# **Local Responses to Climate Change: The North American Experience**

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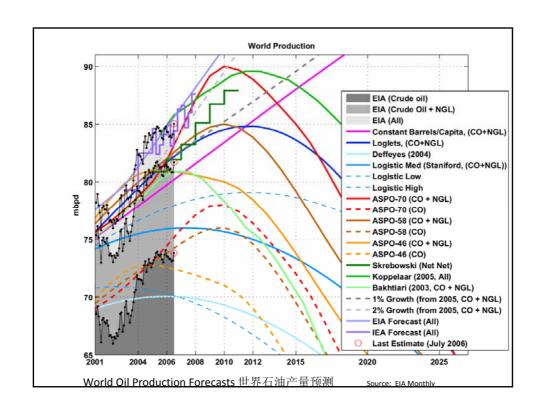
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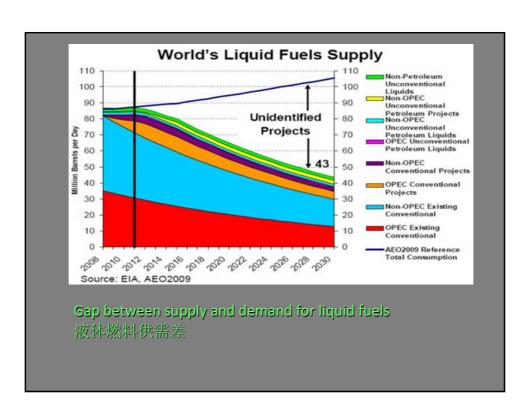
# THREE IMPORTANT FORCES WILL SHAPE URBAN DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMING DECADES:

Shortages and increased costs of fossil fuels

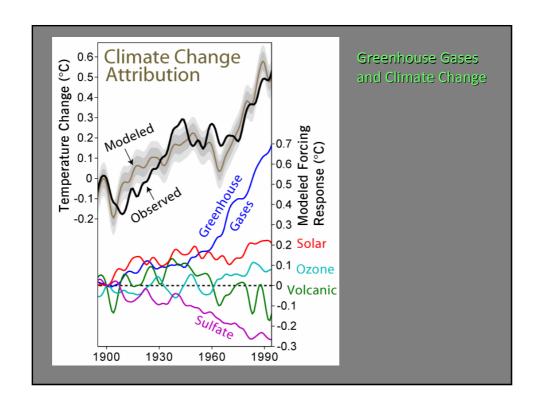
National standards forcing reductions of greenhouse gas emissions

Climate change resulting from accumulations of greenhouse gases





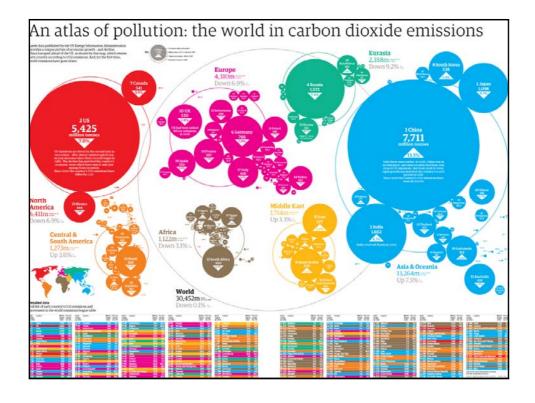


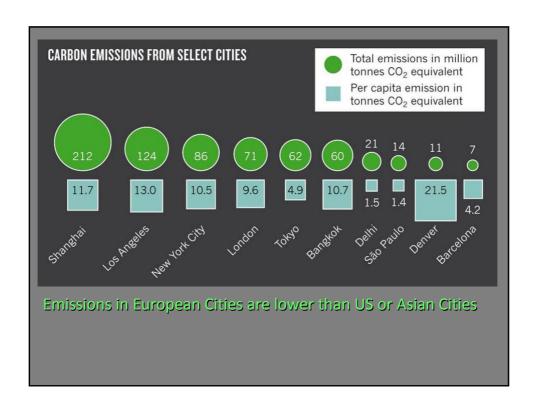


# Fundamental Challenge of the Next Several Decades is Dealing with Carbon Footprint of Cities

Need to take action on three fronts simultaneously:

- 1Mitigating effects of climate change
- 2. Adapting existing cities to reduce emissions
- 3Planning new development to minimize carbon footprint





# IMPACTS OF GLOBAL WARMING ON CLIMATES

SEA LEVEL RISE

### **INCREASED HEAT ISLANDS IN CITIES**

3.5-7 degree F rise in downtown temperatures

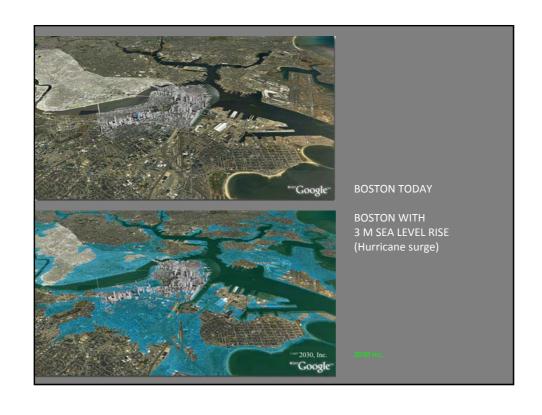
### **GREATER EXTREMES**

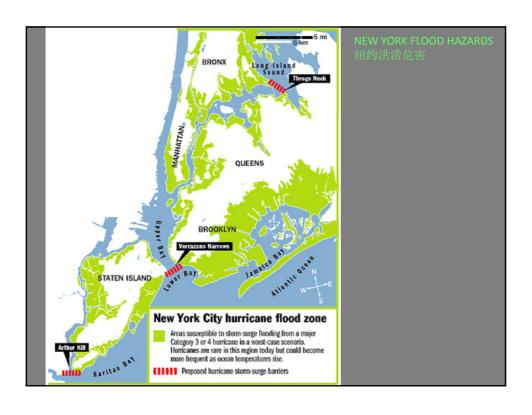
Record high temperatures and record low temperatures Higher rainfall amounts and prolonged droughts Record snowfalls and snow free years

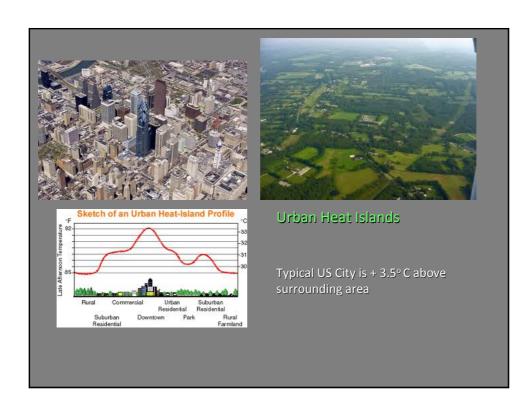
INCREASED FREQUENCY OF HURRICANES

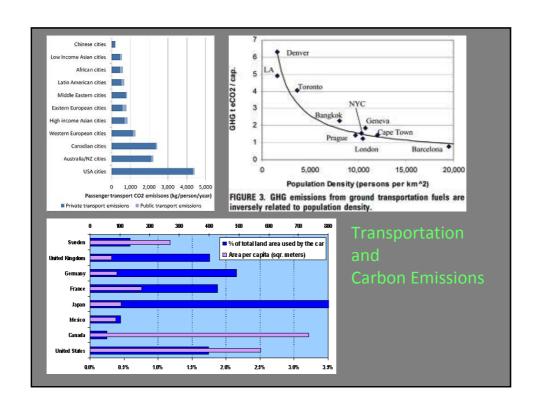
SHIFTING PLANT ECOLOGIES











# APPROACHES TO GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTIONS:

US Absolute reductions of emissions

-17% by 2020 -80% by 2050

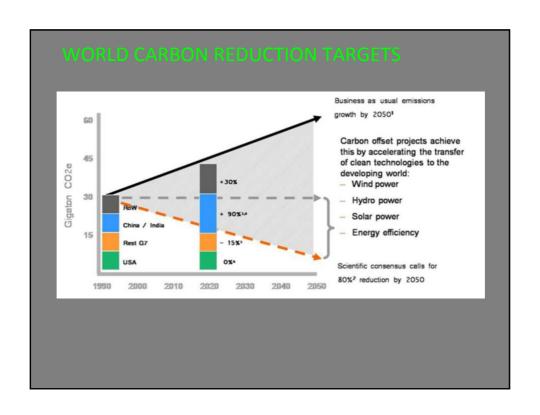
Mix of national, state and local actions

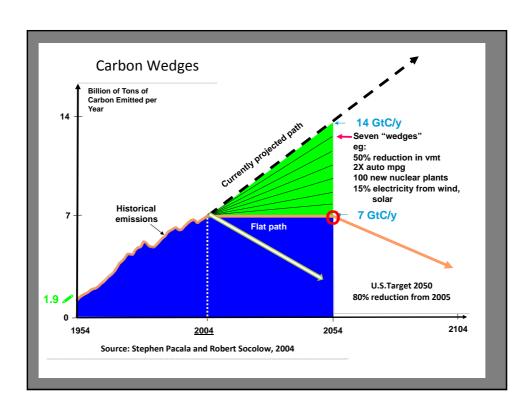
EU Absolute reductions of emissions

-20% by 2020

Carbon trading

Largely EU and national actions



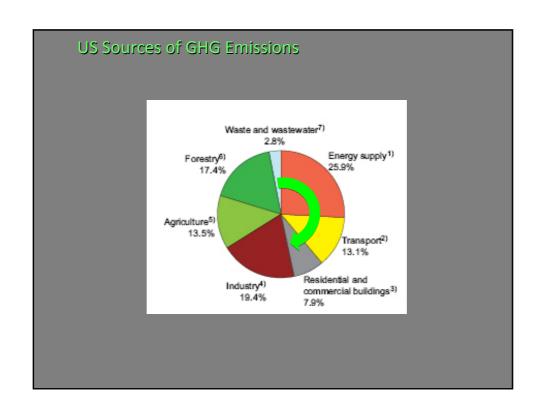


# POSIBLE WEDGES NEEDED TO MEET US COPENHAGEN GOALS:

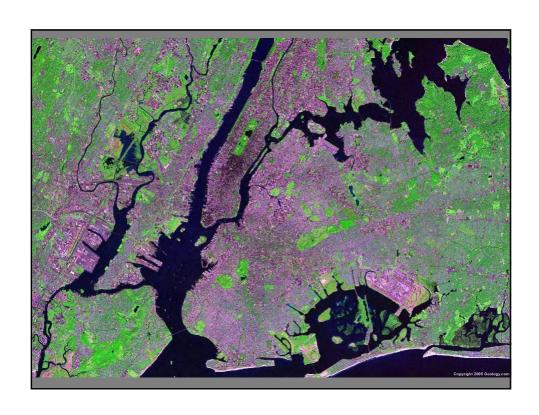
- 1. Doubling efficiency of all cars from 30 to 60 mpg
- 2. Cutting by 50% miles driven by cars
- 3.Using best available technology on all new buildings
- 4. Raising efficiency of electric plants by 50%
- 5. Constructing 100 new nuclear power stations
- 6.Covering 3% of US land area with wind farms
- 7. Creating equivalent of 100km x 200km in solar arrays

- 8. Increasing densities of cities by 40%
- 9. Sequestering CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent of all oil extracted
- 10. Replacing coal burning plants with natural gas plants
- 11. Using conservation tillage for all agriculture
- 12. Doubling non-carbon alternative energy sources

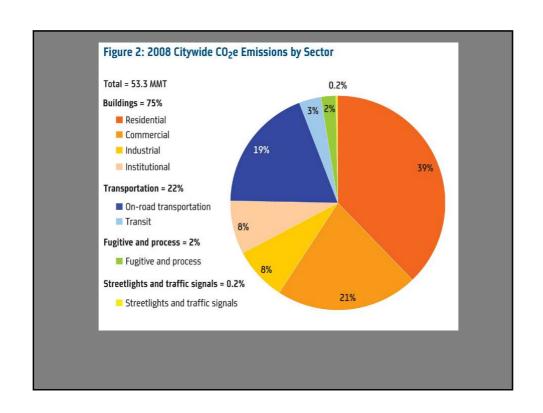
Rough estimates based on Pacala and Socolow

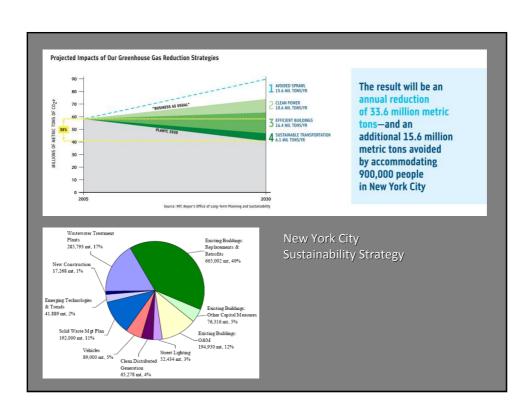


NEW YORK SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY







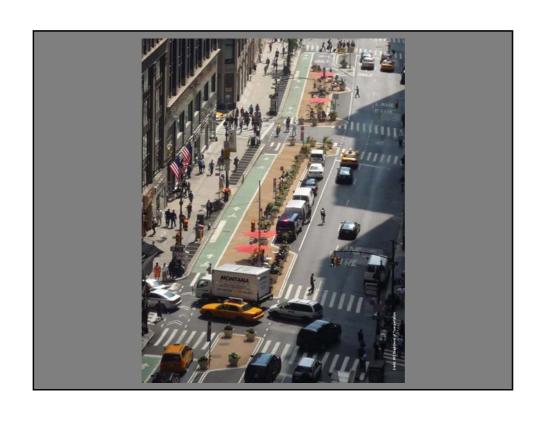




# MORE SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

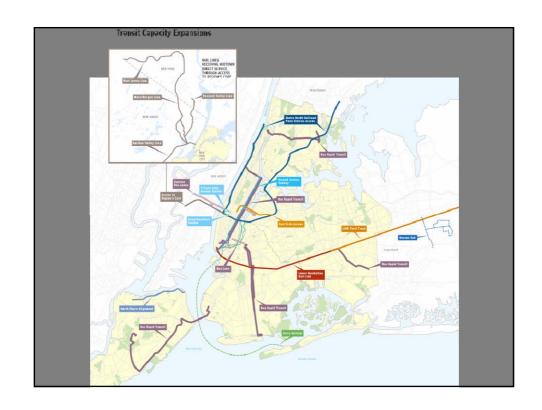
# **NEW YORK CITY STREET PRIORITIES**

- 1.Pedestrians
- 2.Cyclists
- 3.Buses
- 4. Automobiles

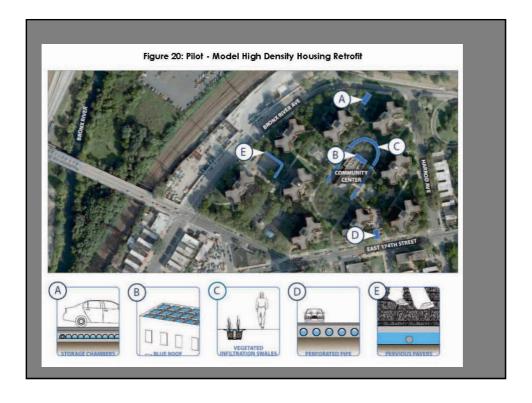


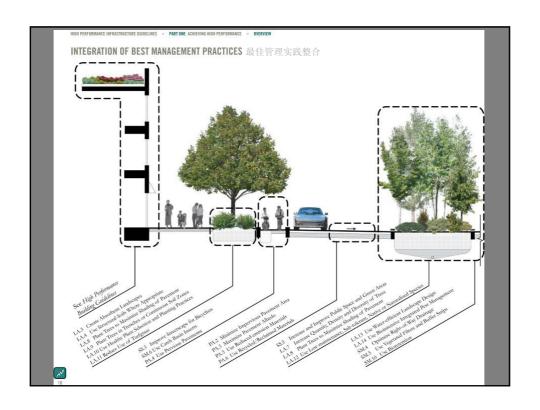




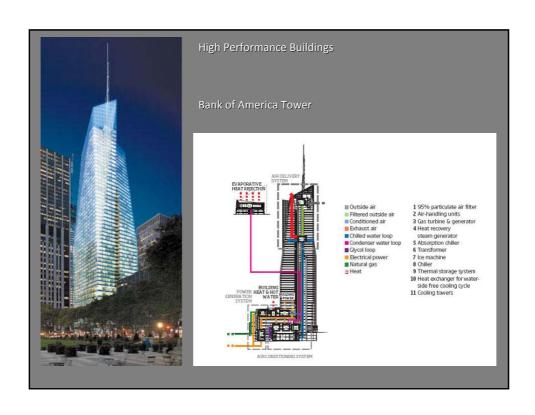


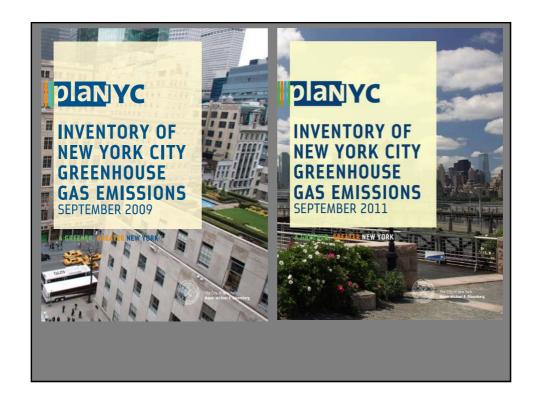
Land Use	% of Combined Sewer Watershed	Potential Strategies and Technologies
New development and redevelopment	5.0%	Stormwater performance standard for new and expanded development Rooftop detention; green roofs; subsurface detention and infiltration
Streets and sidewalks	26.6%	Integrate stormwater management into capital program in partnership with DOT, DDC, and $\ensuremath{DPR}$
		Enlist Business Improvement Districts and other community partners
		Create performance standard for sidewalk reconstruction
		Swales; street trees; Greenstreets; permeable pavement
Multi-family residential complexes	3.4%	Integrate stormwater management into capital program in partnership with NYCHA and HPD
		Rooftop detention; green roofs; subsurface detention and infiltration; rain barrels or cisterns; rain gardens; swales; street trees; Greenstreets; permeable pavement
Parking lots	0.5%	Sewer charge for stormwater
		DCP zoning amendments
		Continue demonstration projects in partnership with MTA and DOT
		Swales; permeable pavement; engineered wetlands
Parks	11.6%	Partner with DPR to integrate green infrastructure into capital program
		Continue demonstration projects in partnership with DPR
		Swales; permeable pavement; engineered wetlands
Schools	1.9%	Integrate stormwater management into capital program in partnership with DOE
		Rooftop detention; green roofs; subsurface detention and infiltration
Vacant lots	1.9%	Grant programs
		Potential sewer charge for stormwater
		Rain gardens; green gardens
Other public properties	1.1%	Integrate stormwater management into capital programs
		Rooftop detention; green roofs; subsurface detention and infiltration; rain barrels; permeable pavement
	48.0%	Green roof tax credit
		Sewer charges for stormwater
Other existing		Continue demonstration projects and data collection
development		Rooftop detention; green roofs; subsurface detention and infiltration; rain barrels or cisterns; rain gardens; swales; street trees; Greenstreets; permeable pavement

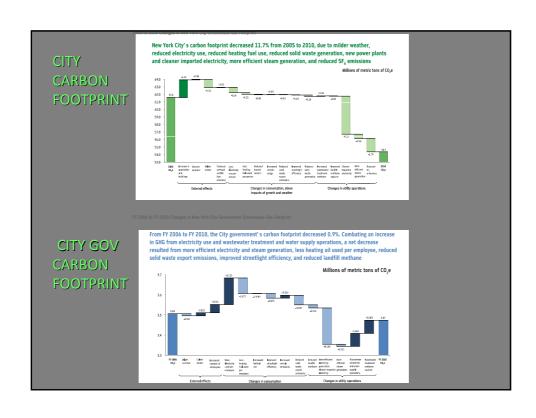




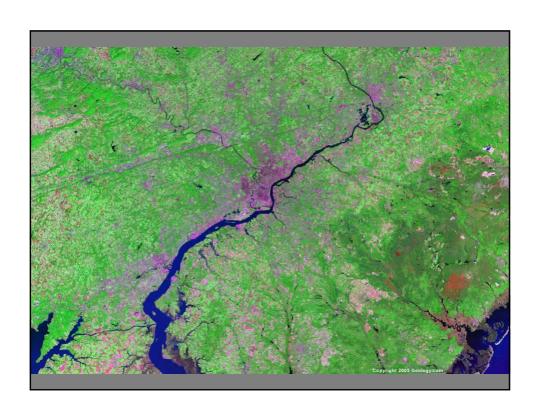


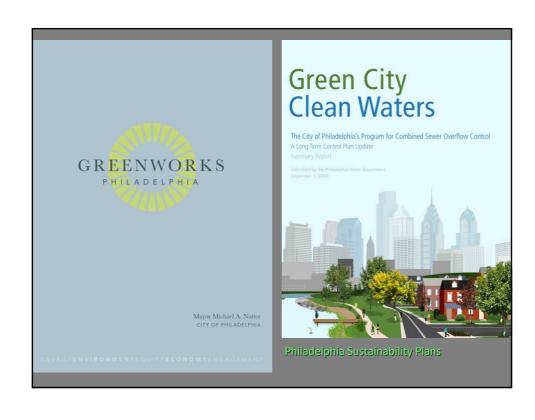
















# PHILADEPHIA GREENWORKS TARGETS 2015/25:

#### Energy

- •30% reduction of city government energy consumption
- •10% reduction of all building energy consumption
- •15% of housing stock retrofitted with insulation, air sealing, cool roofs
- •20% of all energy from alternative sources

#### **Environment**

- •20% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- •70% of all buildings and infrastructure in good repaiR
- •100% increase in number of green jobs

#### Equity

- •Manage stormwater to meet Federal standards
- •75% of residents with 10 minutes of a park
- •75% of residents within 10 minutes of local food market or gardens
- •30% tree canopy over entire city (300,000 new trees)

#### Economy

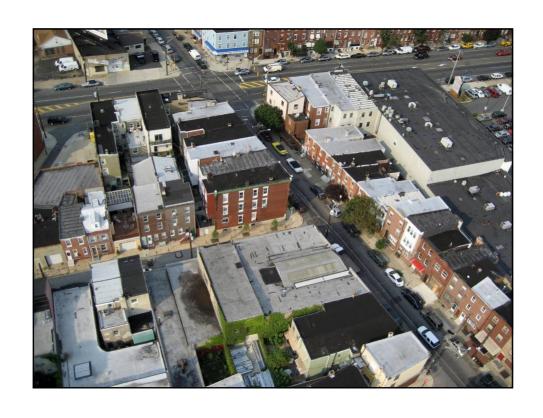
- •10% reduction of vehicle miles traveled
  - + improved air quality to meet Federal standards
- •70% of solid wastes diverted from landfills

	2015 PROJECTION	GREENWORKS TARGET	GREENWORKS INITIATIVES WII
TARGET 1: MUNICIPAL GOVERNI	MENT ENERGY USE		
3.64 trillion Btus	4,16 trillion Btus	30% < 2008-2.54 trillion Btus	1.62 trillion Btus saved in 2015
TARGET 2: CITYWIDE BUILDING			
99.7 trillion Btus •	103 trillion Btus	10% < 2006=89.7 trillion Blus	12.9 trillion Btus saved in 2015
TARGET 3: RESIDENTIAL WEATH			
3,500 projects	28,000 projects	15% of total housing=100,000 projects	72,000 additional projects by 2015
TARGET 4: ALTERNATIVE ENERG			
0.34 million MWh	1.35 million MWh	20% of electricity=2.93 MWh	1.58 million MWh in 2015
TARGET 5: GREENHOUSE GAS EI	NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY.		
17.2 million tCOZeq ••	15.6 million tCO2eq	20% < 1990-13.8 million tCOZeq	1.77 million tCO2eq in 2015
TARGET 6: AIR QUALITY ATTAIN	MENT		
20 "Unhealthy" AQII days	20 "Unhealthy" AQI days	2015 < 2008=2006 numbers	10 fewer "Unhealthy" AQI Days in 20
TARGET 7: DIVERSION FROM LA	NDFILL		
1.56 million tons	1.56 million tons	70% diversion rate=890,000 million tons going to landfill	0.67 million tons diverted in 2015
TARGET 8: GREEN INFRASTRUCT	URE TOTAL		
51,000 pervious acres	51,000 pervious acres	60% of total surface=54,200 pervious surfaces	3200 additional pervious acres by 201
TARGET 9: OUTDOOR AMENITIE	5		
10,300 green acres	10,300 green acres	75% of residents with access=10,800 green acres	500 additional green acres by 2015
TARGET 10: LOCAL FOOD			
230 gardens, markets	230 gardens, markets	75% of residents w/ access=316 gardens/farms/markets	86 additional gardens/farms/markets
TARGET 11: TREE CANOPY			
2.1 million trees	2.1 million trees	30% canopy by 2025=3.1 million trees	300,000 additional trees by 2015
TARGET 12: VEHICLE MILES TRA	VELED		
6.40 million VMT +++	6.91 million VMT	10% < 2005=5.76 million VMT	1.15 million fewer VMT in 2015
	PAIR	ALCOHOLO TO CALCIDADO	
	71% of assets in SOGR	80% in 2015	13% of assets raised to SOGR by 201
73% of assets in SOGR			



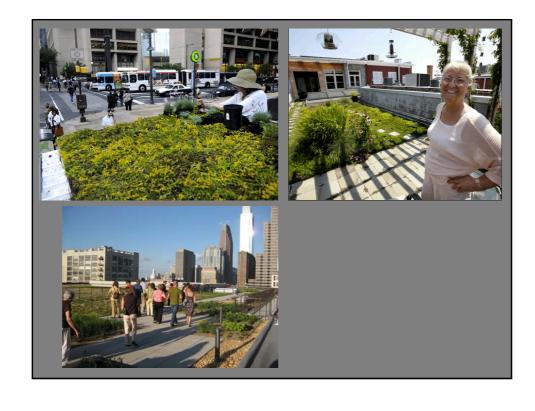








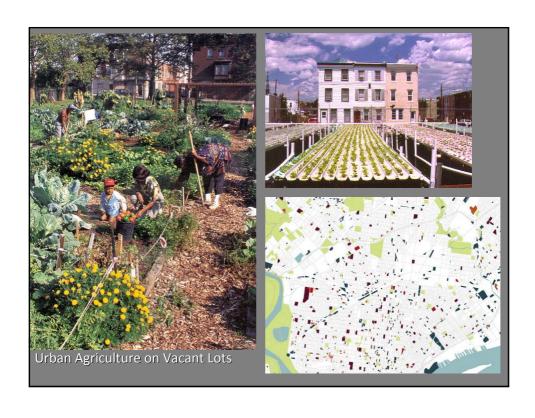


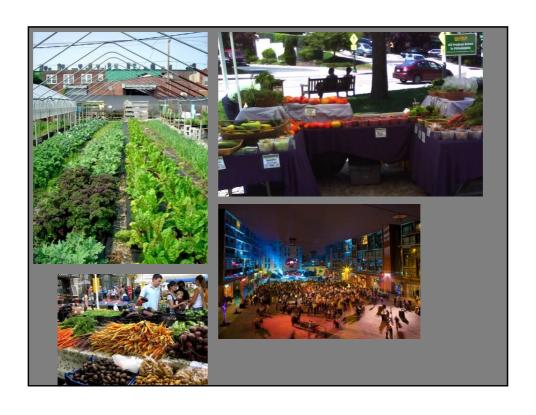


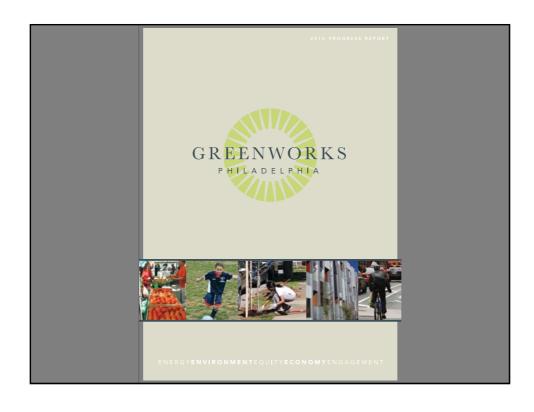








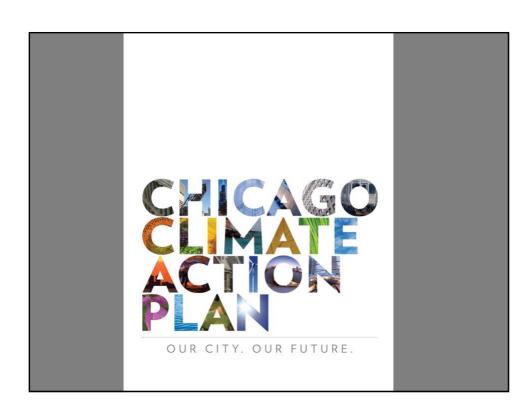


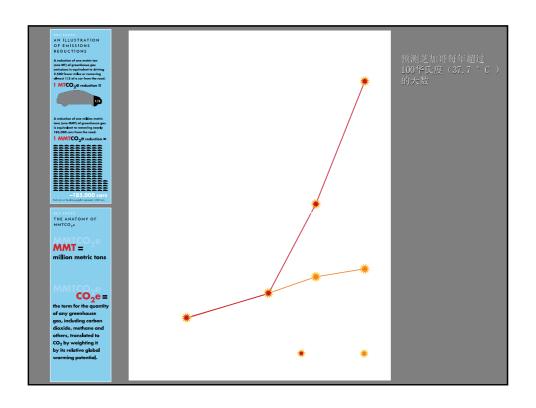


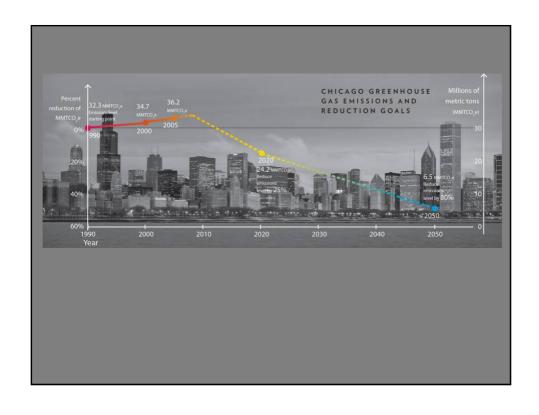


CHICAGO CLIMATE ACTION PLAN













Without global and local action, impacts on Chicago's weather could be dramatic.

- Retrofit commercial and industrial buildings
   Retrofit residential buildings
- 3. Trade in appliances
- 4. Conserve water
- 5. Update City energy code
- 6. Establish new guidelines for renovations
- 7. Cool with trees and green roofs
- 8. Take easy steps

For more information, see Chicago 2020 Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies chart on page 50.

#### STRATEGY 2.

### **CLEAN & RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES**



of Total Chicago GHG Reductions

= 5.33 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e

Electricity use, natural gas use and transportation are the main sources of Chicago's emissions that contribute to climate change.

#### Actions

- 1. Upgrade power plants
- 2. Improve power plant efficiency
- 3. Build renewable electricity
- 4. Increase distributed generation
- 5. Promote household renewable power

For more information, see Chicago 2020 Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies chart on page 50.





# STRATEGY 3. IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS



There is no single remedy, but rather many remedies with many benefits.

### Actions

- 1. Invest more in transit
- 2. Expand transit incentives
- 3. Promote transit-oriented development
- 4. Make walking and biking easier
- 5. Car share and carpool
- 6. Improve fleet efficiency
- 7. Achieve higher fuel efficiency standards
- 8. Switch to cleaner fuels
- 9. Support intercity rail
- 10. Improve freight movement

For more information, see Chicago 2020 Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies chart on page 50.

## STRATEGY 4.

# REDUCED WASTE & INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION



of Total Chicago GHG Reductions = 2.03 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e

While we reduce emissions, we must prepare for the changes already happening.

#### Actions

- 1. Reduce, reuse and recycle
- 2. Shift to alternative refrigerants
- 3. Capture stormwater on-site

For more information, see Chicago 2020 Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies chart on page 50.

# STRATEGY 5.

# ADAPTATION

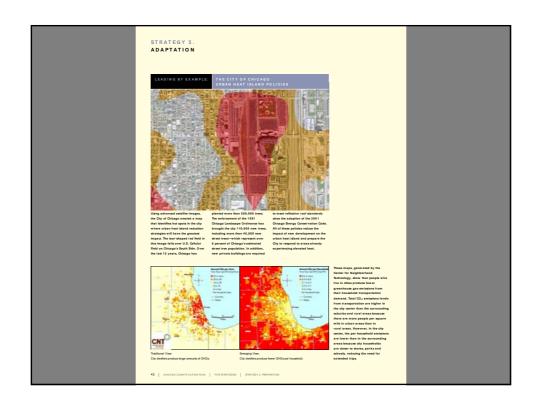
The benefits of early action will improve quality of life and position Chicago for continued prosperity.

#### **Actions**

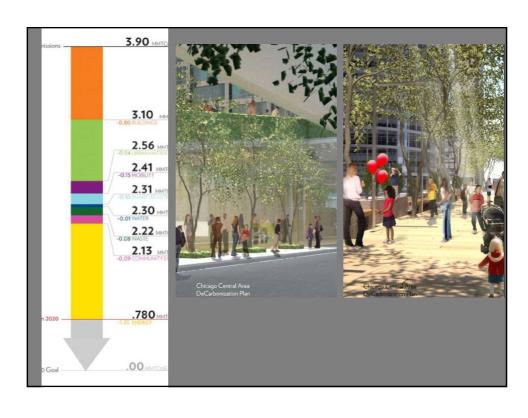
- 1. Manage heat
- 2. Pursue innovative cooling
- 3. Protect air quality
- 4. Manage stormwater
- 5. Implement Green Urban Design
- 6. Preserve our plants and trees
- 7. Engage the public
- 8. Engage businesses
- 9. Plan for the future

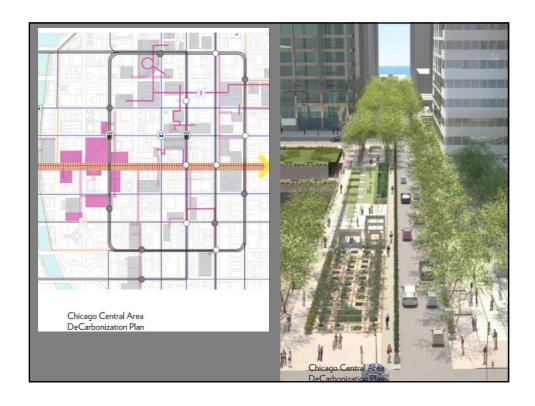
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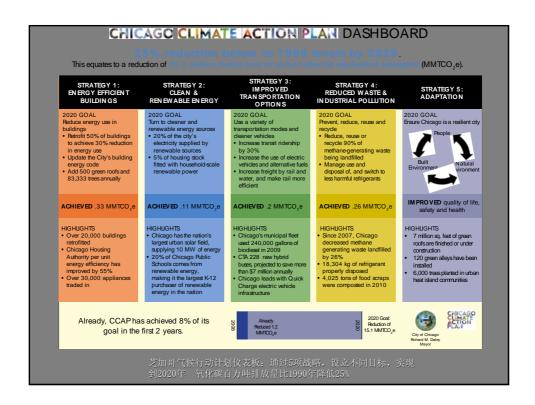
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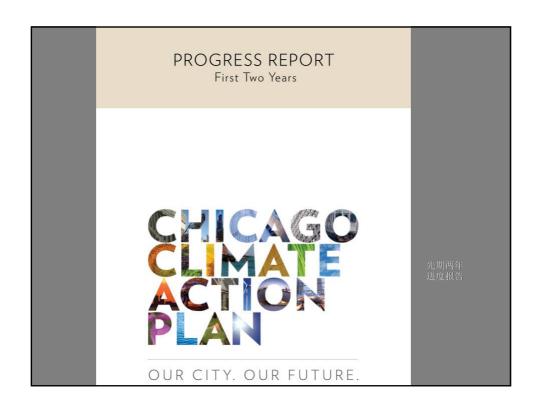


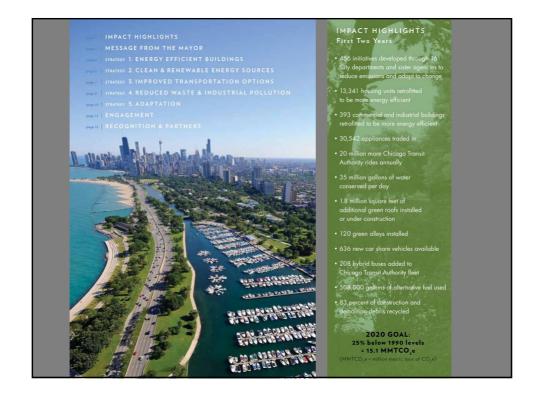


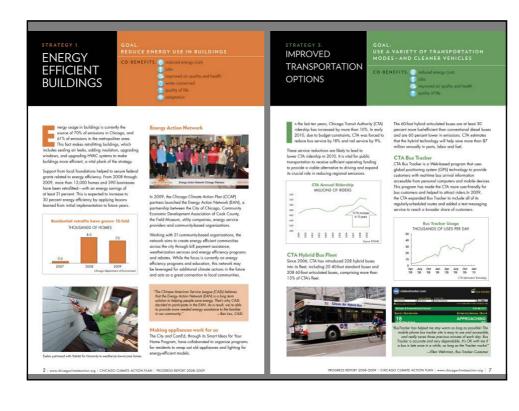














# VANCOUVER SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY





#### VANCOUVER 2020 A BRIGHT GREEN FUTURE

AN ACTION PLAN FOR BECOMING THE WORLD'S GREENEST CITY BY 2020

#### **2020 TARGETS**

Achieving environmental sustainability may take a generation, but we must begin to act now. To become the greenest city in the world, Vancouver needs to reach the following measurable, ambitious, and achievable targets by 2020.

### One: Green Economy, Green Jobs

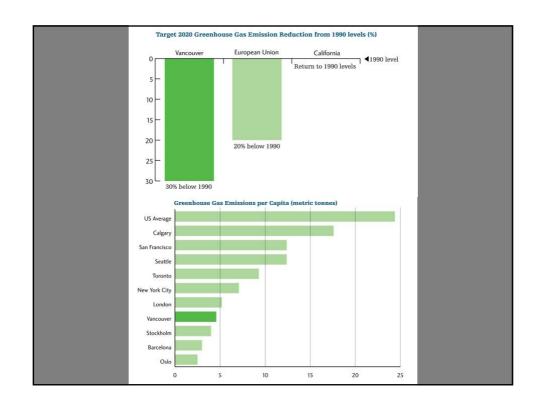
- Green Economy Capital: 20,000 new green jobs
   Climate Leadership: Reduce greenhouse gas emissions 33 percent from 2007 levels
- 3. Green Buildings: All new construction carbon neutral; improve efficiency of existing buildings by 20 percent

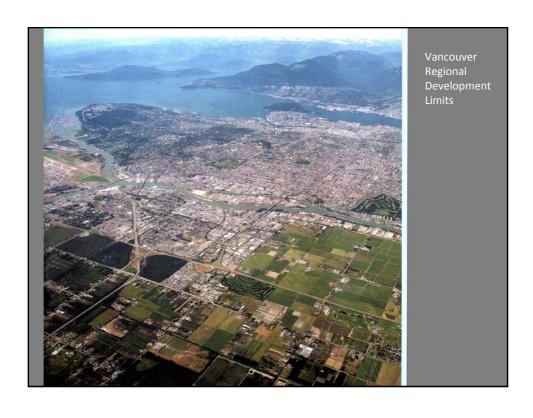
## Two: Greener Communities

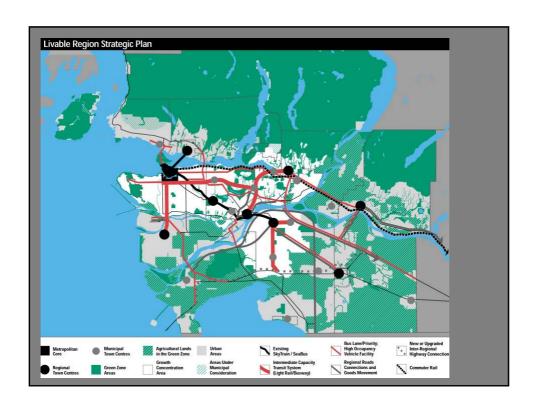
- 4. Green Mobility: Make the majority of trips (over 50 per cent) on foot, bicycle, and public transit
- 5. Zero Waste: Reduce solid waste per capita going to landfill or incinerator by 40 per cent
- 6. Easy Access To Nature: Every person lives within a five-minute walk of a park, beach, greenway, or other natural space; plant 150,000 additional trees in the city
- 7. Lighter Footprint: Reduce per capita ecological footprint by 33 percent

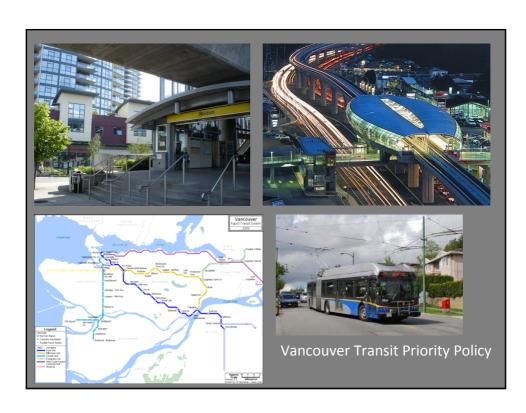
# Three: **Human Health**

- 8. Clean Water: Always meet or beat the strongest of B.C., Canada, and World Health Organization drinking water standards; reduce per capita water consumption by 33 percent
- 9. Clean Air: Always meet or beat World Health Organization air quality guide-
- lines, which are stronger than Canadian guidelines
  10. Local Food: Reduce the carbon footprint of our food by 33 percent per capita

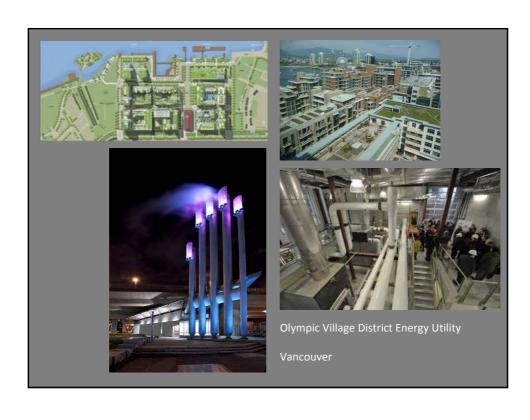


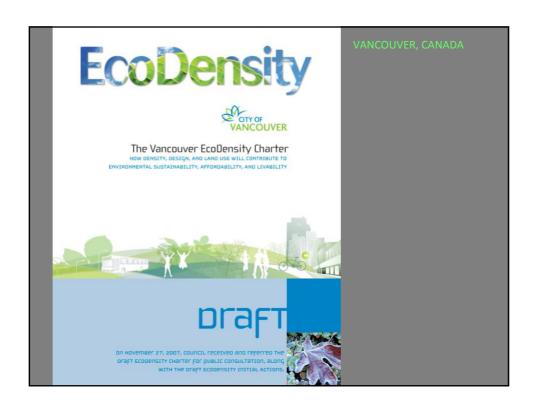






















Vancouver Laneway Housing Increasing density painlessly

# **Sustainable Development Means:**

TARGETS AND METRICS

And a system for measuring and reporting regularly

SUBSTITUTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR GRAY INFRASTRUCTURE Capital projects as well as pricing and incentives

CLOSED LOOPS FOR ENERGY AND WATER

No waste energy, all water re-used

CHANGES IN LIFESTYLE TO REDUCE AUTO DEPENDENCY
Alternative transportation – public transit, car sharing, bicycles, walking

IMPROVEMENTS TO QUALITY OF LIFE IN DENSER ENVIRONMENTS

Making density desirable, making it possible to live without autos

RELIANCE ON LOCAL RESOURCES
Food, water, materials, sources of power,

MAJOR CHANGES TO ENERGY GENERATION, USAGE AND DEPENDENCE