

# A<sup>2</sup>Zero Carbon Neutrality Plan & Office of Sustainability and Innovations Work Session - Take 2 -



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# THANK YOU

**Office of Sustainability and Innovations Staff**

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Technology Unit, Community Services, and  
other Service Units**

**Technical Advisors**

**Partner Organizations**

**Members of the Public**

**Peer Communities**



# City Council Resolution

November 4, 2019: R-10-2103

- **Declare a climate emergency and commit to taking action as a result of this declaration**
- **Support a public engagement process, beginning immediately, that helps outline how the entire Ann Arbor Community could achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2030**
- **Develop a draft plan for how the Ann Arbor community could achieve carbon neutrality to be presented not later than March 31<sup>st</sup>, to support presentation on Earth Day 2020**
- **Design and execute a community engagement process that culminates with a draft strategy for how the Ann Arbor community could achieve carbon neutrality around the year 2030**
- **Seek and facilitate collaboration with the University of Michigan and the PCCN to create and realize the 2030 Carbon Neutral Ann Arbor Plan**
- **Consider the likely outcomes of the in-development 2030 Carbon Neutral Ann Arbor Plan when developing the FY21 Budget Planning process and, ultimately, the FY21 Budget**





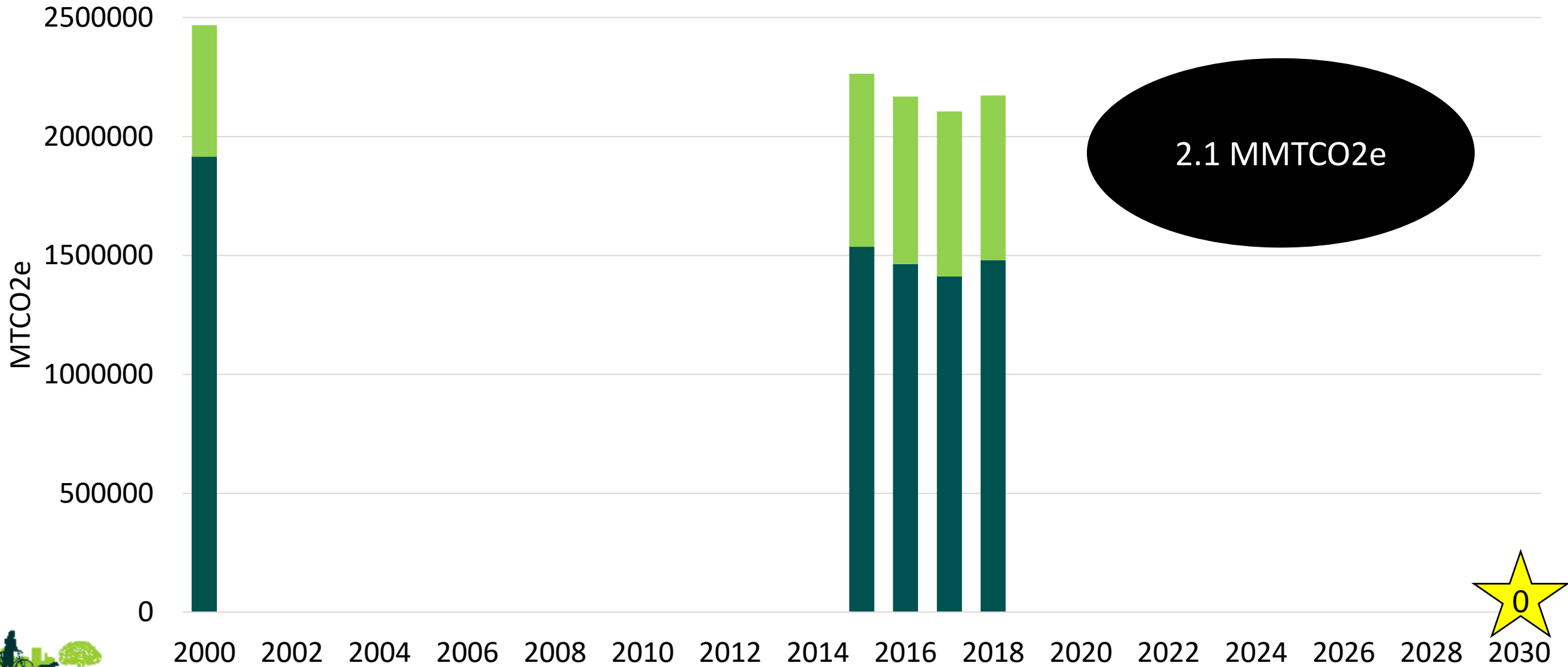
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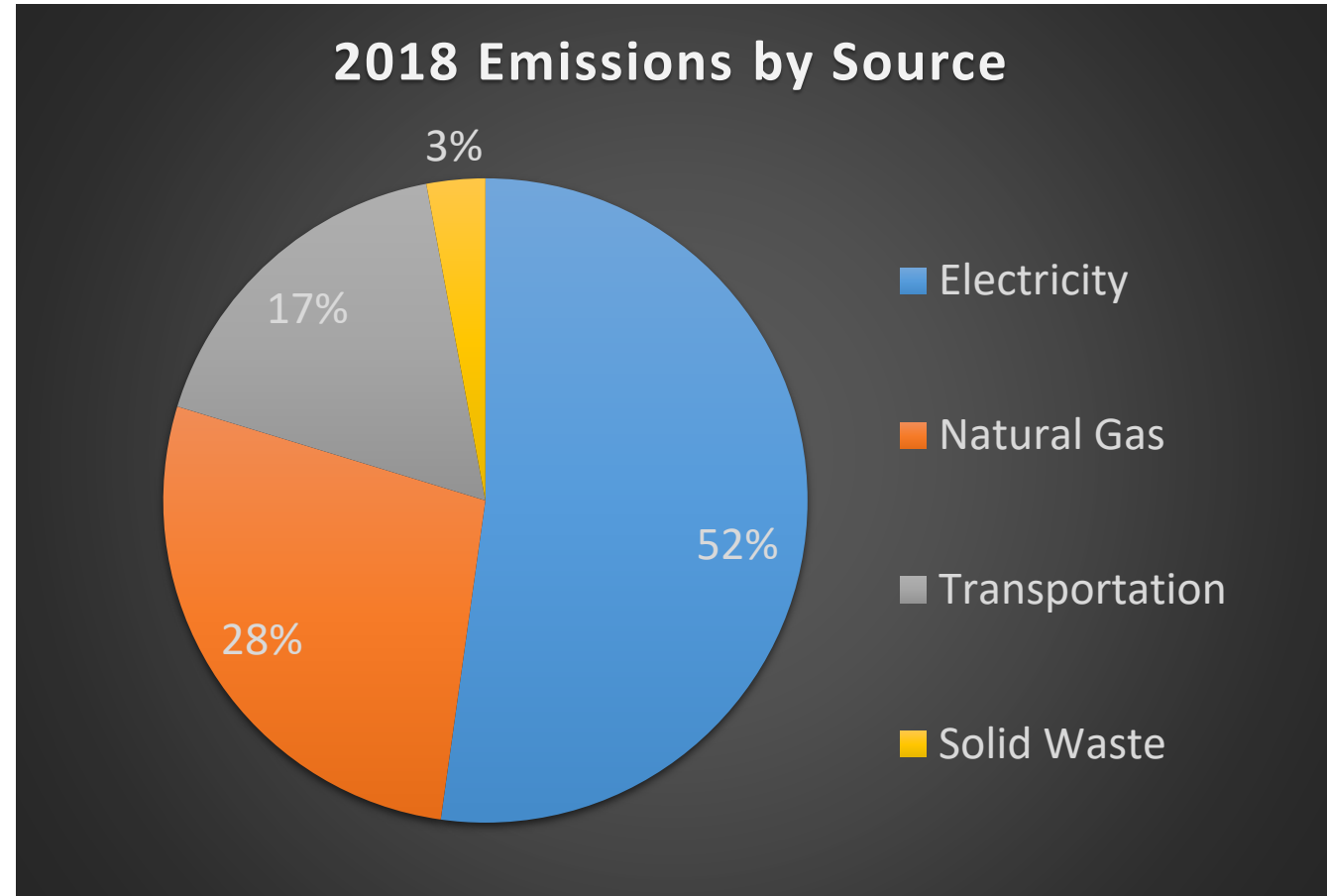
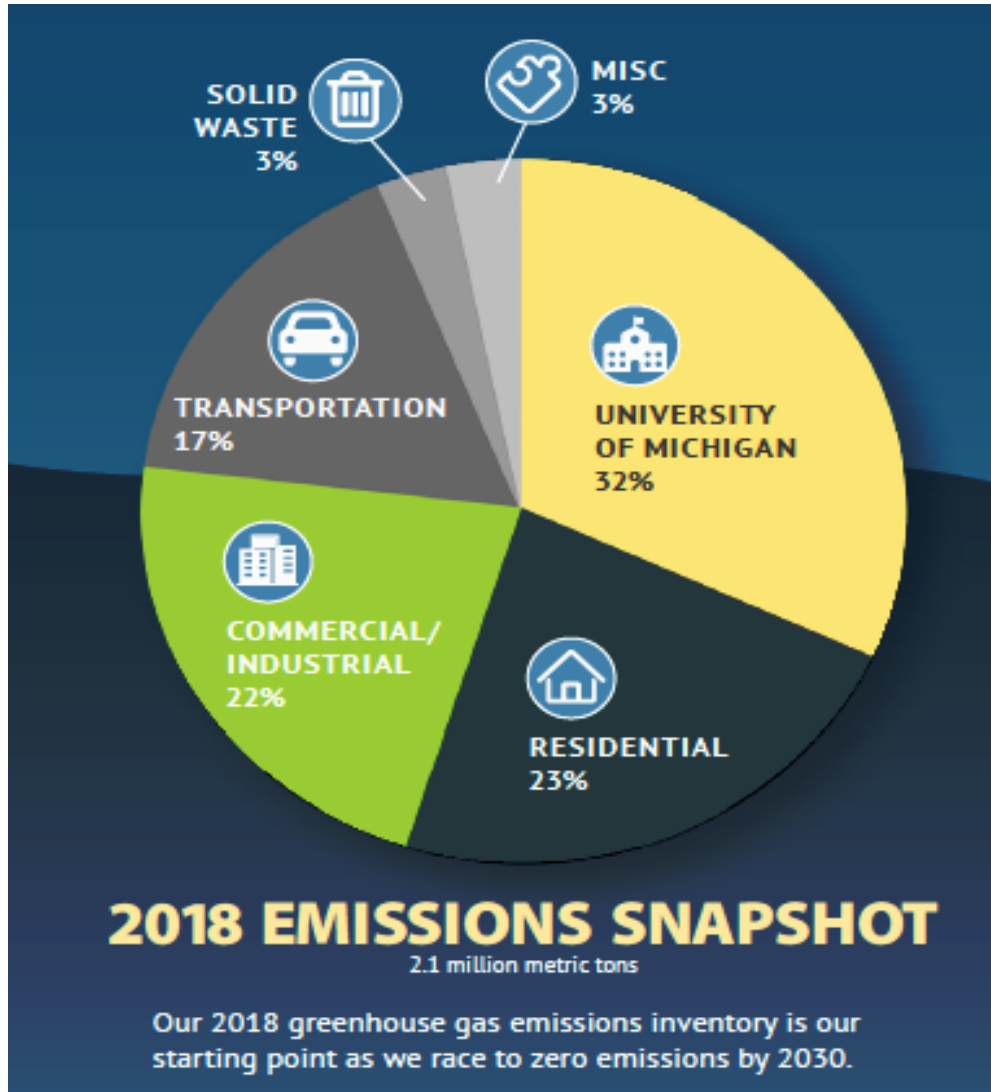
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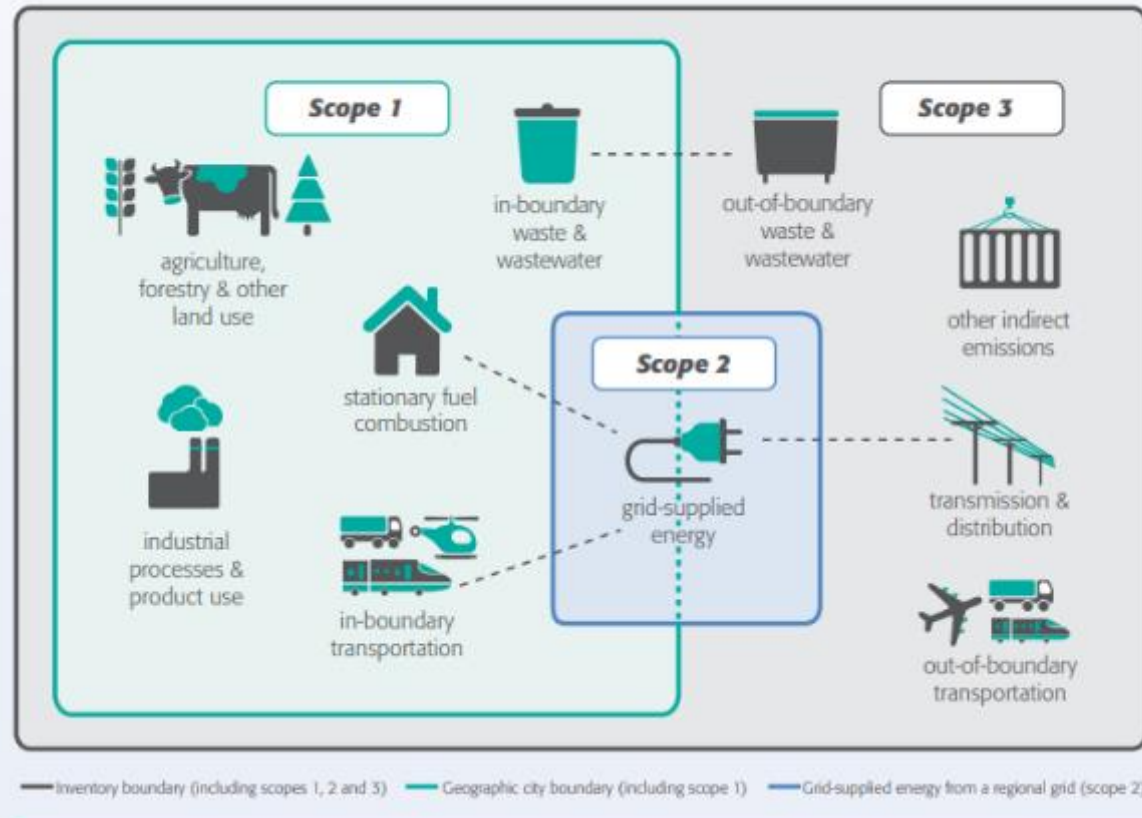


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Figure 1 Sources and boundaries of city GHG emissions



## What's not included in calculations

- Embedded Emissions
- Upstream and downstream
- Full range of the commute
- Travel by residents
- Agriculture, forestry, and other land use



# A<sup>2</sup>Zero Mission

**Deliver exceptional services that sustain and enhance a vibrant, safe and diverse community.**



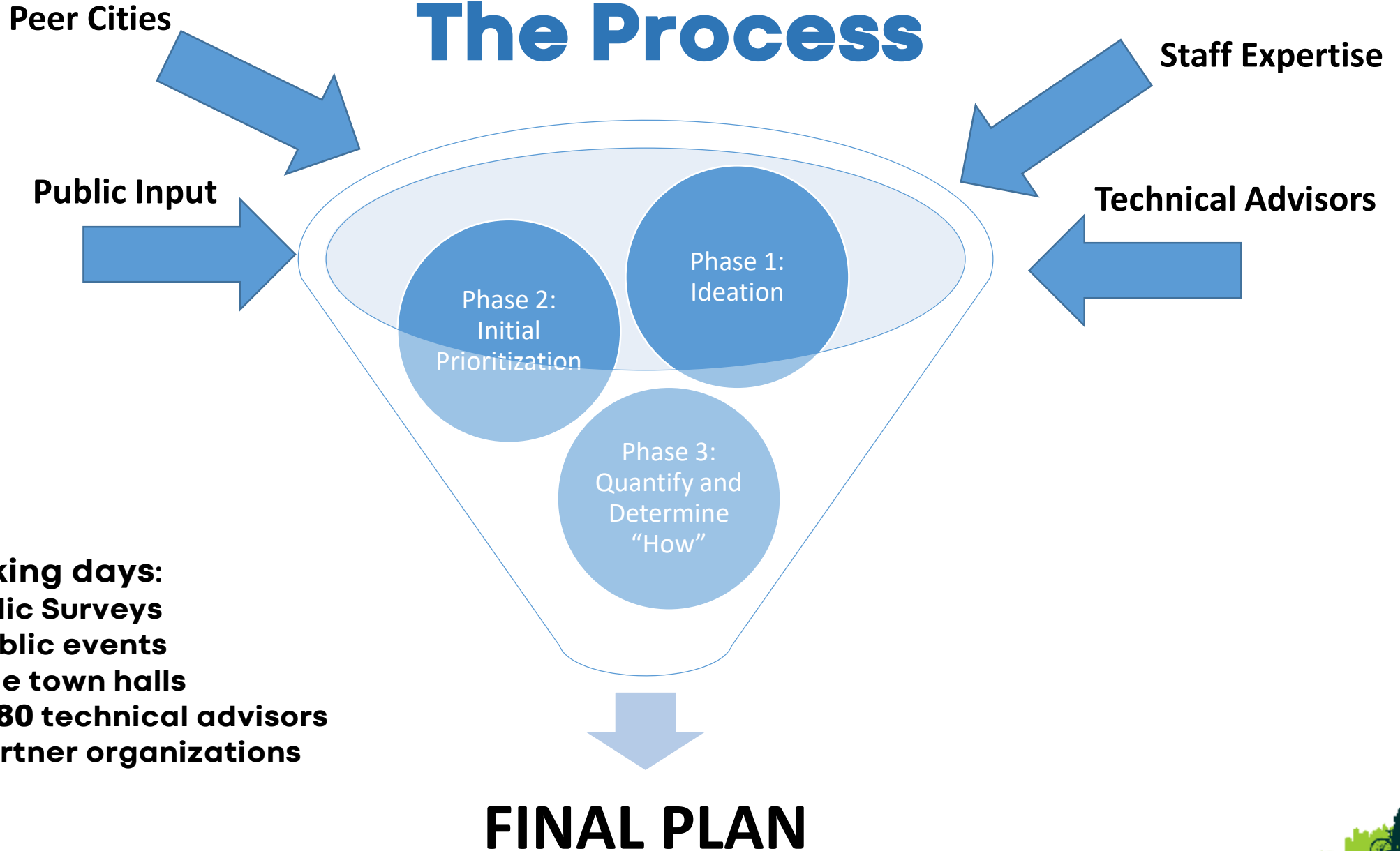
# A<sup>2</sup>Zero Vision

Together, creating and implementing a just transition to carbon neutrality by the year 2030.



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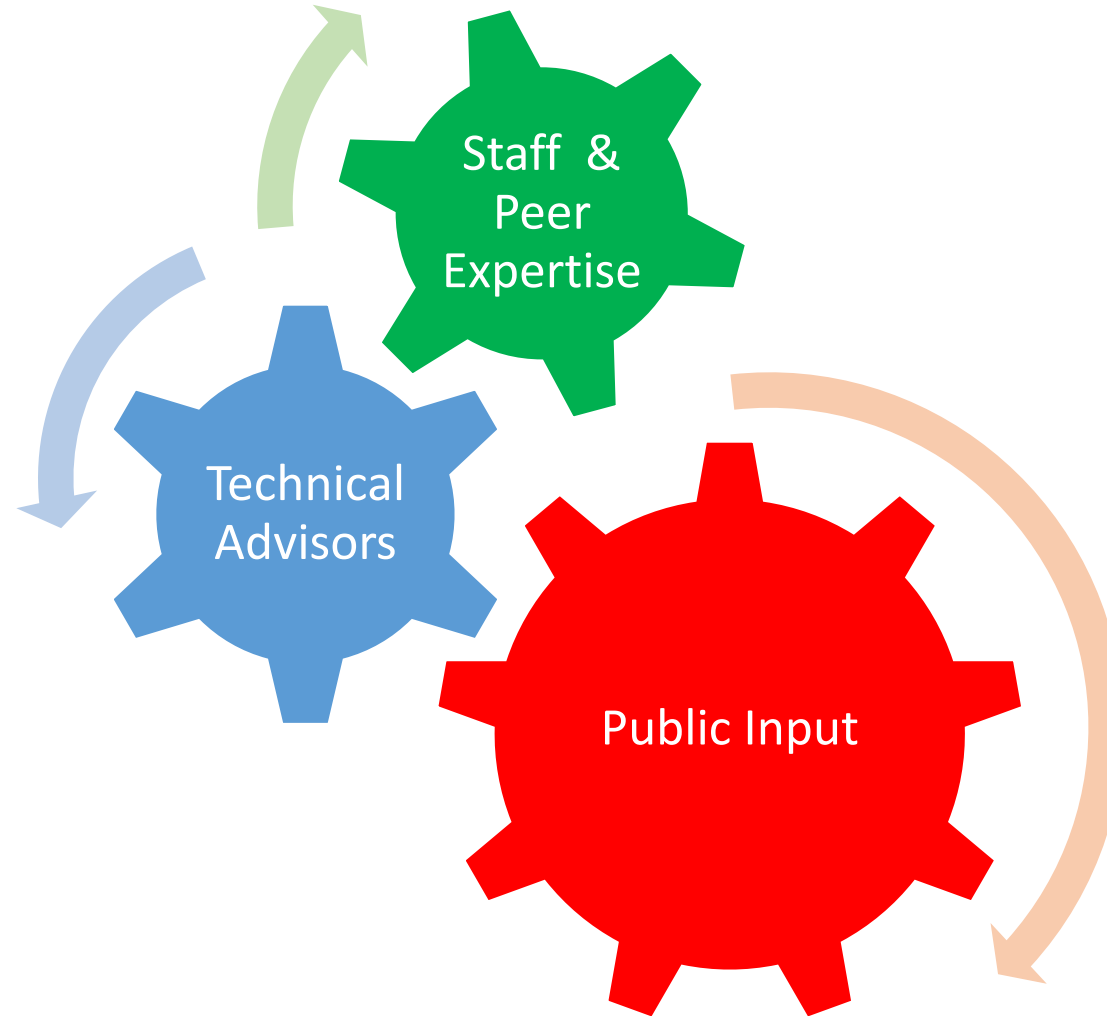
## 82 working days:

- 3 Public Surveys
- 68 public events
- 2 large town halls
- Over 80 technical advisors
- 66 partner organizations

# The Process

**Process was  
iterative**

**Plan is living**



# **The Strategy**

**What do we propose to do?**

# GETTING TO ZERO: The Big Picture



**Powering our electrical grid with 100% clean and renewable energy**



**Switching our appliances and vehicles from gasoline, diesel, propane, and natural gas to electric**



**Significantly improving the energy efficiency in our homes, businesses, schools, places of worship, and recreational sites**



**Reduce the miles we travel in our vehicles by at least 50%**



**Significantly change the way we use, reuse, and dispose of materials**



**Enhance the resilience of our people and place**



**Other**

# Powering Our Electrical Grid with 100% Renewables: Community Choice Aggregation

## STRATEGY 1: Powering Our Electrical Grid with 100% Renewable Energy

### 1. COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION

Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) are programs that allow local governments to procure power on behalf of their residents, businesses, and municipal accounts from an alternative supplier while retaining transmission and distribution services from their existing utility providers. CCA allows communities to have more control over the production of their energy, including integrating community values such as 100% renewable energy into their purchasing decisions. Generally, a CCA is an opt-out program meaning that it allows economies of scale to be achieved which leads to close to or actual cost parity to existing electricity costs. In order to implement a CCA, we will need state enabling legislation.

#### Vision for Community Choice Aggregation

Community Choice Aggregation legislation has been enabled by the State and Ann Arbor administers its first bulk buy of 100% new renewable energy by 2027. Through an opt-out structure and little change in energy rates, all residents and commercial entities, including the University of Michigan, participate.

#### Party Responsible for Implementation

City of Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations

#### Collaborators / Project Co-Designers

City of Ann Arbor's Office of Sustainability and Innovations

- State legislature
- Other Michigan municipalities
- Michigan Municipal Association on Utility Issues (MI-MAUI)

#### Assumptions of the CCA Program

- 100% of residential customers participate in the CCA
- 100% of commercial and industrial enterprises participate in the CCA
- 100% of any municipal operations not yet powered by renewable energy are included in the CCA
- Capacity of program accounts for changes in consumption due to (a) reductions in consumption achieved through widespread energy efficiency improvements, (b) increases in consumption related to switching from fossil fuel powered heating and vehicles to renewable energy, and (c) projected growth rates
- Renewable energy credits from the sources procured through the program are retired, and the energy sources offset fossil fuel generation

#### Equity Impacts

CCA provides clean, renewable energy for the whole community. Many of Ann Arbor's low-income residents are renters which limits their ability to install renewable energy projects, such as solar. A CCA program would provide renewable energy to many of those who could not otherwise access this resource.

#### Indicators of Success / Goals

By 2030, 100% of our community's electrical needs are met with renewable energy sources, thanks in large-part to the CCA.

#### Target Demographic

Entire community

#### Timeline and Initial Actions



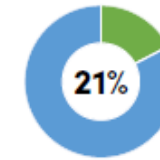
## STRATEGY 1: Powering Our Electrical Grid with 100% Renewable Energy

#### Cost Over 10 Years (Staffing, Hard, and Soft Costs)



**\$3,245,000**

#### Greenhouse Gas Reduction Potential



462,100 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent (21% community-wide emissions).

If the University of Michigan participants, an additional 321,900 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent could be reduced, resulting in a total of 784,000 metric tons carbon dioxide equivalent (36% community wide emissions).

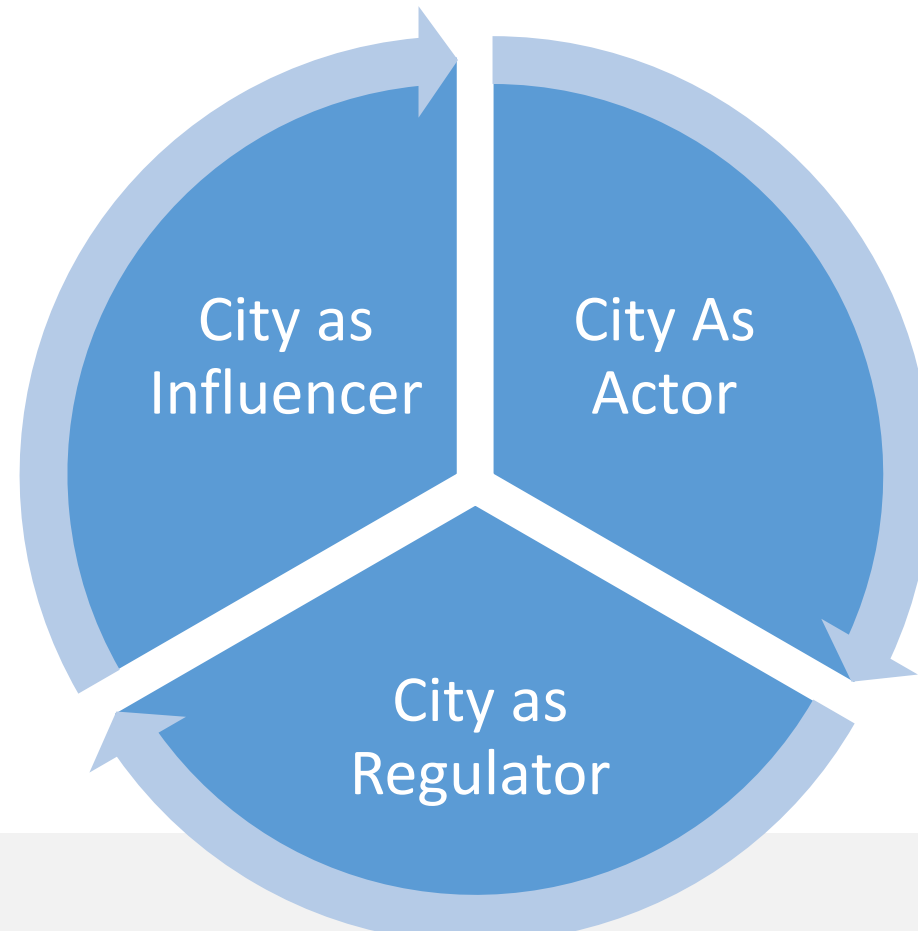
COMING SOON



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# Plan by Ability to Influence



# City as Actor

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*Actions the City can take on its own*

Landfill Solar Project

Electrify City Fleet

Expansion of Electric Charging Infrastructure

LED Powered Streetlights and Traffic Signals

Net Zero Energy Affordable Housing

Expansion of Composting Program

Preserve and Enhance the Local Tree Canopy

Internal Carbon Price

# City as Regulator

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*Actions that involve updating or new regulations from the City*

Update Building Codes

Energy Disclosure / Benchmarking

Green Rental Housing Program

Increase the Diversity of Housing Allowed by Right

Mixed-Use Neighborhoods

Require Sustainable Materials in New and Existing Developments

Expansion of Commercial Recycling

# City as Influencer

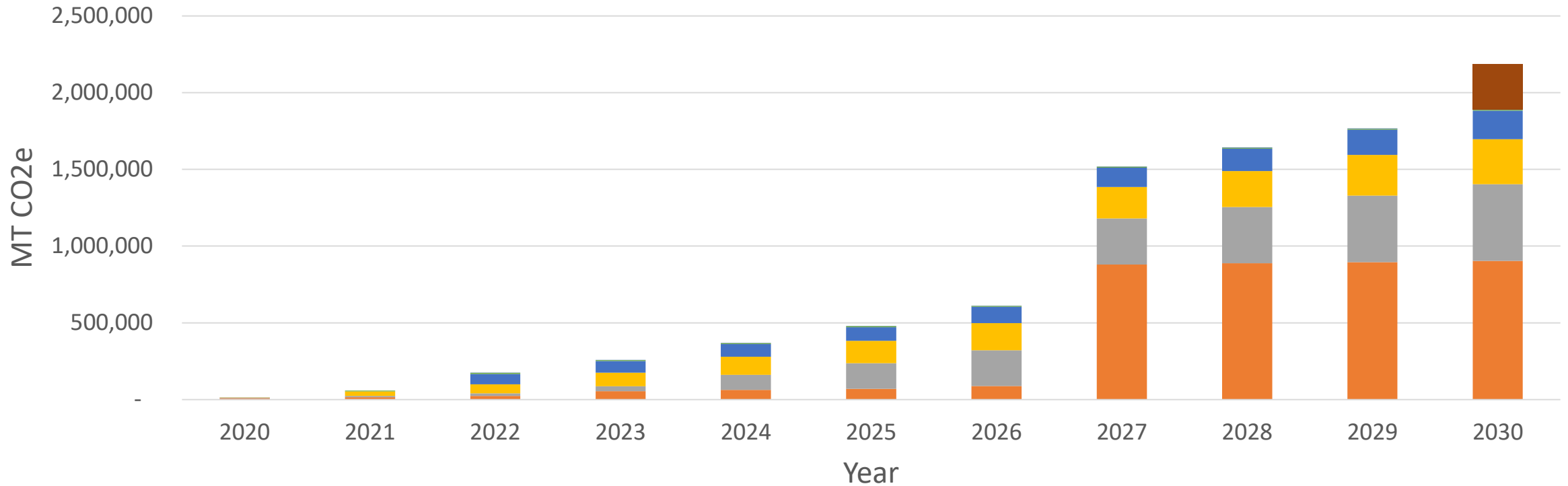
## City as Influencer

*Actions that other entities need to take or enable*

Community Choice Aggregation	Expand and Improve Regional Transit	Green Business Challenge
Onsite Renewables and Battery Storage	Increase Number of Park and Rides and Ensure Seamless Connection to Transit	Aging in Place Efficiently
Community Solar Program	Move Toward a Circular Economy	Expansion of Weatherization Program
Home and Business Electrification Policies and Support	Support a Plant Rich Diet	Implement Non-Motorized Transportation Plan
Electrify Buses	Enhance Refrigerant Recycling and Reuse Program	Expand and Improve Local Transit
Support Community Electric Vehicle and Solar Bulk Buys	Invest in Resilience Hubs	Equity Programs
Electrify Private Fleets	Foster Neighborhood and Youth Ambassadors Program	Sustaining Ann Arbor Together Grant Program
Support Transition to More Energy Efficient Homes and Businesses	Conduct Asset and Needs Mapping of Neighborhoods	Greenhouse Gas Emission Offsets
Loan Loss Reserve	Assist in Assembling and Disseminating Emergency Preparedness Kits	Tiered Parking Rates
Energy Concierge and Community Education	Implement Sensors to Monitor Heat, Air Quality, Waterways, and Flooding	

# SUMMARY

## Total Annual Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

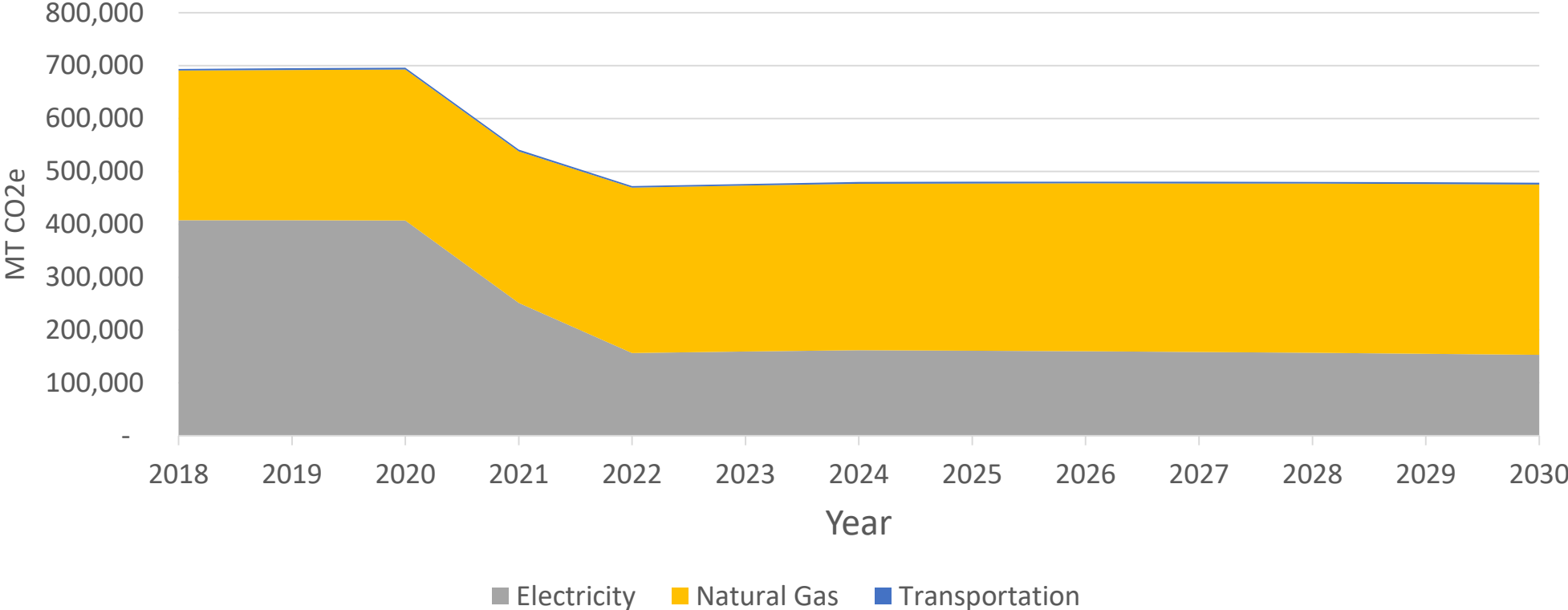


- 100% Renewable Energy
- Fuel Switching
- Improving Energy Efficiency
- Reduce Miles Traveled
- Waste Reduction
- Enhance Resilience
- Other Actions



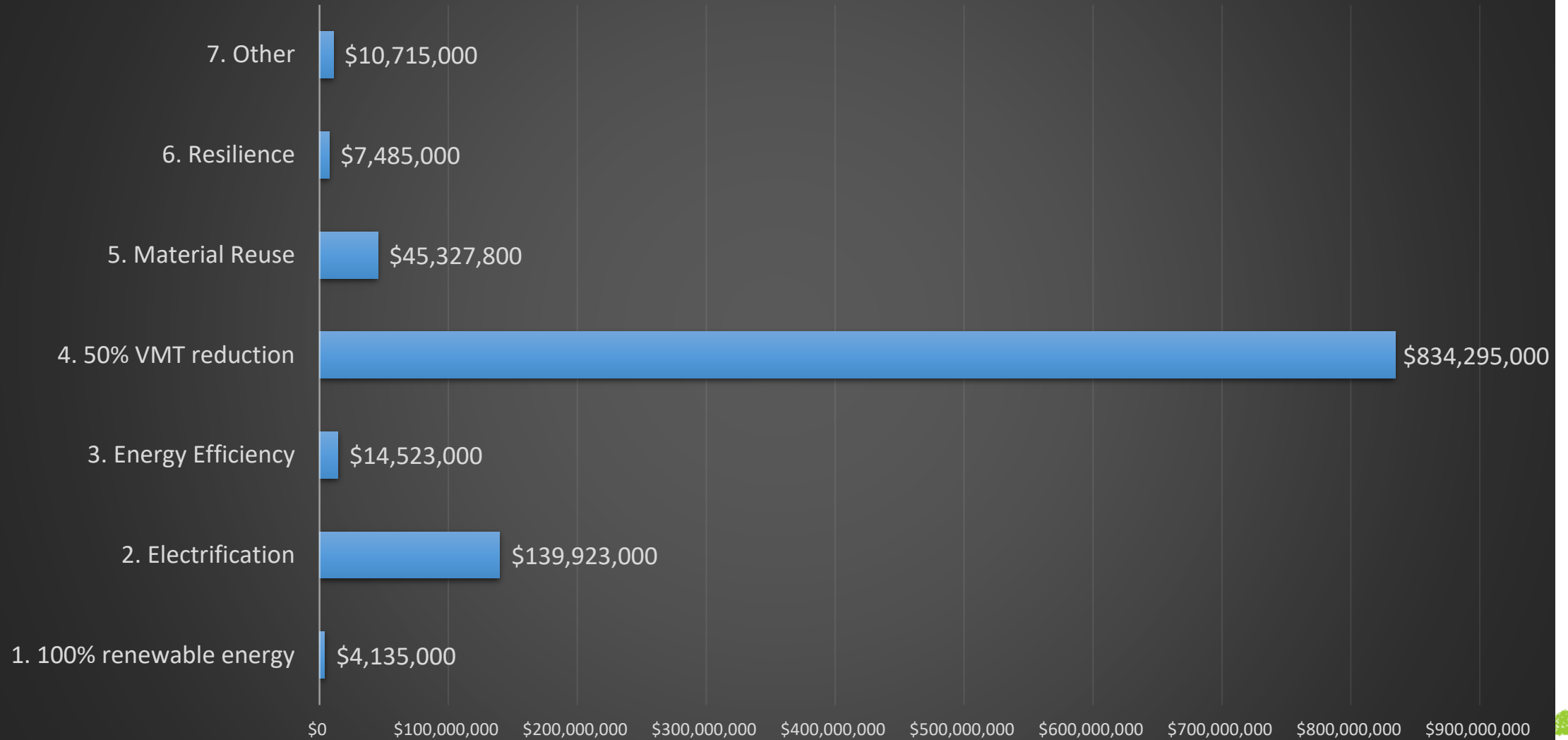
# CAVEAT

## University of Michigan Estimated Emission Reduction

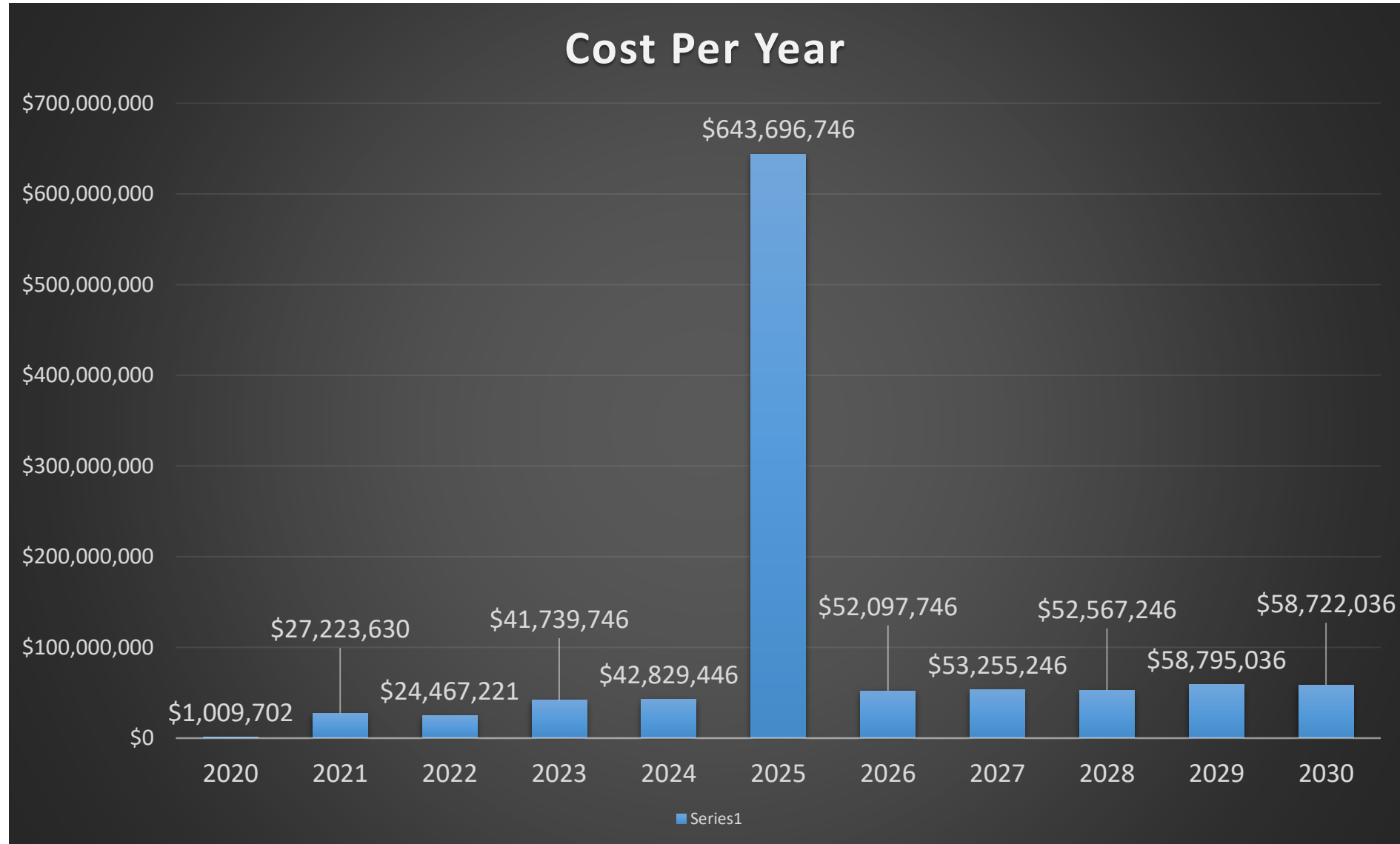


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## Cost Per Strategy

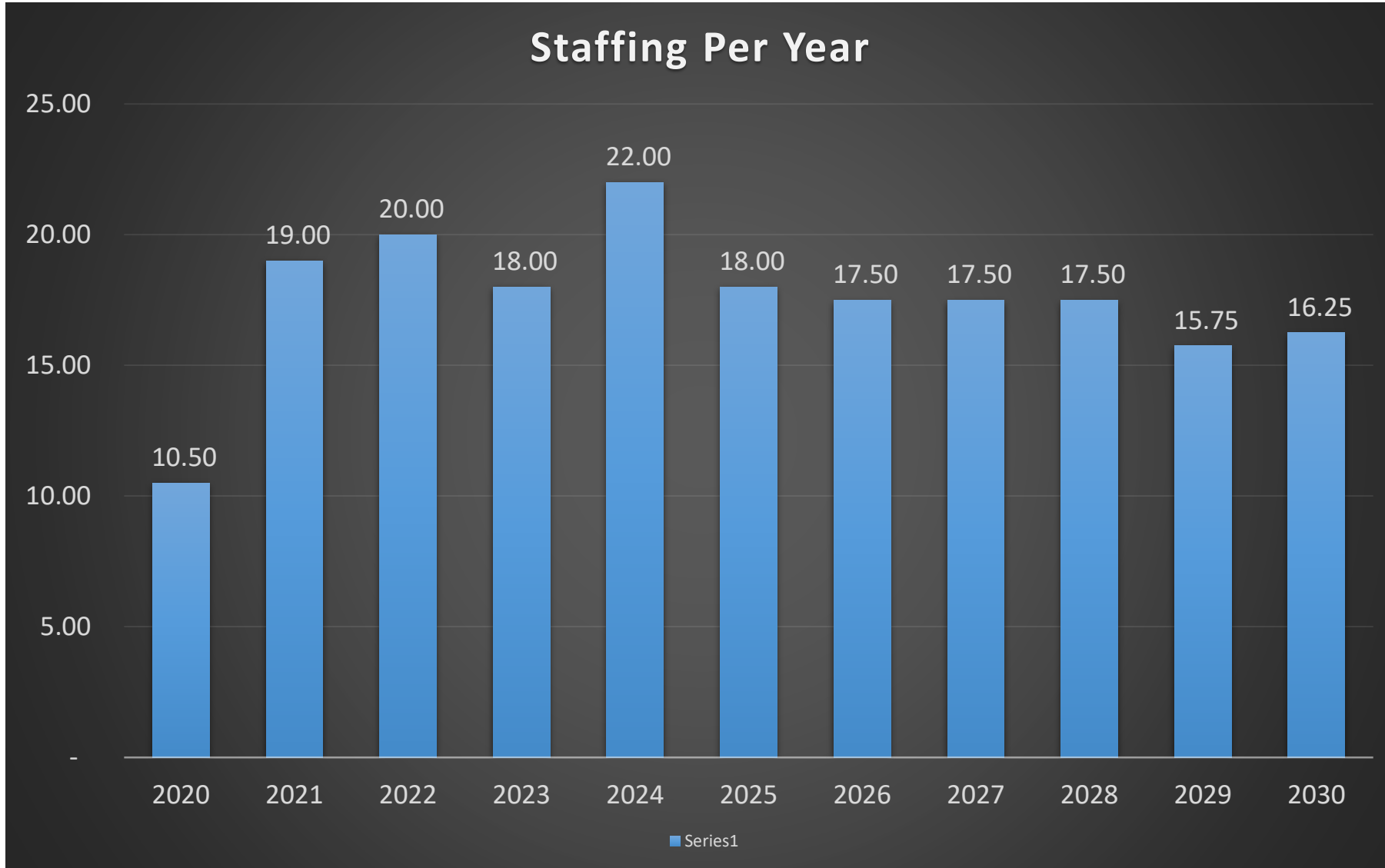


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# Staffing



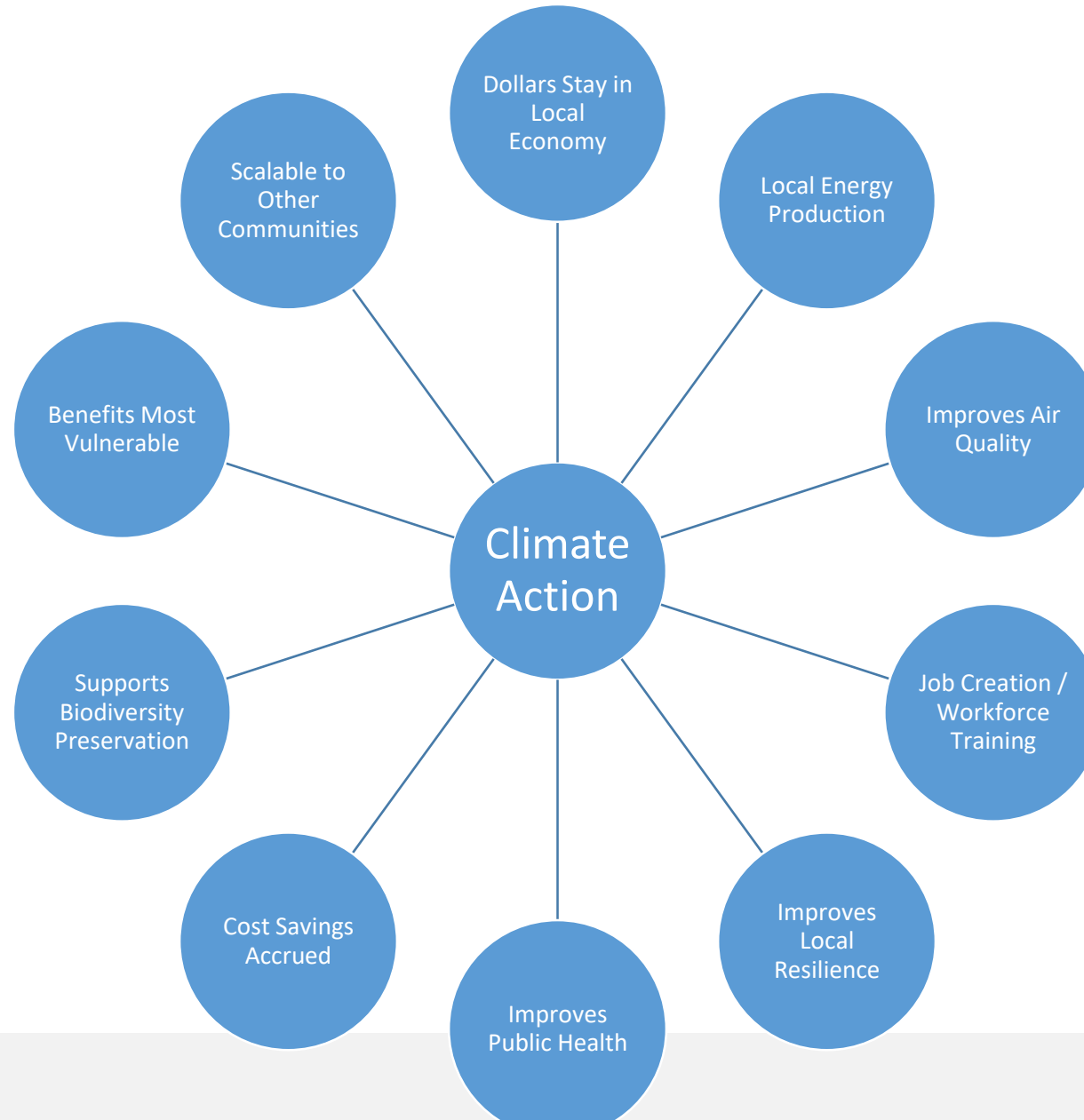
# FY21 Budget

## Impacts

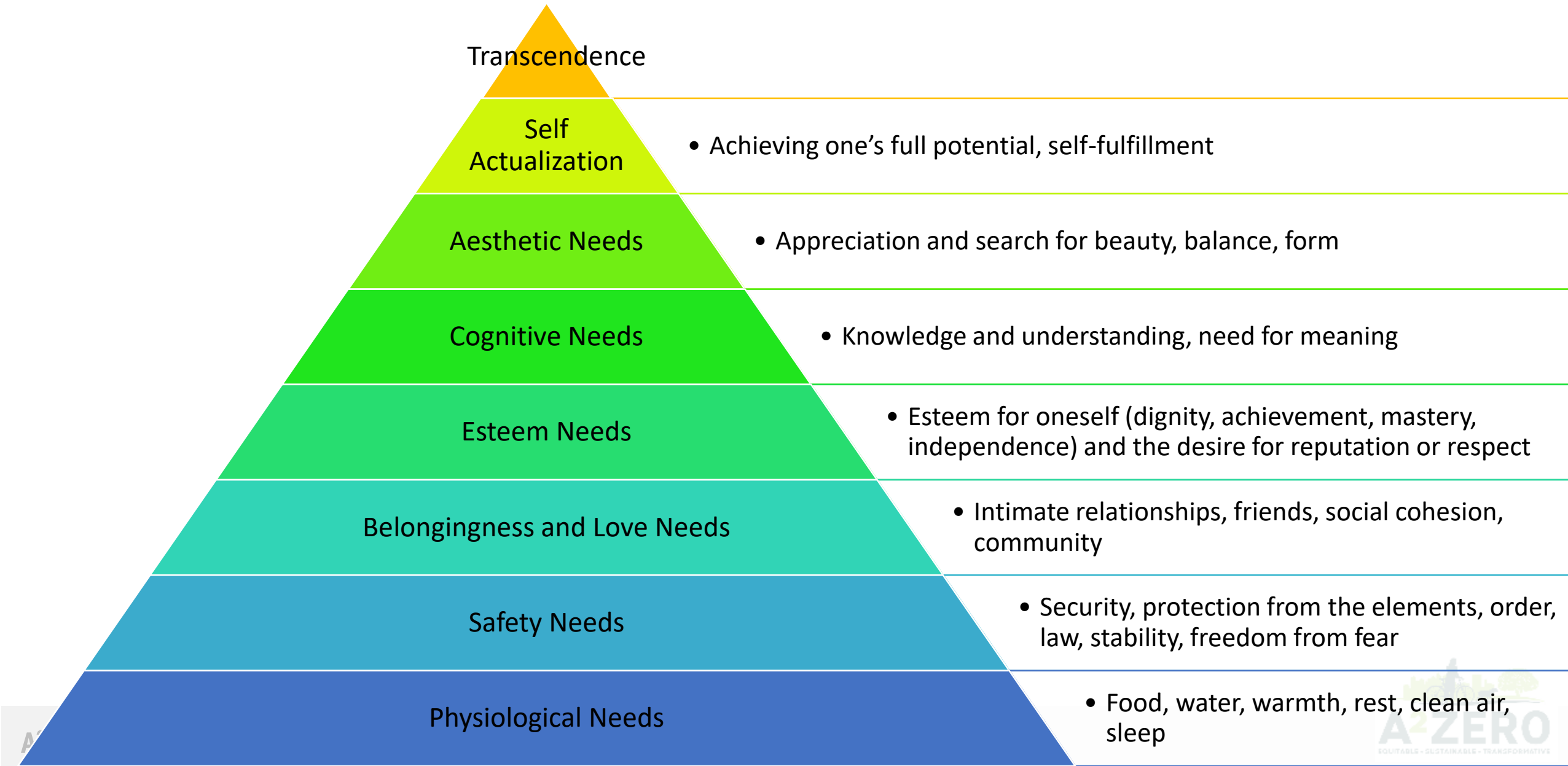
- **\$50,000** for renewable energy and efficiency work at city facilities
- **\$47,500** for Lead for America Policy Fellow
- **\$30,000** for part-time office manager - freeing up Manager's time to fundraise
- **\$7,331** IT funds for Lead for America fellow's infrastructure
- **\$50,000** for contractor to jump start solarize and energy efficiency bulk buys
- **\$30,000** for general fund portion of internal carbon tax
- **\$1,500** in city vehicle fees
- **3 new FTEs**



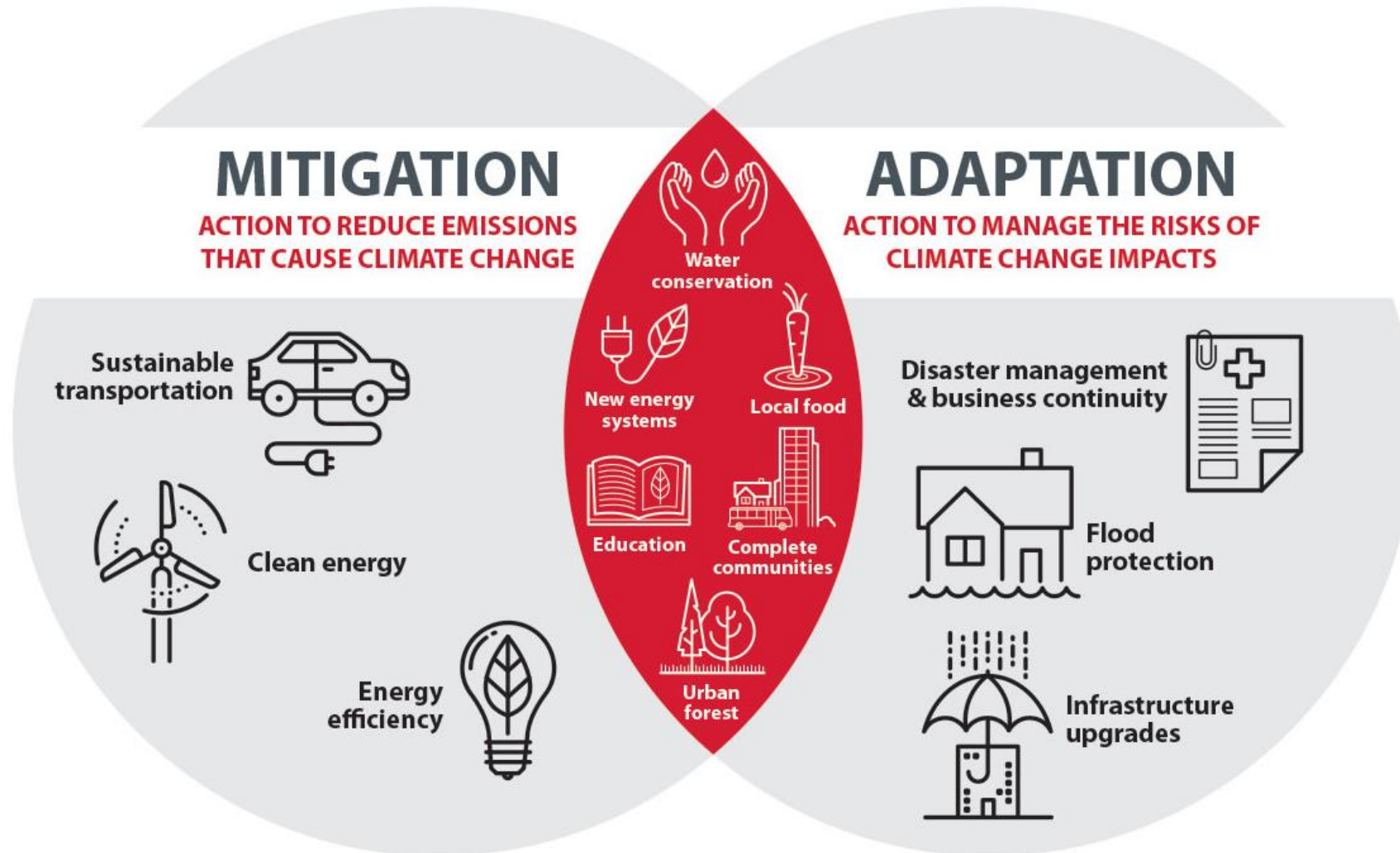
# Co-Benefits



# Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs



# Resilience



# Thank You & Questions