2 greenhouse gas emissions by **25%**.  
Decrease carbon intensity of passenger trips on U-M transportation options by **30%**.



### Waste Prevention

We will pursue purchasing, reuse, recycling, and composting strategies toward long-term waste eradication.

Reduce waste tonnage diverted to disposal facilities by **40%**



### Healthy Env.

We will pursue land and water management, built environment, and product sourcing strategies toward improving the health of ecosystems and communities.

Purchase **20%** of U-M food in accordance with U-M Sustainable Food Purchasing Guidelines.  
Protect Huron River quality by reducing runoff from impervious surfaces and reducing the volume of land management chemicals used on campus by **40%**

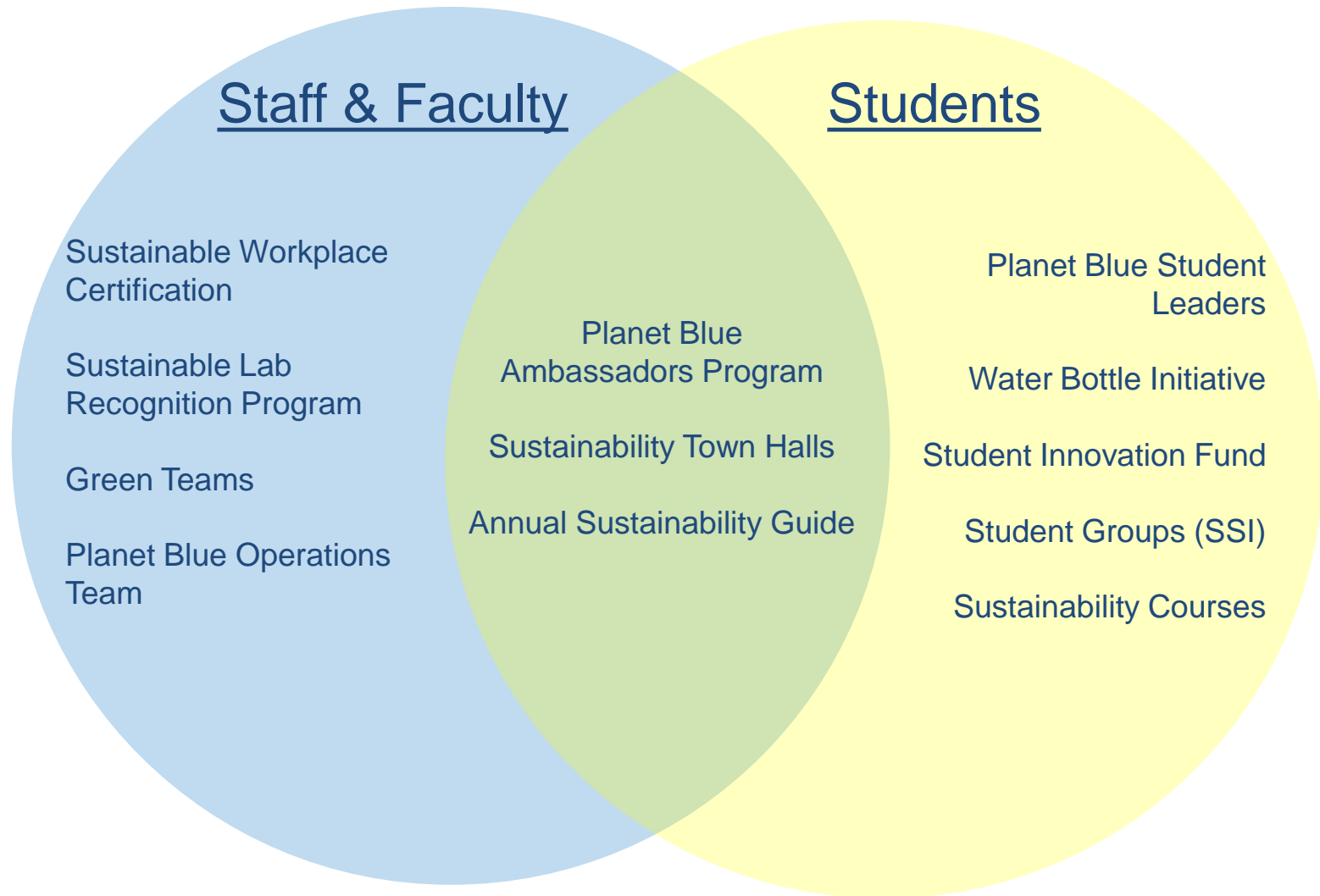


### Community Awareness

We will pursue stakeholder engagement, education, and evaluation strategies toward a campus-wide ethic of sustainability.

No formal goal adopted, but U-M will invest in programs to educate our community, track behavior, and report progress over time.

# ***Building a Culture of Sustainability: Engagement & Education***



# ***The Big Picture***

# ***Research Design***



**WEB SURVEYS**— annually

Undergraduate students (2000)

Graduate students (400)

Staff (750)

Faculty (750)

Undergraduate student panel (800)

**Annual response rates 2012-2014: 22-44%**

# ***Questionnaire Content***

	QUESTION TYPE					
<b>SURVEY MODULE</b>	<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Disposition</b>	<b>Behavior</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Demographics</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Travel &amp; Transp.</b>	9	10	21	1	0	41
<b>Cons. &amp; Waste Prev.</b>	5	5	33	1	0	44
<b>Natural Environm't</b>	4	2	9	1	0	16
<b>Food</b>	7	6	19	2	0	34
<b>Climate</b>	1	2	0	2	0	5
<b>Sustainability (general)</b>	0	20	13	3	0	36
<b>Univ. of Michigan</b>	8	0	8	8	0	24
<b>Demographics</b>	0	0	0	0	42	42
<b>Total</b>	34	45	103	18	42	242

# Sample Questions



## Sustainability Cultural Indicators Program

These questions are about **waste prevention and conservation**.

How much do you know about the following at **U-M**?

	A lot	A fair amount	A little	Not much/ nothing
Recycling glass	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling plastic	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling paper	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Recycling electronic waste (i.e. computers, cell phones)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Property Disposition Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Composting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The energy consumption of the building where you work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The energy conservation features of the building where you work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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# ***Resources***

- Annual Reports (2012, 2013, 2014)
  - Response distribution tables
  - Maps
  - Indicators
- Datasets and Codebooks (2012, 2013, 2014)
  - Students (Undergraduate and Graduate)
  - Faculty & Staff
  - Undergraduate Panel
- Composite Table of results from each year

### WASTE PREVENTION & CONSERVATION - AWARENESS

(percentage distribution)\*

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# WASTE PREVENTION & CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR OVER TIME

(percentage distribution)

Waste Prevention & Conservation Items			All Students					
	STUD QUES	FCST	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<i>How often do you do the following:</i>								
Set thermostat to 65 degrees or lower during cool or cold weather	Q37	Q44						
Never			19	20	18			
Rarely			18	19	18			
Sometimes			23	24	24			
Always/Most of the time			23	20	23			
Not applicable			17	17	17			
Total			100	100	100			
Number of respondents			3204	2395	3178			
Signif. between current yr. and prev. yr.				n.s.	n.s.			
Signif. between current yr. and 2012				n.s.	n.s.			
Set thermostat (a/c) to 78 degrees or higher during warm of hot weather	Q38	Q45						
Never			24	28	27			
Rarely			17	17	19			
Sometimes			20	19	17			
Always/Most of the time			17	14	15			
Not applicable			22	22	22			
Total			100	100	100			
Number of respondents			3032	2396	3171			
Signif. between current yr. and prev. yr.				p<.01	n.s.			
Signif. between current yr. and 2012				p<.01	p<.01			

# ***Selected Key Changes - Items***

## **INCREASING**

- Sustainable Food - Awareness
- Sustainable Food - Behavior
- U-M Sustainability Engagement

## **MIXED**

- Waste Prevention & Conservation - Awareness
- Waste Prevention & Conservation - Behavior

## **DECREASING**

- U-M Sustainability Efforts - Awareness
- U-M Sustainability Efforts - Rating

# ***Sustainability Cultural Indicators***

## **Primary**

### **Climate Action**

- Travel Behavior (1)
- Conservation Behavior (4)

### **Waste Prevention**

- Waste Prevention Behavior (4)

### **Healthy Environments**

- Protecting the Natural Environment (3)
- Sustainable Food Purchases (3)

### **Community Awareness**

- Travel and Transportation (4)
- Waste Prevention (5)
- Natural Environment Protection (4)
- Sustainable Foods (7)
- U-M Sustainability Initiatives (8)

## **Secondary**

### **Sustainability Engagement**

- U-M (3)
- General (4)

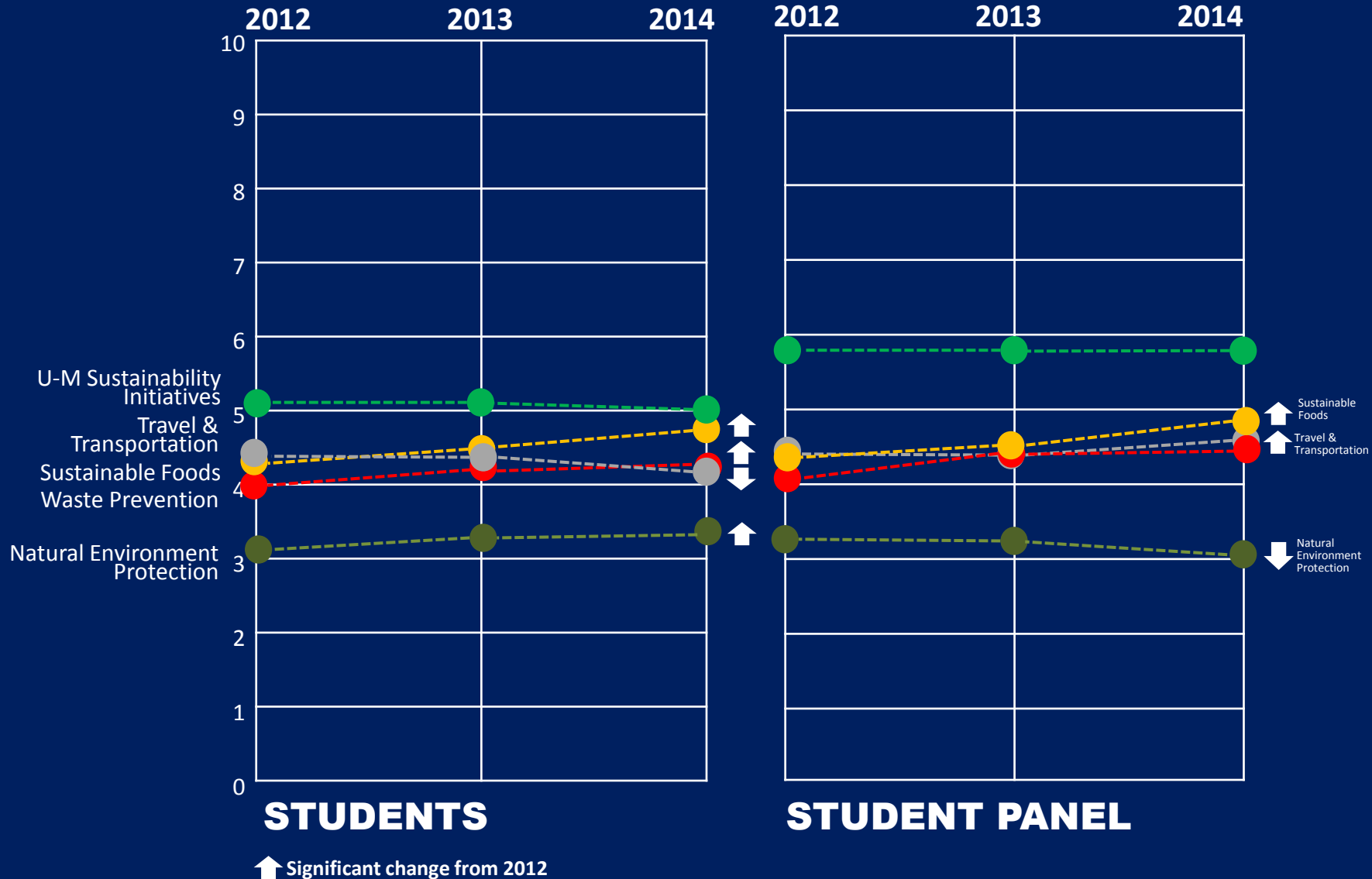
### **Sustainability Commitment (1)**

### **Sustainability Disposition (3)**

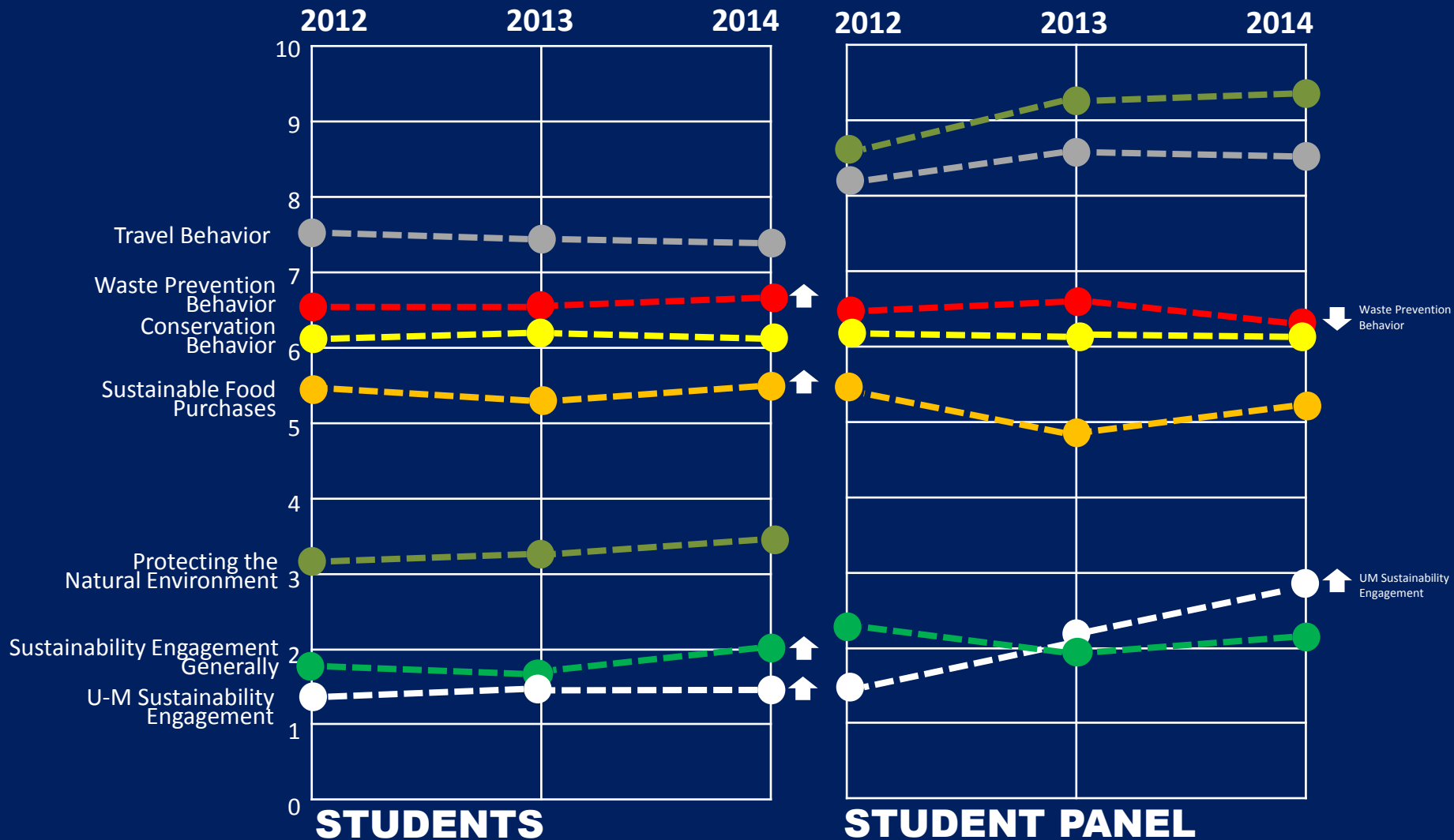
### **Evaluating U-M Sust. Initiatives (8)**

# INDICATOR CHANGES – AWARENESS

## AMONG STUDENTS



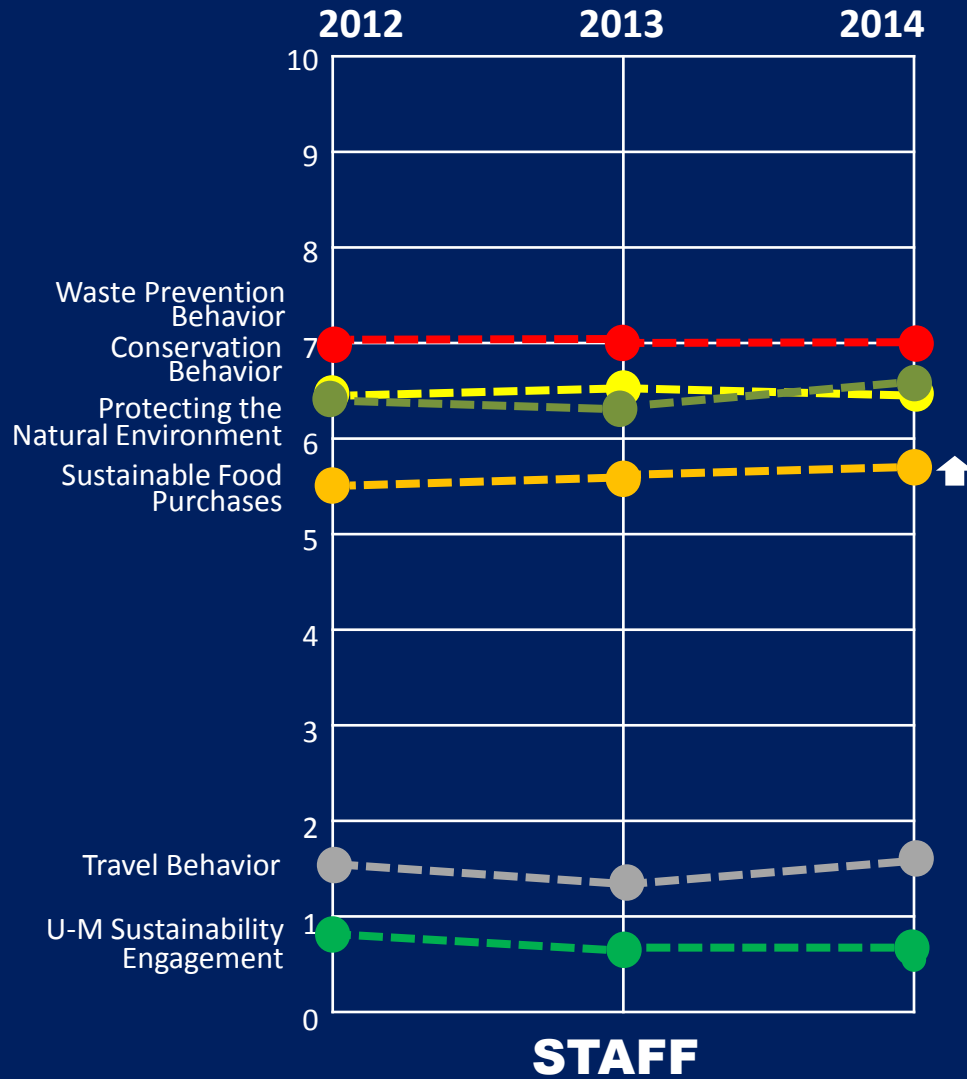
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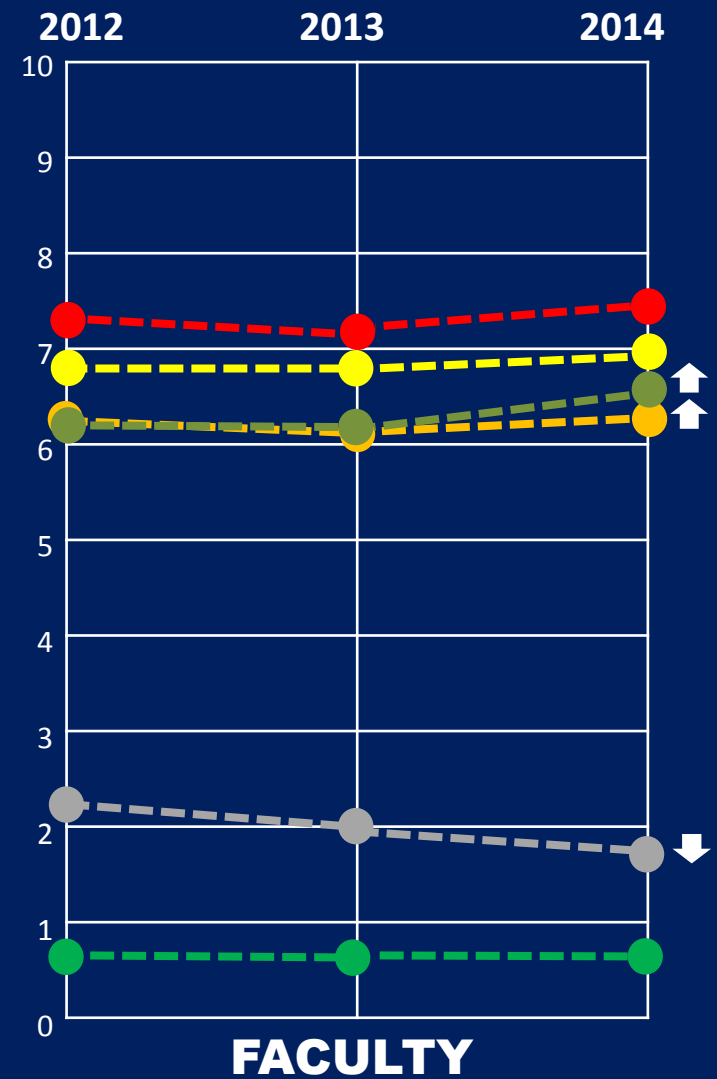
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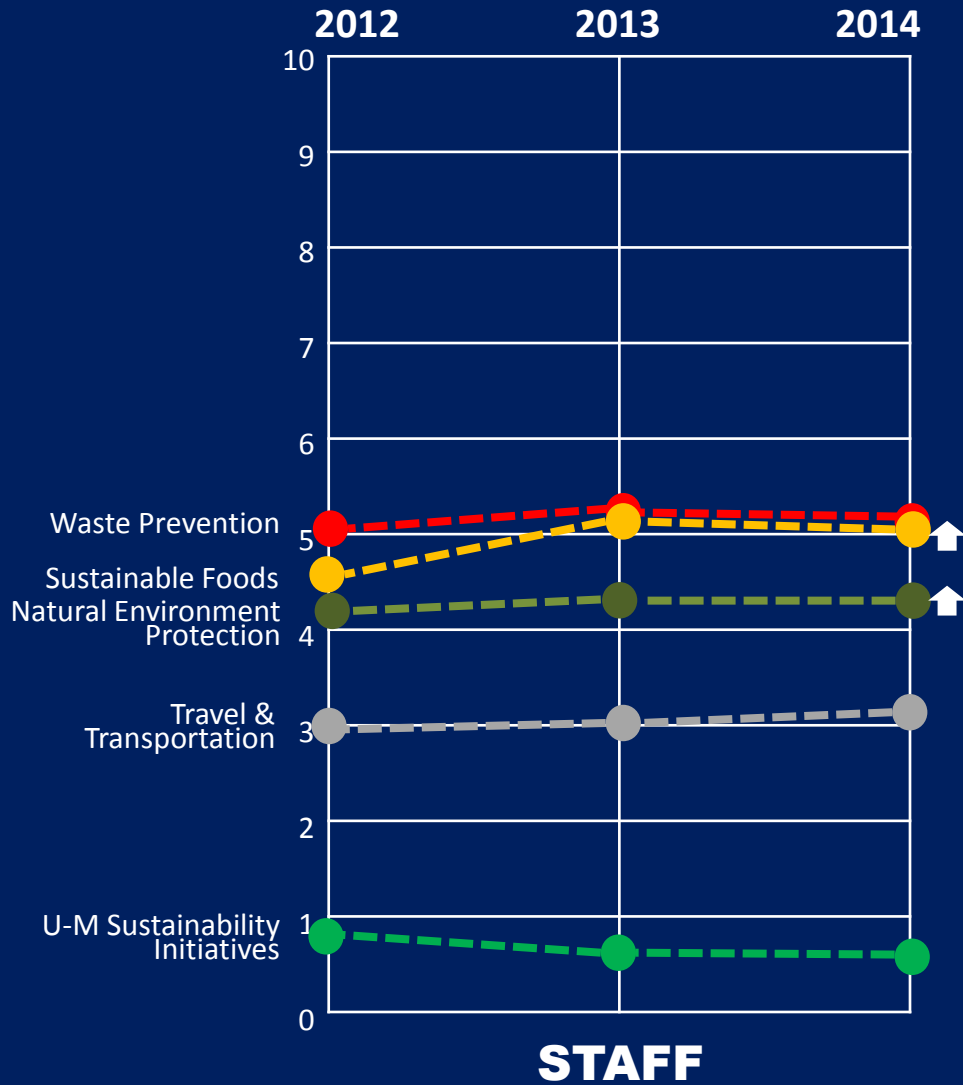
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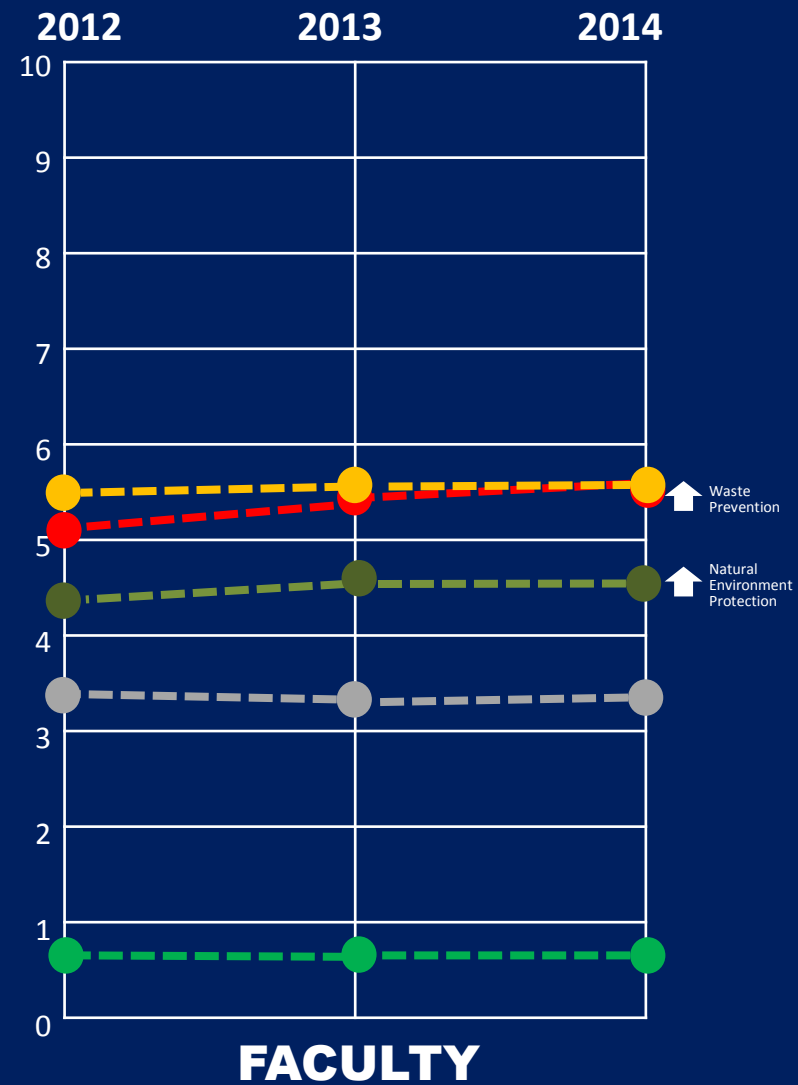


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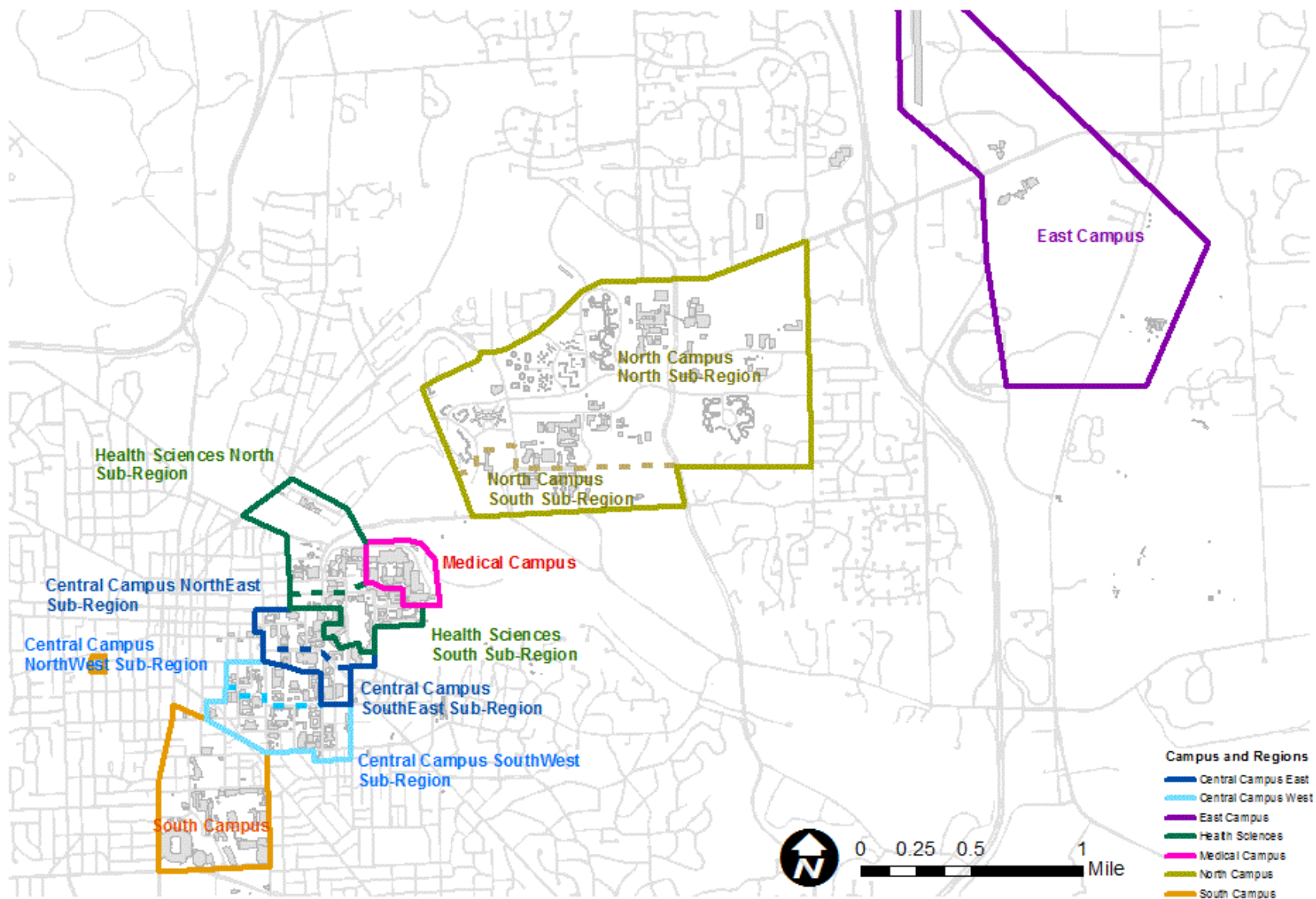
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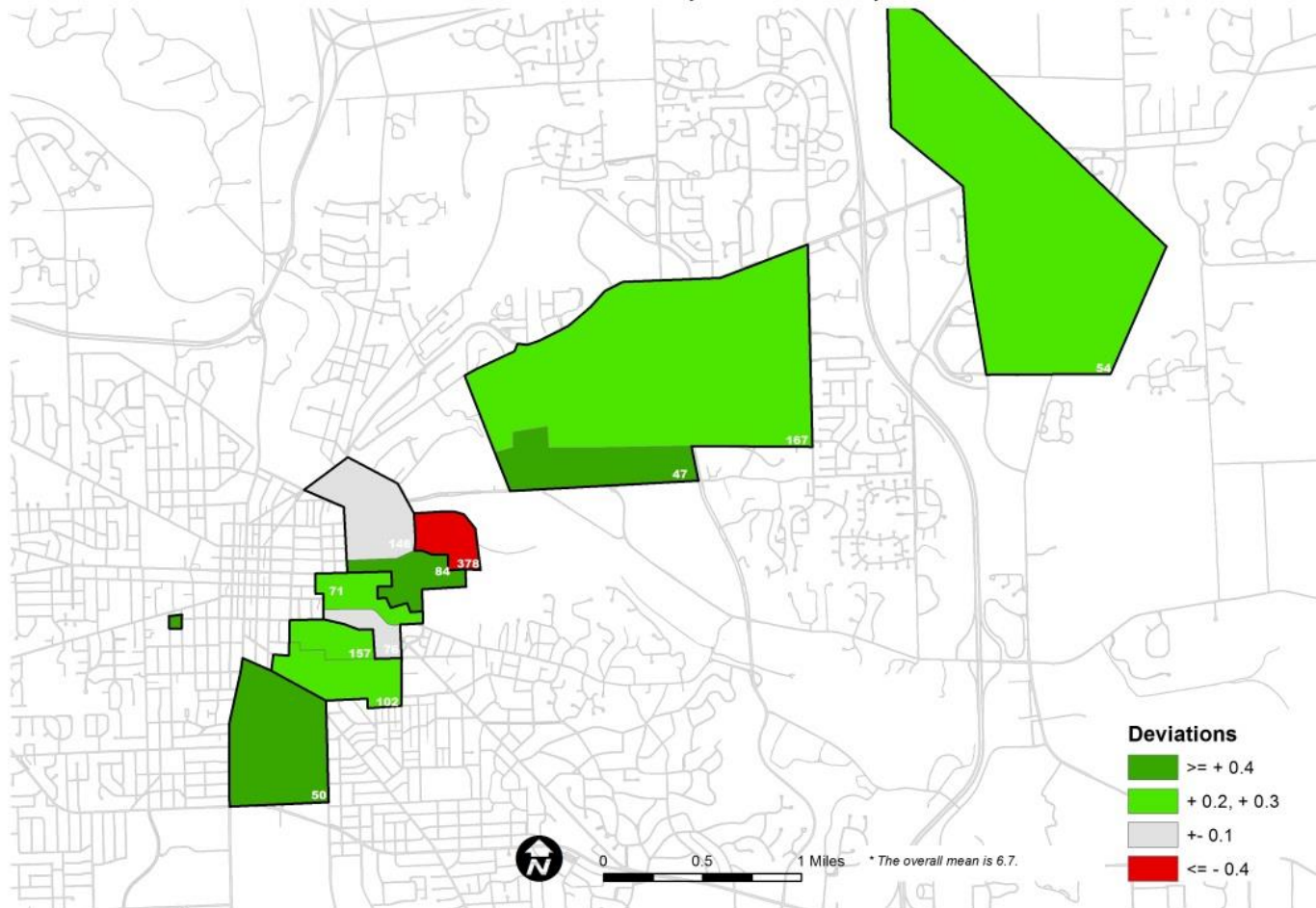


# UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN CAMPUSES AND REGIONS



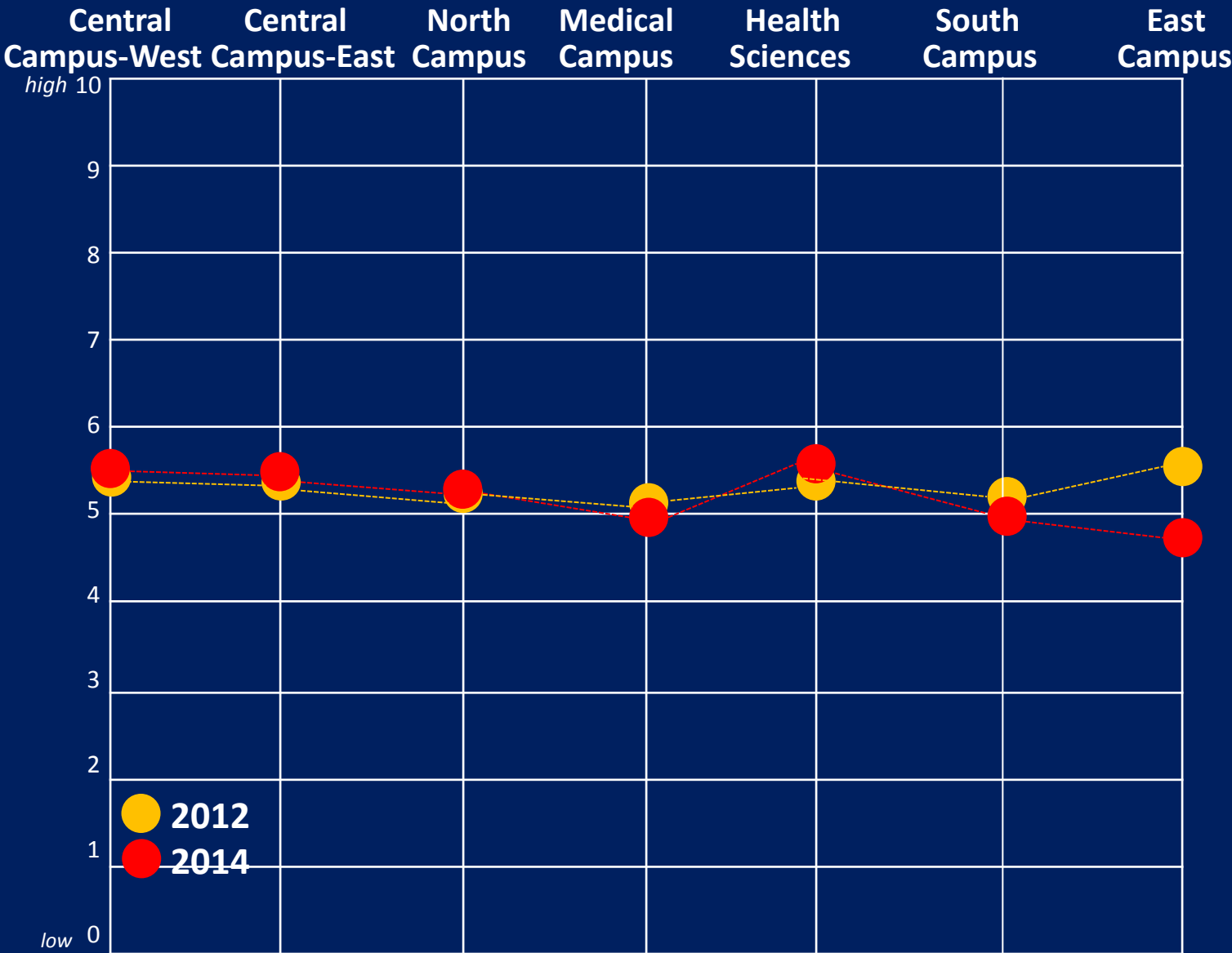
# ***Spatial Analysis***

## **2013 STAFF/FACULTY CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR INDEX, MEAN DEVIATION BY CAMPUS, REGION, AND SUB-REGION**



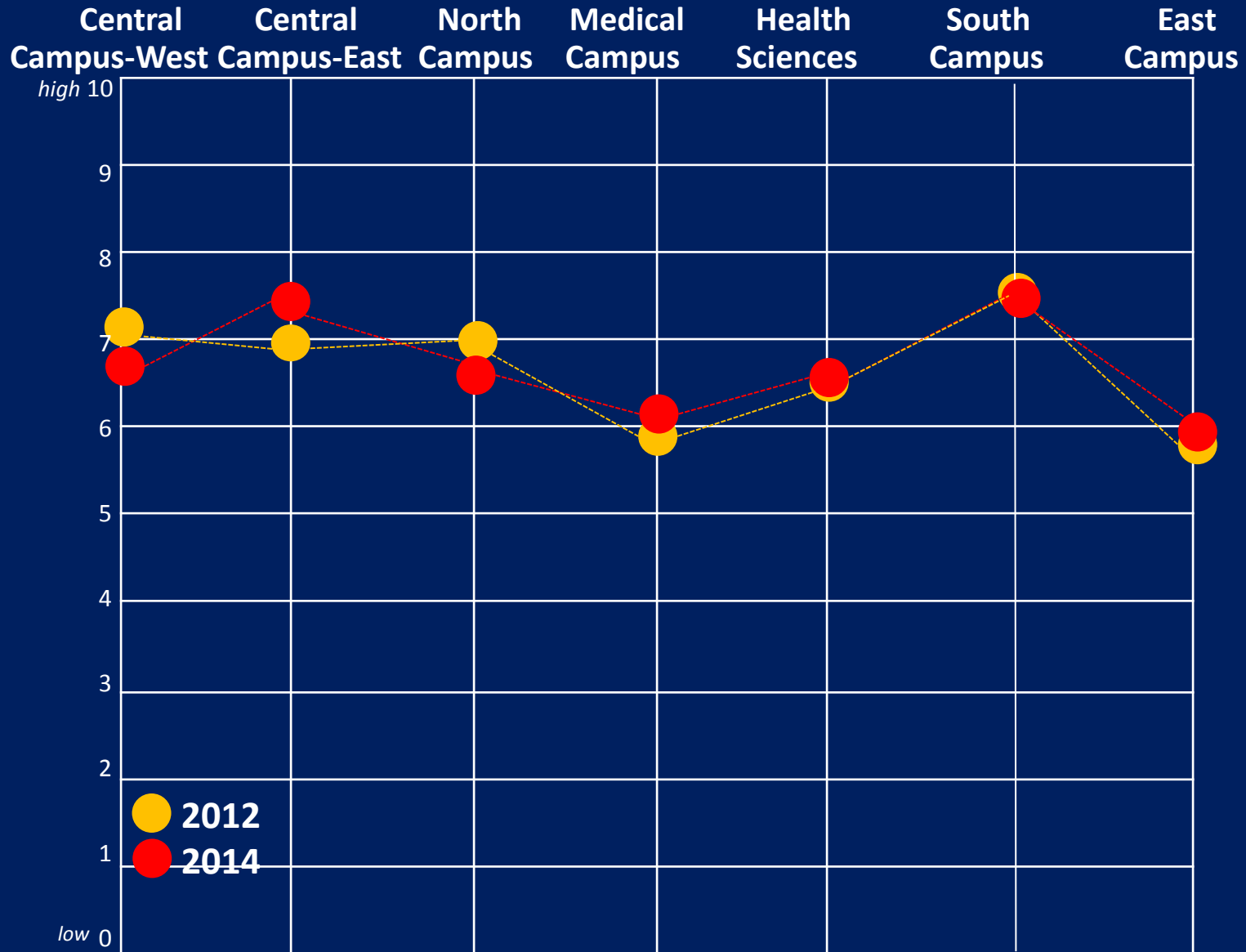
# AWARENESS OF *U-M SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES* INDICATOR

## DIFFERENCES AMONG STAFF-FACULTY – 2012 & 2014



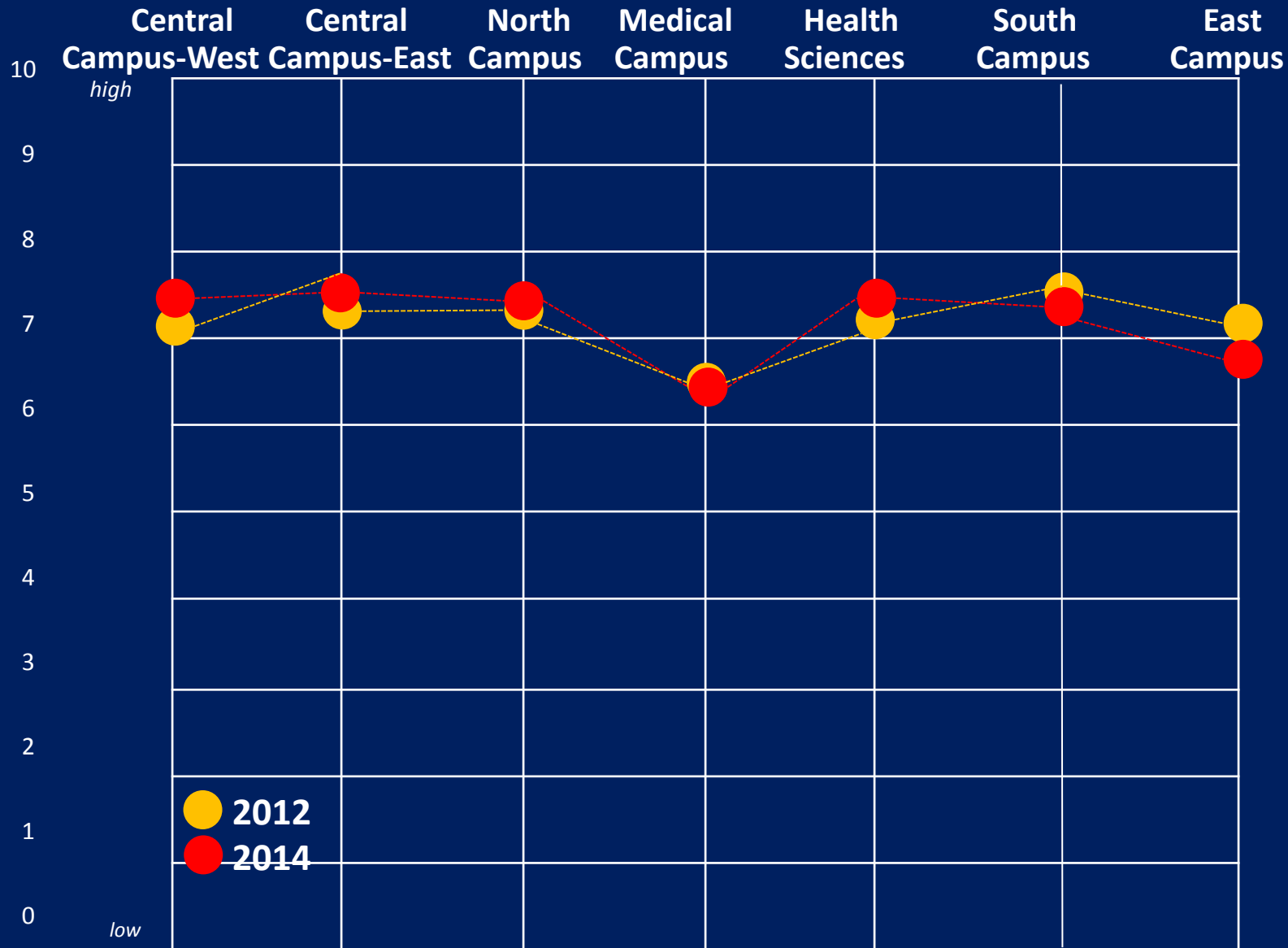
# CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR INDICATOR

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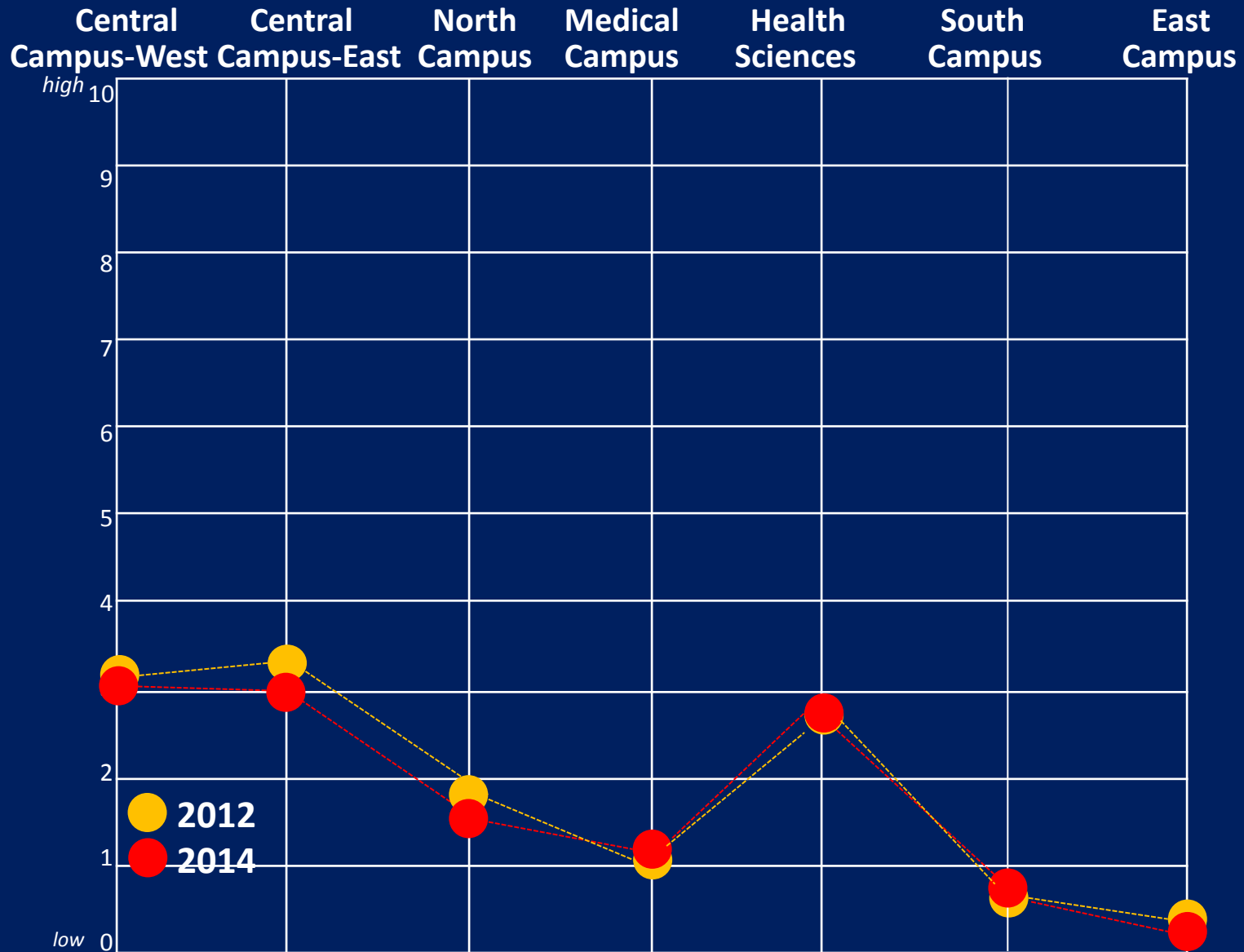
# WASTE PREVENTION BEHAVIOR INDICATOR

DIFFERENCES AMONG STAFF-FACULTY –2012 & 2014



# TRAVEL BEHAVIOR INDICATOR

## DIFFERENCES AMONG STAFF-FACULTY – 2012 & 2014



# ***Analysis of Environmental Data and Survey Data***

## **Environmental Data**

Waste (tonnage)

Recycled Material (tonnage)

Energy (BTU/sq.ft.)

CO2 Emissions (metric tons)  
energy, electricity, steam, natural gas

## **Merged Objective and Subjective-Behavioral Data**

**Objective Env. Data  
(annual)**

**Survey Data (annual)**  
students | staff/faculty

**DATA ORGANIZED BY:**  
CAMPUS, REGION, SUB-REGION (staff/faculty)  
U-M HOUSING (students)



# Pairing SCIP Survey Data and Environmental Data

						Mar-15
<b>PAIRING SCIP SURVEY DATA &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL DATA (waste, recycling, BTU,CO2)</b>						
	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
SCIP SURVEY DATA	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕
WASTE/RECYCLING DATA	Sept11-Aug12	Sept12-Aug13	Sept13-Aug14	Sept14-Aug15	Sept16-Aug16	Sept16-Aug17
	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕	↕
BTU/CO2 DATA	FY12 (Jul11-Ju12)	FY13 (Jul12-Ju13)	FY14 (Jul13-Ju14)	FY15 (Jul14-Ju15)	FY16 (Jul15-Ju16)	FY17 (Jul16-Ju17)
Complete						

**SAMPLE TABLE SHOWING**

# ***RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ENERGY USE, CO2 EMISSIONS & CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR AMONG FACULTY-STAFF, by CAMPUS & SUB-REGION***

Working Table E1

## **CHANGE IN ENERGY USE, CO2 EMISSIONS & CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR AMONG FACULTY/STAFF, by CAMPUS & SUB-REGION: 2012-2014**

Campus, Region, Sub-Region	BTU Per Square Foot				MTCO2 Per Square Foot				Change Conservation Behavior 2012-2014
	2012	2013	2014	Change 2012-2014	2012	2013	2014	Change 2012-2014	
Central Campus Northeast (18)	135,227	129,891	148,072	9.5%	0.0131	0.0127	0.0139	6.4%	2.9%
Central Campus-Southeast (7)	258,408	272,592	256,900	-0.6%	0.0250	0.0259	0.0248	-0.8%	6.9%
Central Campus-Nothwest (20)	166,397	165,956	162,655	-2.2%	0.0159	0.0158	0.0156	-1.8%	-4.2%
Central Campus-Southwest (22)	119,499	119,418	120,402	0.8%	0.0121	0.0120	0.0122	0.5%	-2.8%
Medical Campus (12)	208,582	192,313	206,551	-1.0%	0.0290	0.0270	0.0285	-1.7%	5.2%
Health Sciences-North (17)	327,107	327,523	301,739	-7.8%	0.0302	0.0302	0.0286	-5.4%	-3.0%
Health Sciences-South (20)	291,139	289,438	295,764	1.6%	0.0292	0.0290	0.0291	-0.1%	6.1%
NorthCampus-North (39)	226,713	254,290	266,928	17.7%	0.0265	0.0285	0.0277	4.6%	-4.2%
NorthCampus-South (10)	188,775	198,204	209,583	11.0%	0.0223	0.0231	0.0238	6.4%	-5.7%
South Campus (30)	135,721	146,134	159,949	17.9%	0.0146	0.0152	0.0162	11.2%	-2.6%
East Campus (5)	136,347	146,638	160,495	17.7%	0.0333	0.0297	0.0231	-30.7%	-10.4%

**SAMPLE TABLE SHOWING**

# ***RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN ENERGY USE, CO2 EMISSIONS & CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR AMONG STUDENTS IN U-M HOUSING***

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## **CHANGE IN ENERGY USE, CO2 EMISSIONS & CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR AMONG STUDENTS IN U-M HOUSING by PLACE OF RESIDENCE : 2012-2014**

U-M Housing*	BTU Per Square Foot				Metric Tons CO2 Per Square Feet				Change in Conservation Behavior 2012-2014
	2012	2013	2014	Change(%) 2012-2014	2012	2013	2014	Change(%) 2012-2014	
North Quad	71,363	74,235	81,757	15%	0.0081	0.0068	0.0073	-9%	-1.5%
West Quad*	69,043	33,561	91,869	33%	0.0065	0.0028	0.0094	44%	**
South Quad*	64,238	92,957	102,454	59%	0.0064	0.0079	0.0085	33%	-1.6%
East Quad*	71,078	33,376	34,063	-52%	0.0065	0.0049	0.0052	-21%	**
Stockwell	69,559	202,095	212,627	206%	0.0071	0.0208	0.0213	199%	-1.6%
Mosher-Jordan	170,445	40,028	37,181	-78%	0.0182	0.0041	0.0038	-79%	-6.3%
Mary Markley	99,301	75,407	58,879	-41%	0.0093	0.0073	0.0046	-50%	-1.7%
Alice Lloyd***	22,884	76,168	85,011	12%	0.0016	0.0075	0.0081	7%	3.3%
Couzens	83,101	77,810	77,942	-6%	0.0085	0.0072	0.0072	-15%	-3.3%
Bursley-Baits	114,805	72,495	72,286	-37%	0.0098	0.0080	0.0079	-20%	0.0%
Northwood Apartments	82,021	82,962	89,469	9%	0.0064	0.0064	0.0067	6%	-3.2%

\*Data are excluded for the smaller residence halls having small number of respondents. These include: Bestsy Barbour, Martha Cook, Fletcher, Hende

<sup>b</sup>Data on energy use on CO2 emissions reflect the previous fiscal year. For example the 2012 data cover FY12v(July 2011 to June 2012).

<sup>c</sup>In 2005, U-M launched a long-term program of selective upgrades and complete renovations to its housing stock. In 2012, East Quad was closed for renovations followed by the closure of South Quad in 2013 and the West Quad closure in 2014. Figures for energy consumption and carbon emissions during renovation do not reflect the normal occupancy use.

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# SAMPLE TABLE SHOWING

# RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN RECYCLING, WASTE & WASTE PREVENTION BEHAVIOR AMONG STUDENTS IN U-M HOUSING

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## CHANGE IN RECYCLING, WASTE & WASTE PREVENTION BHAIVOR AMONG STUDENTS IN U-M HOUSING by PLACE OF RESIDENCE : 2012-2014

U-M Housing <sup>a</sup>	Recycling Tonnage per Square Feet <sup>b</sup>				Waste Tonnage Per Square Feet <sup>b</sup>				Change in Waste Prevention Behavior 2012-2014
	2012	2013	2014	Change 2012-2014	2012	2013	2014	Change 2012-2014	
North Quad	0.24	0.27	0.27	13%	0.51	0.46	0.49	-5%	-3.1%
West Quad*	0.43	0.40	0.35	-18%	1.14	1.07	0.86	-24%	**
South Quad*	0.45	0.44	0.02	-96%	0.68	0.57	0.02	-97%	6.2%
East Quad*	0.29	0.03	0.54	85%	0.83	0.01	0.66	-21%	**
Stockwell	0.20	0.20	0.20	0%	0.94	0.82	0.56	-40%	6.2%
Mosher-Jordan	0.71	0.83	0.86	21%	1.40	1.32	1.30	-7%	3.1%
Mary Markley	0.53	0.53	0.53	1%	1.09	1.12	1.04	-4%	3.1%
Alice Lloyd***	0.04	0.24	0.25	4%	0.03	0.42	0.63	49%	0.0%
Couzens	0.18	0.21	0.19	6%	0.29	0.28	0.24	-18%	7.8%
Bursley-Baits	0.37	0.35	0.38	3%	0.71	0.66	0.52	-28%	6.6%
Northwood Apartments	0.23	0.25	0.26	11%	0.53	0.50	0.52	-3%	1.5%

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<sup>b</sup>Data are based on tonnage collected from dumpsters associated with each building for the proceeding 12 months. For example the 2012 data cover the period from September 2011 to August 2012.

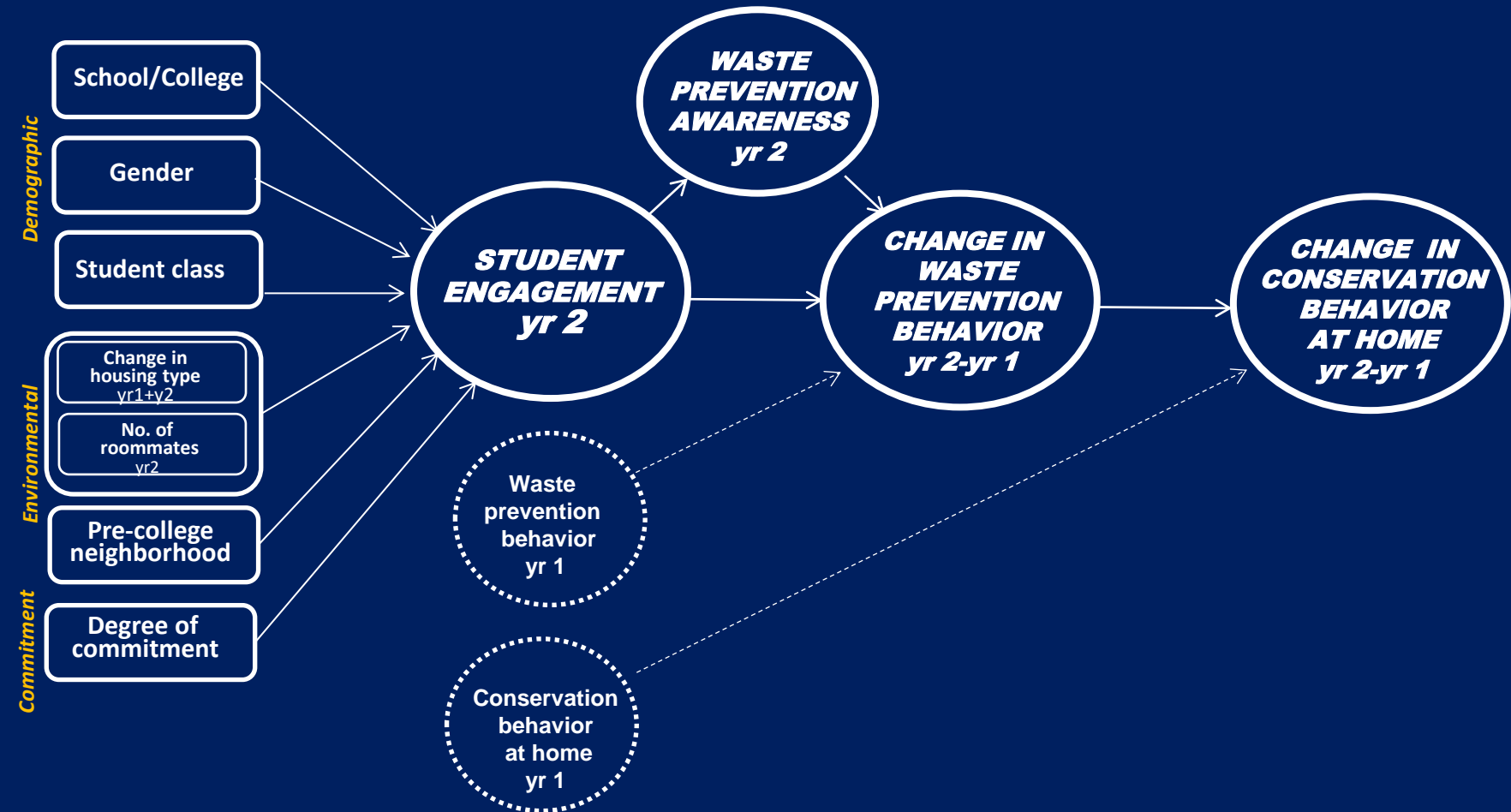
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# Panel Analysis

## Conceptual Model – Hypotheses



# Measurement

**ENGAGEMENT** – 1. taking a class, 2. being a member of a campus environmental/sustainability organization, 3. participating in a Planet Blue Ambassadors Program, 4. participated in a singular sustainability event **[Sum count of these 4 types of engagement]**

Demographic

1) Year in school

2) Gender

3) Degree program - \*social sciences (reference group), humanities, natural sciences, engineering, other

4) Housing - Change in housing type from YR1 to YR2

\* Residence hall to Residence hall (reference group)  
Residence Hall to Off-campus house/apartment  
Off-campus house/apt to off-campus house/apt  
University apartments  
Other

5) Housing -Number of roommates in YR2

6) Pre-College Neighborhood – the type of neighborhood where student lived during his HS years.

Environmental

Commitment

7) Commitment –"Overall, how committed are you to sustainability? Are you: Very Committed, Somewhat committed, Not very committed, Not at all committed."

# Measurement (cont'd)

## Behaviors

### WASTE PREVENTION BEHAVIOR – INDICATOR

“During the past year, how often did you do the following, when you had the opportunity?  
Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Always/Most of the time?”

Print double-sided

Recycle bottles, containers, and paper products

Use a reusable water

Use U-M Property Disposition Services to obtain items such as computers, furniture, etc.

### CONSERVATION BEHAVIOR AT HOME – INDICATOR

“During the past year, how often did you do the following, when you had the opportunity?  
Never, Rarely, Sometimes, Always/Most of the time?”

Turn off lights when I leave the room

Use power savings settings on my computer

Turn off computer when not using it.

Use a motion sensor/“smart” power strip

## Awareness

### WASTE PREVENTION AWARENESS - INDICATOR

“How much do you know about the following at U-M? A lot, A fair amount, A little, Not much/nothing”

Recycling glass

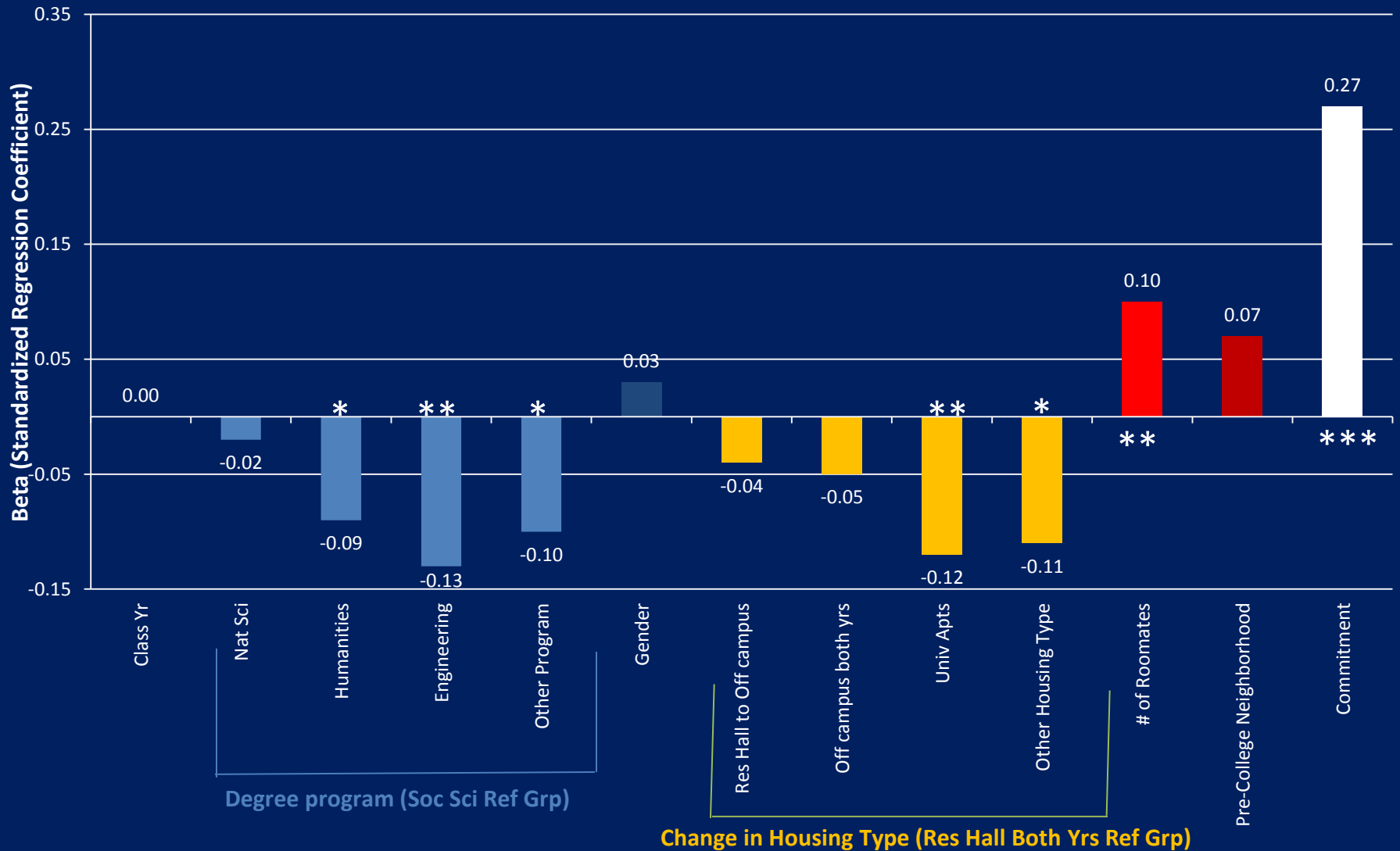
Recycling plastic

Recycling paper

Recycling electrical waste

Property disposition services

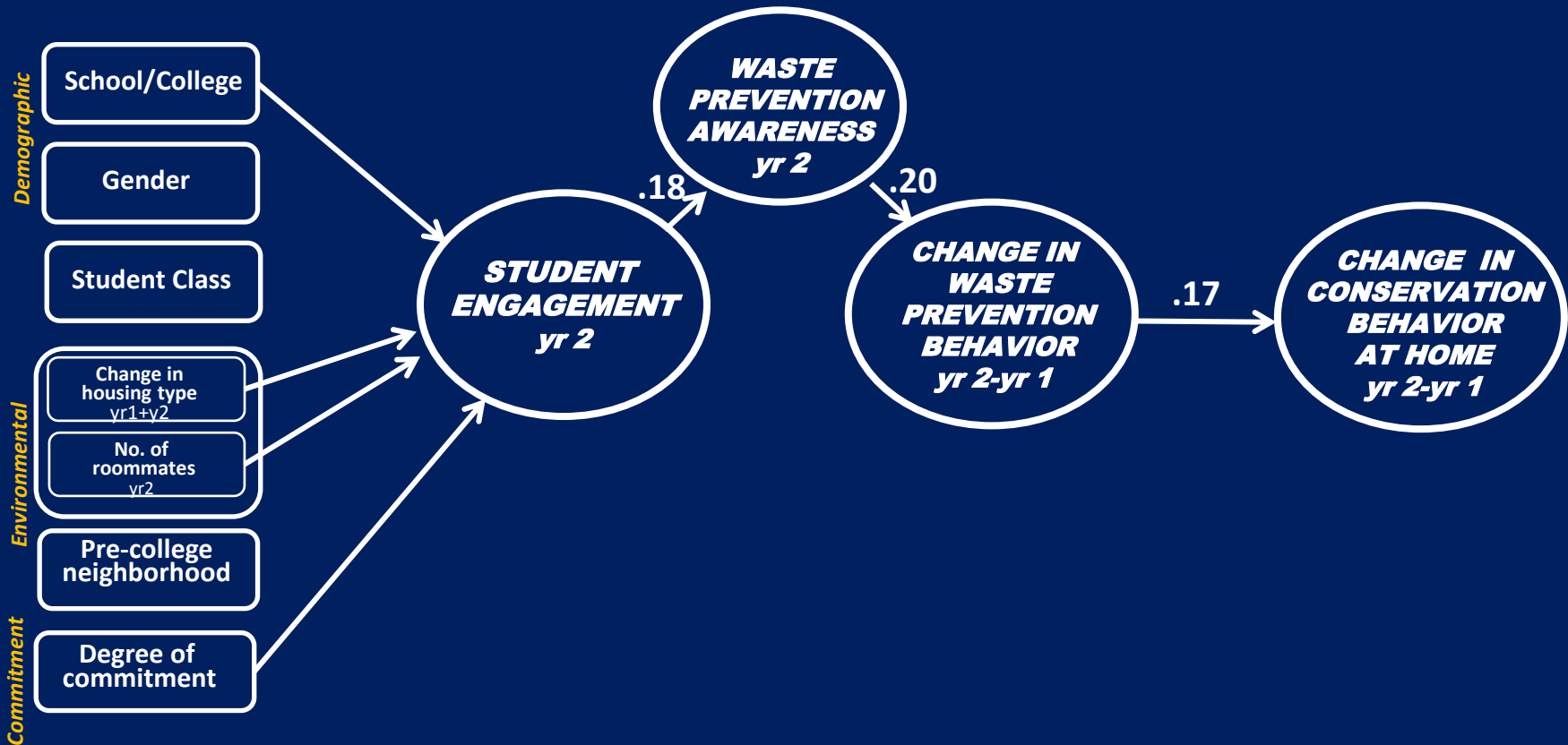
# Findings: Predictors of Engagement



\*p<.05; \*\*p<.01; \*\*\*p<.001



# Relationships Found



# ***Current Status***

- Data Cleaning and Preliminary Analysis of YR 4 Data (2015)
- On-going Analysis of Panel Data
- Working with Operational Units — hospitals, student life, plant operations
- Dissemination and Replication Elsewhere

# ***Questions / Discussion***

**Thank You**

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