

# **Transforming Community Energy Systems**

## *Deep Greening and Carbon Neutrality*

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Pathway to Carbon Neutrality for Buildings and Communities  
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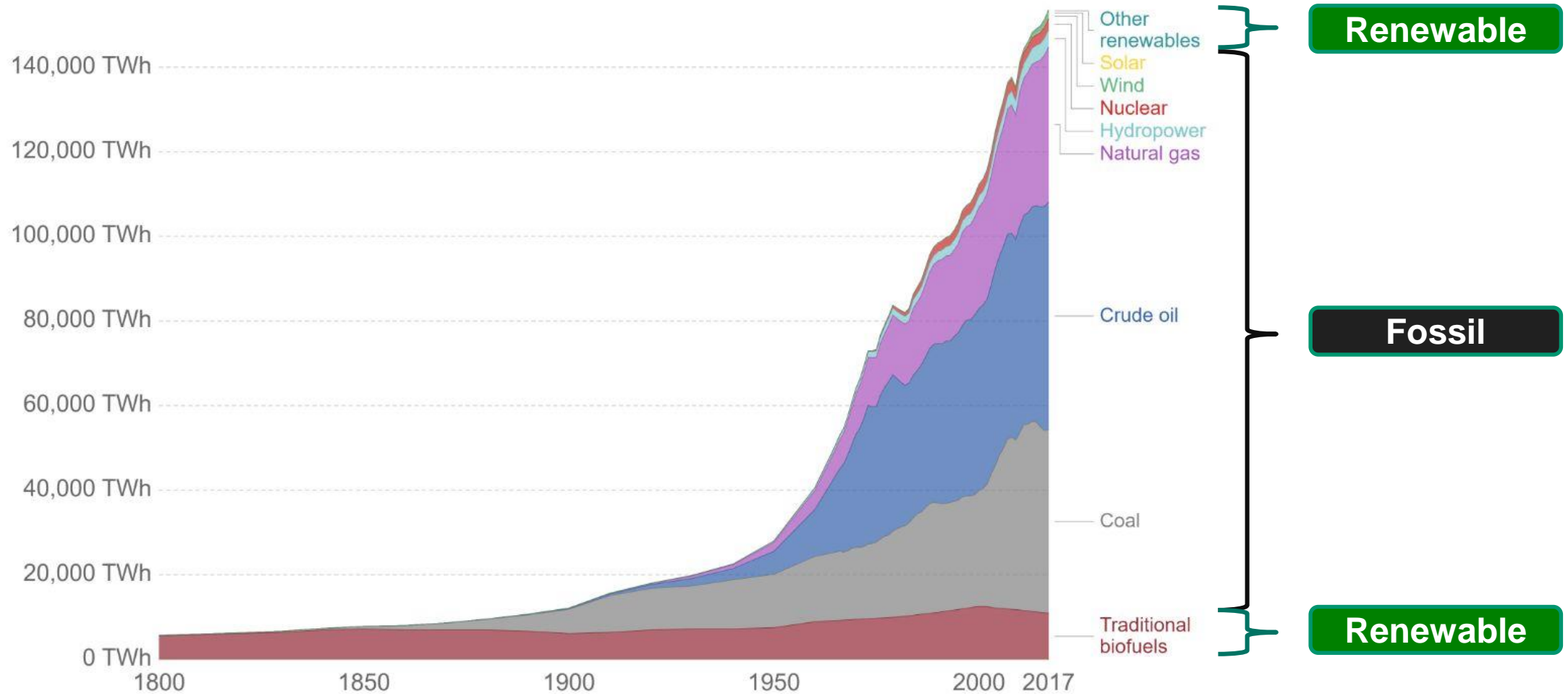
# Community Energy & Climate Master Plans



*Road Maps to Breakthrough Performance*

# Global Appetite for Energy

Cost ~ \$16 Trillion



Source: Vaclav Smil (2017) and BP Statistical Review of World Energy

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~ 80% of GHG Emissions

# Confronting the False Dilemma

## *The New Climate Economy*

- False Dilemma
  - *“Fighting climate change sacrifices economic growth and job creation”*
- Key Drivers of New Climate Economy
  - *Communities - Compact, Efficient & Resilient*
  - *Energy – Clean, Renewable & Affordable*
  - *Land-use change*
- Global Estimates to 2030
  - *\$26 Tn growth opportunity*
  - *65 M jobs – many at community level*
  - *\$2.8 Tn carbon revenues and subsidy savings*
  - *700,000 less premature deaths*

**“We Can do Well by Doing Good”**

# Energy Productivity Differences

## *How well do we spend our \$250 Bn energy dollars?*

Region	Population	GDP	Energy	Energy/ Capita	Energy/ GDP
USA	4.3%	21.7%	15.4%	100	100
Canada	0.5%	2.3%	2.1%	120	124
EU	5.9%	19.9%	9.9%	47	69
Japan	1.7%	7.7%	3.1%	52	57
China	18.4%	12.7%	21.9%	33	243
India	17.8%	3.3%	6.3%	10	270
World	100%	100%	100%	28	140

**National Competitiveness**



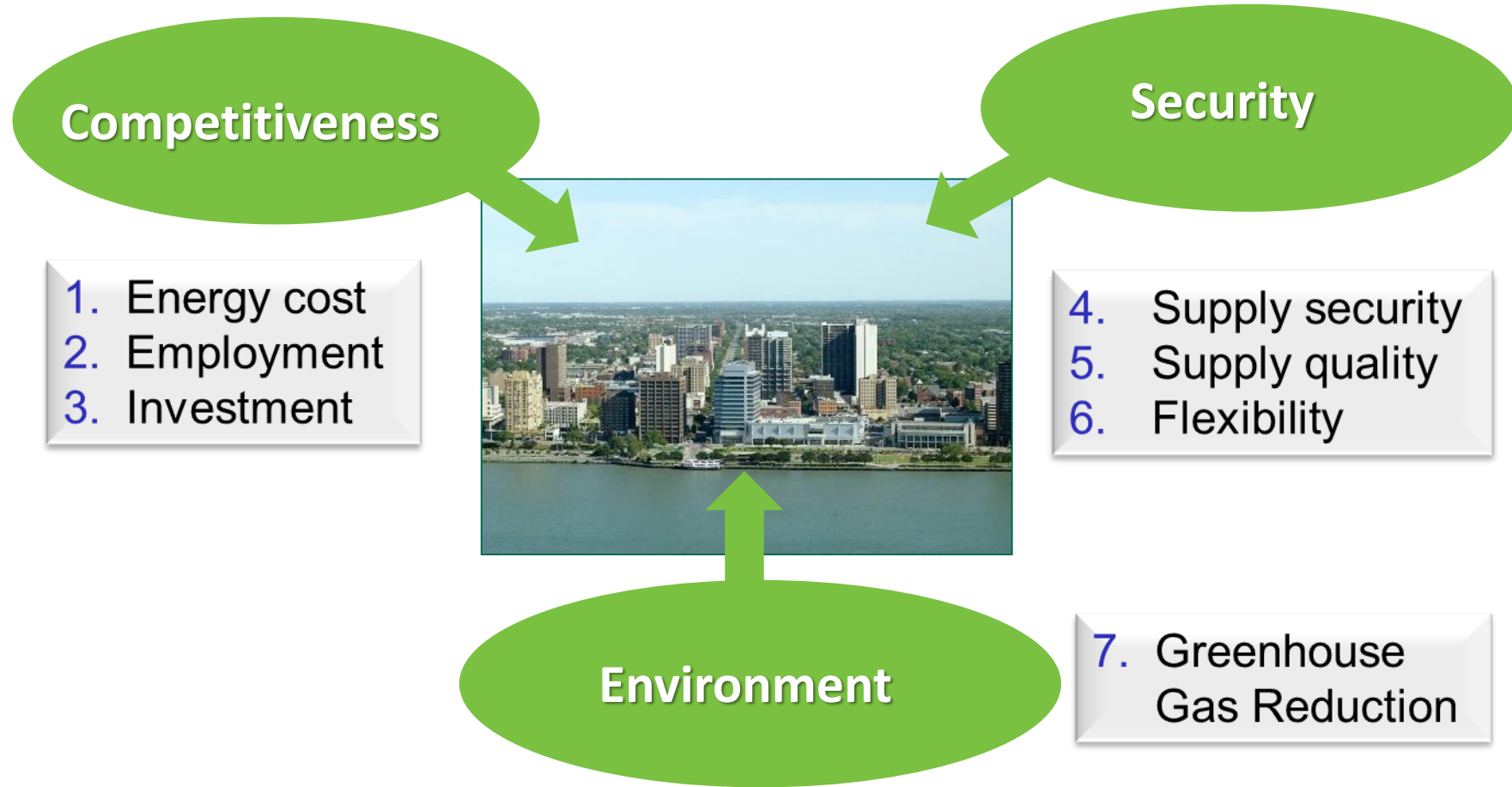
# Why Communities Care *New Energy Realities...*

- Community values and image
- Investment and green jobs
- Energy affordability
- Supply quality and security
- Support climate goals
- Manage energy & climate risks

**Community Competitiveness**

# Community Energy Plan Implementation

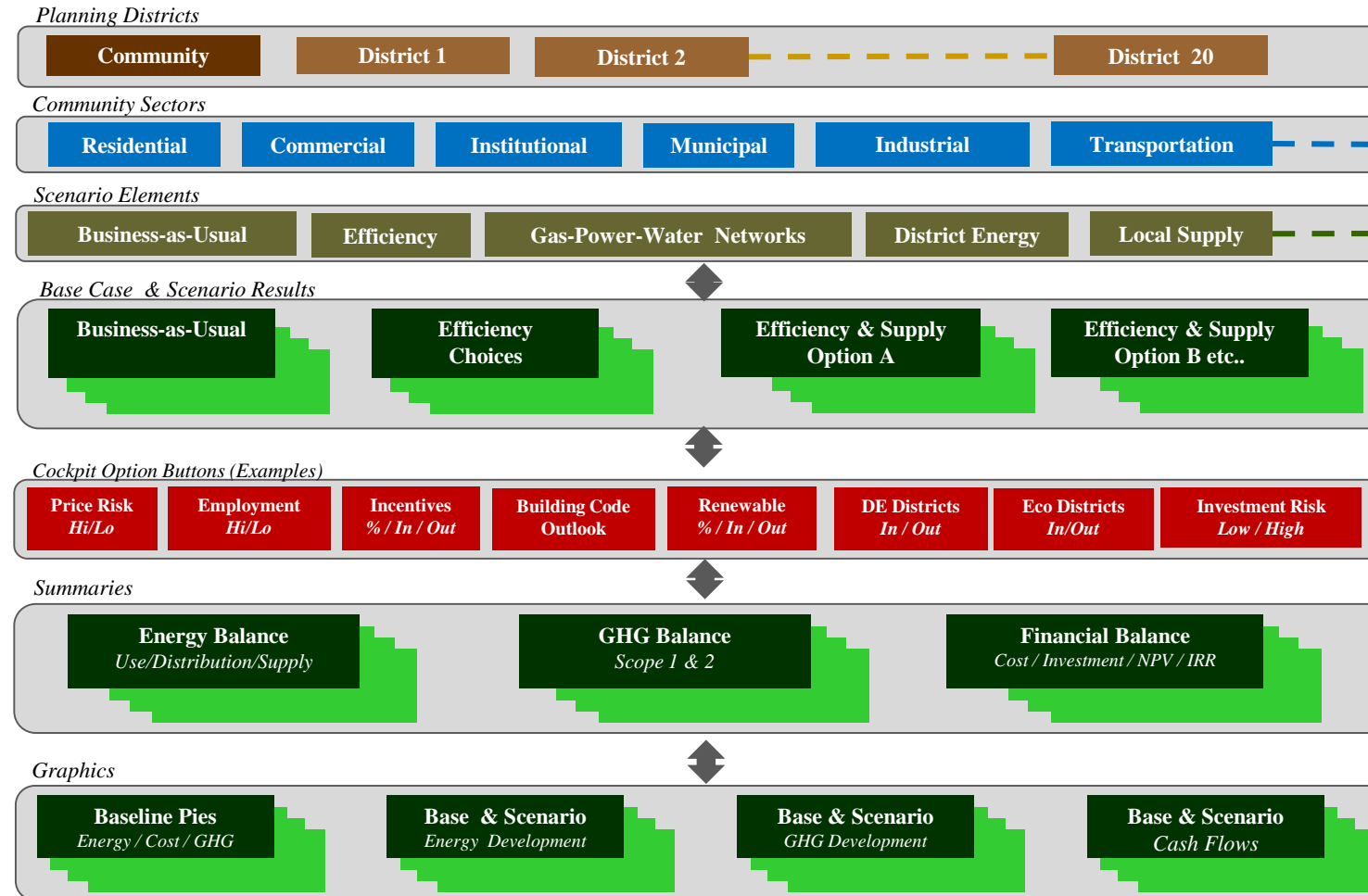
## *Typical Benefits*



**Robust Planning Quantifies Benefits**

# Community Simulation

## *Integrated Data and Scenario Assessment Tools*



**Basis for Ongoing Detailed Design Plans**



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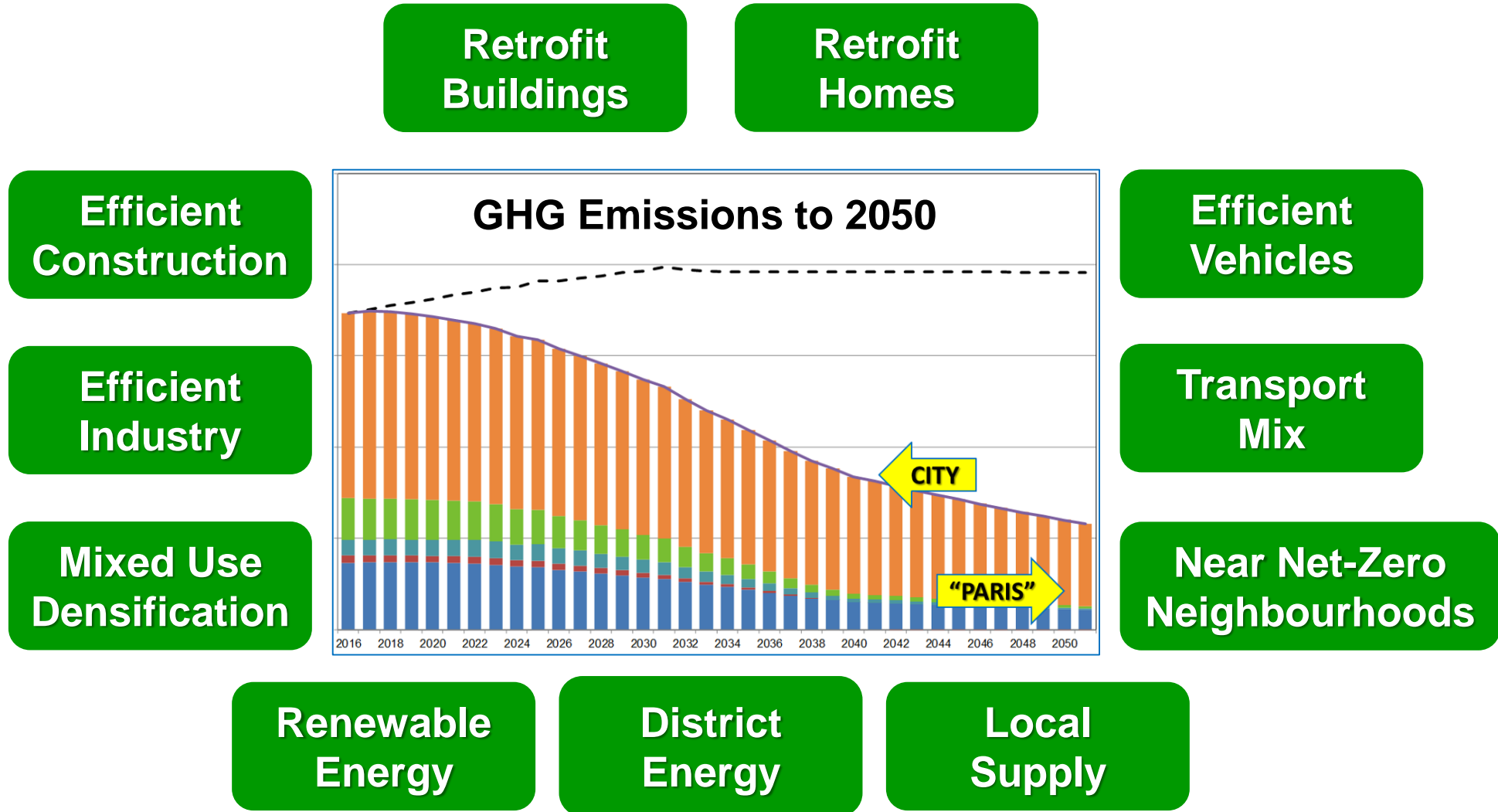
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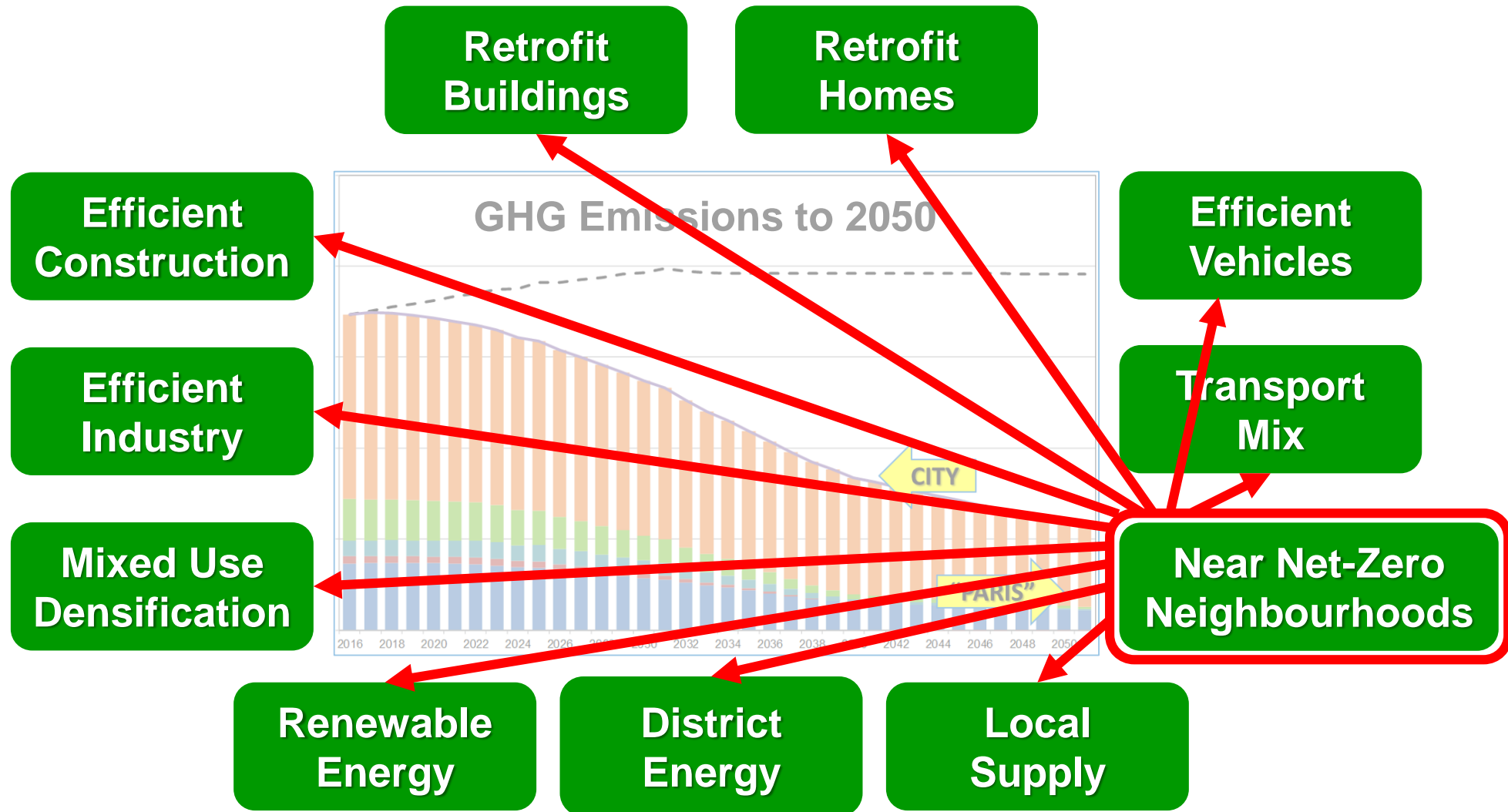
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# Typical Community Energy Plan

## *Integrated Solution...not a Buffet!*



# Neighbourhood is a Community As Well *Integrated Solution...not a Buffet!*



# Case Study: Net Zero Neighbourhood

*“New Competitive Edges for Developers”*

# Host City Expectations (Example)

## *Principles to be Addressed by Energy Plan*

- Protect What is Valuable
- Create Sustainable & Energy Efficient Infrastructure
- Establish a Multi-modal Pedestrian-focused Mobility System
- Create an Attractive & Memorable Place
- Promote Diversity of Land-Uses & Densities
- Grow Innovative Employment Opportunities
- “Work towards carbon-free”
- Be learning environment for other communities

**Convert Guidance to Tangible Goals**



# Neighbourhood Energy Solution Goals

## *Performance Challenges*

- Source Energy Efficiency: 50% higher than Code
- Potable Water Efficiency: 40% higher
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions: 80% lower than Code
- Internal Rate of Return: >10% on incremental investment
- Global best practice technology
- Configured for Community Engagement & Outreach
- Expandable to wider community
- Marketable benefits for Developer

**Feasible to Meet All Goals**

# Neighbourhood Development Overview

Confidential  
Site Plan

- ❑ Scale
  - ❑ *Residents ~ 4,000*
  - ❑ *Employment ~ 2,000*
- ❑ Completion Phasing
  - ❑ *5 Phases*
  - ❑ *7 years*
- ❑ Energy Archetypes Modeled
  - ❑ *Single Family Homes*
  - ❑ *Town Homes*
  - ❑ *Stacked Town Homes Block*
  - ❑ *Mid Rise*
  - ❑ *Mixed Use*
  - ❑ *High Rise*
  - ❑ *Office*
- ❑ Energy Models
  - ❑ *Code & Efficient Case*
  - ❑ *Heating, cooling, equipment, ventilation, pumps, lighting &c, hot water*
  - ❑ *Incremental investment above code*

# Near Net Zero Neighbourhood

## *Overview of Integrated Energy Solution*

### Buildings

Enhanced Control

Envelope Efficiency – Insulation & Windows

Radiant Heating

High Efficiency Chillers

Solar PV

District Energy Transfer Stations

### District Energy Distribution

Medium Temperature District Heating – All Buildings

District Cooling – Selected Buildings

### Energy Centre

Natural Gas Boilers

Combined Heat Power Generators

Electric Chillers

Absorption Chillers

Thermal Storage (heating and cooling)

# Indicative Recommendation

## *Energy Efficient Buildings*

- Archetype Energy Models
  - *Reference Case : Fully Compliant Local Code*
  - *Efficient Case: ~ German A+ rated*
- Efficiency Measures
  - *Added wall insulation*
  - *Triple Glazing*
  - *Reduced air changes*
  - *LED lighting with addressability, occupancy and daylight controls*
  - *Residential smart thermostats and TRVs*
  - *Hydronic heating with radiator and underfloor distribution*
  - *Low-flow toilets & shower heads*
  - *Commercial: Dedicated Outside Air System*
  - *Commercial: demand control ventilation for all areas*
- Building Supply
  - *Network energy transfer stations for heating, hot water, and some cooling*
  - *Higher efficiency chillers*

**Enhance High Standard Local Code**

# IEMP Recommendation

## *Heating & Hot Water Distribution*



- Site-wide modern district heating network
- Global (EN) standards
  - *Pre-insulated pipes & accessories*
  - *Design & Installation methods*
  - *Warranties*
- Expandable to neighbouring areas
- Low temperature with low losses
- Expandable to neighbouring areas
- Simple installation – Predictable costs
- Multiple global suppliers
- Limited North American Experience

**Proven Long-Term Performance**



# IEMP Recommendation

## *Heating & Hot Water Connection*



- Prefabricated energy transfer stations
- Global (EN) standards
- All functions
  - *Heating & DHW transfer*
  - *Pumps, valves and meters*
  - *Cooling for selected buildings*
- Multiple global suppliers
- Simple installation
- Predictable costs
- Local fabrication opportunity
- Limited North American Experience

**Small Space – Minimal Maintenance**

# Indicative Recommendation

## *Thermal Distribution*



# IEMP Recommendation

## *Shared Energy Supply Elements*

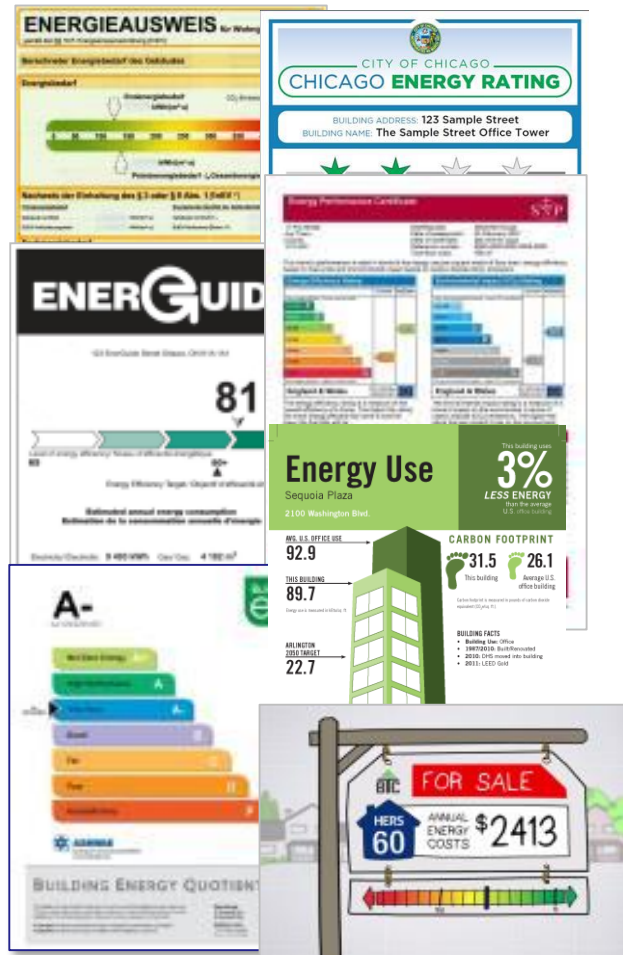


- ❑ Heat Supply
  - ❑ 2 x 5.5 MW gas boilers sized for base, shoulder and peak heat demands
  - ❑ Combined Heat & Power : 2 x 1.5 MW<sub>el</sub> sized for base load heat
  - ❑ Future options: Biomass; solar thermal; electric boilers....
- ❑ Cooling
  - ❑ 2.5 MW Electric Chiller
  - ❑ 1.5 MW Absorption Chiller
- ❑ Thermal Storage
  - ❑ Heat 150 m<sup>3</sup> / Cold 100 m<sup>3</sup>
- ❑ Cooling (All other Blocks)
  - ❑ Chillers sized for buildings
- ❑ Solar Photovoltaic
  - ❑ 2.3 MW rooftop

**Flexible Supply Portfolio**

# IEMP Recommendation

## *Energy Performance Labels*



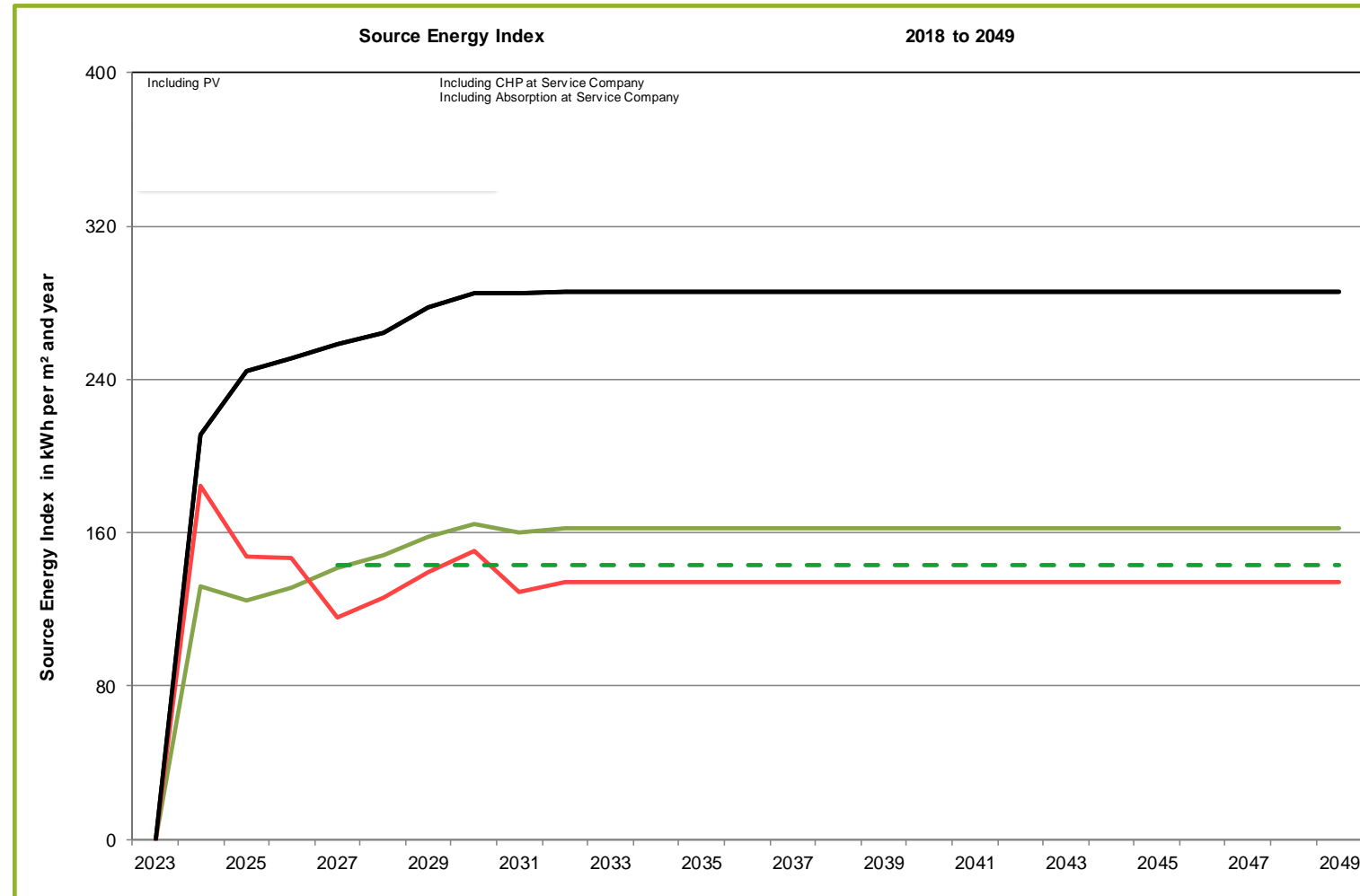
- Developer offers EPLs when sold/rented
- Performance guarantee in normal operation with rectification conditions
- Format: Probably some adaptation of recognized global norm
- Real estate marketing tool
- Potential team with mortgage lender
- EPL the norm of future rentals or sales

**Embed Energy Performance in Property Value**



# IEMP Recommendation Results

## *Source Energy Efficiency*

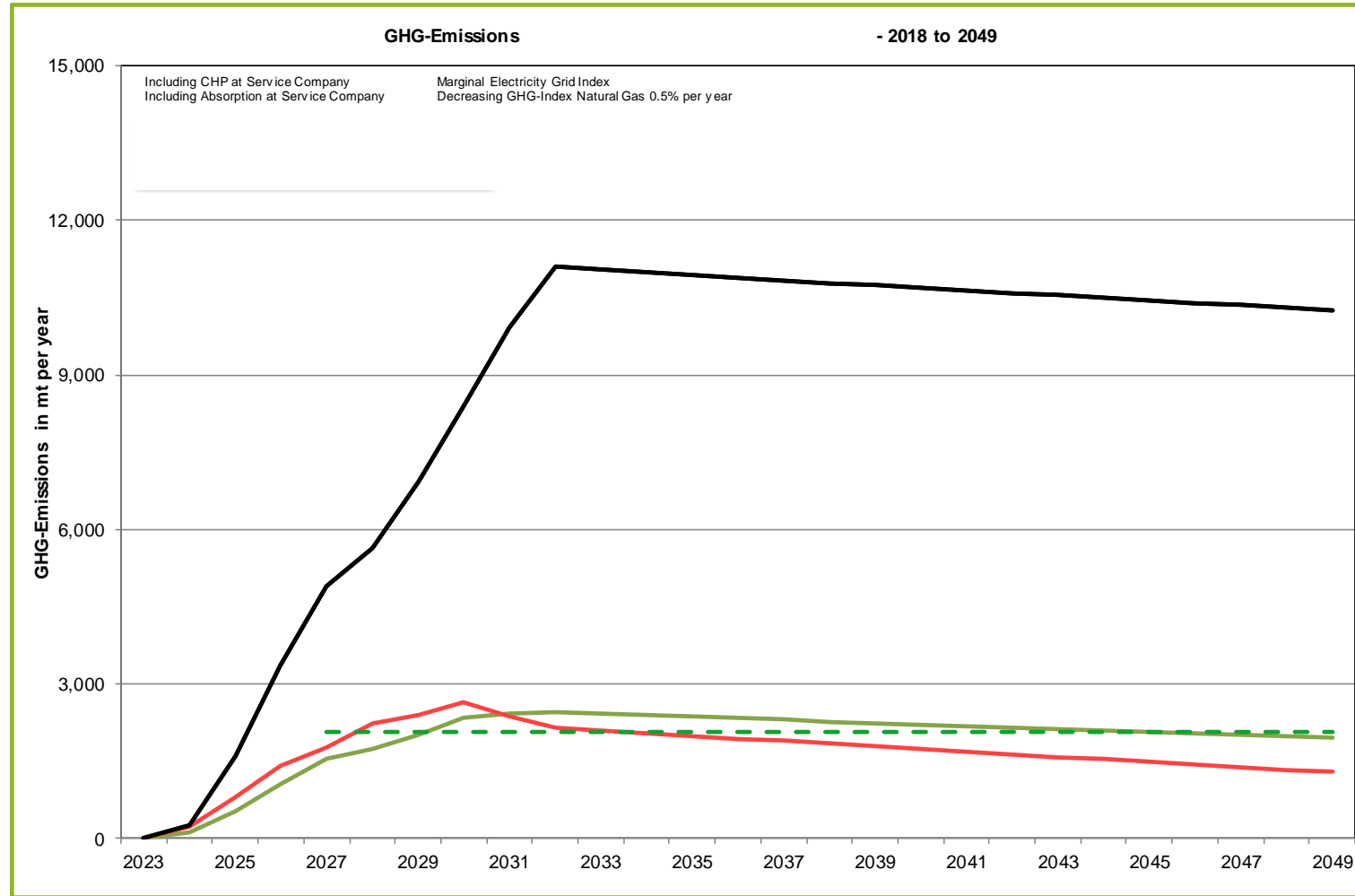


**Exceeds Host City Targets**



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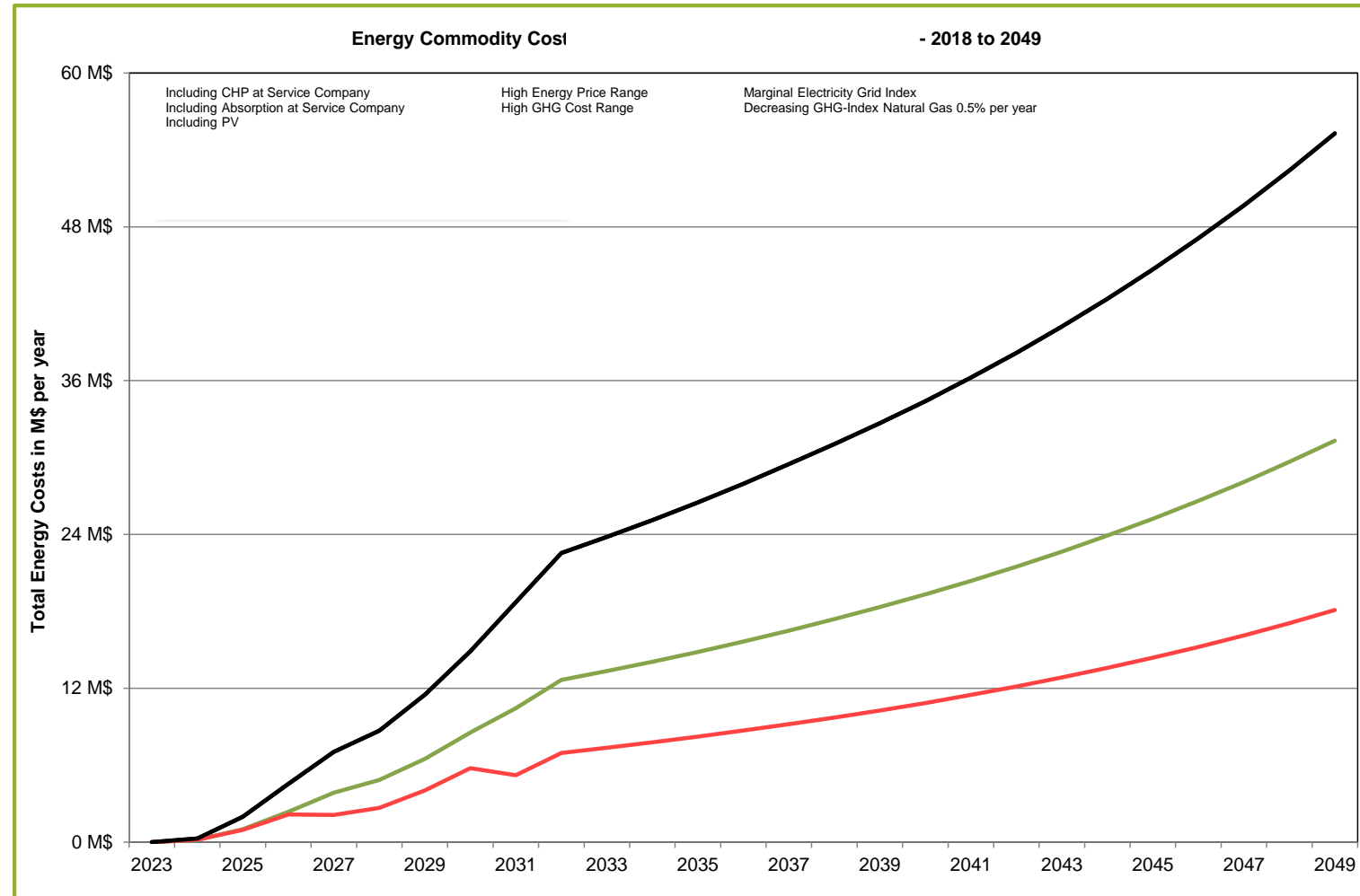
## Greenhouse Gas Emissions



**Exceeds Host City and “Paris” Targets**

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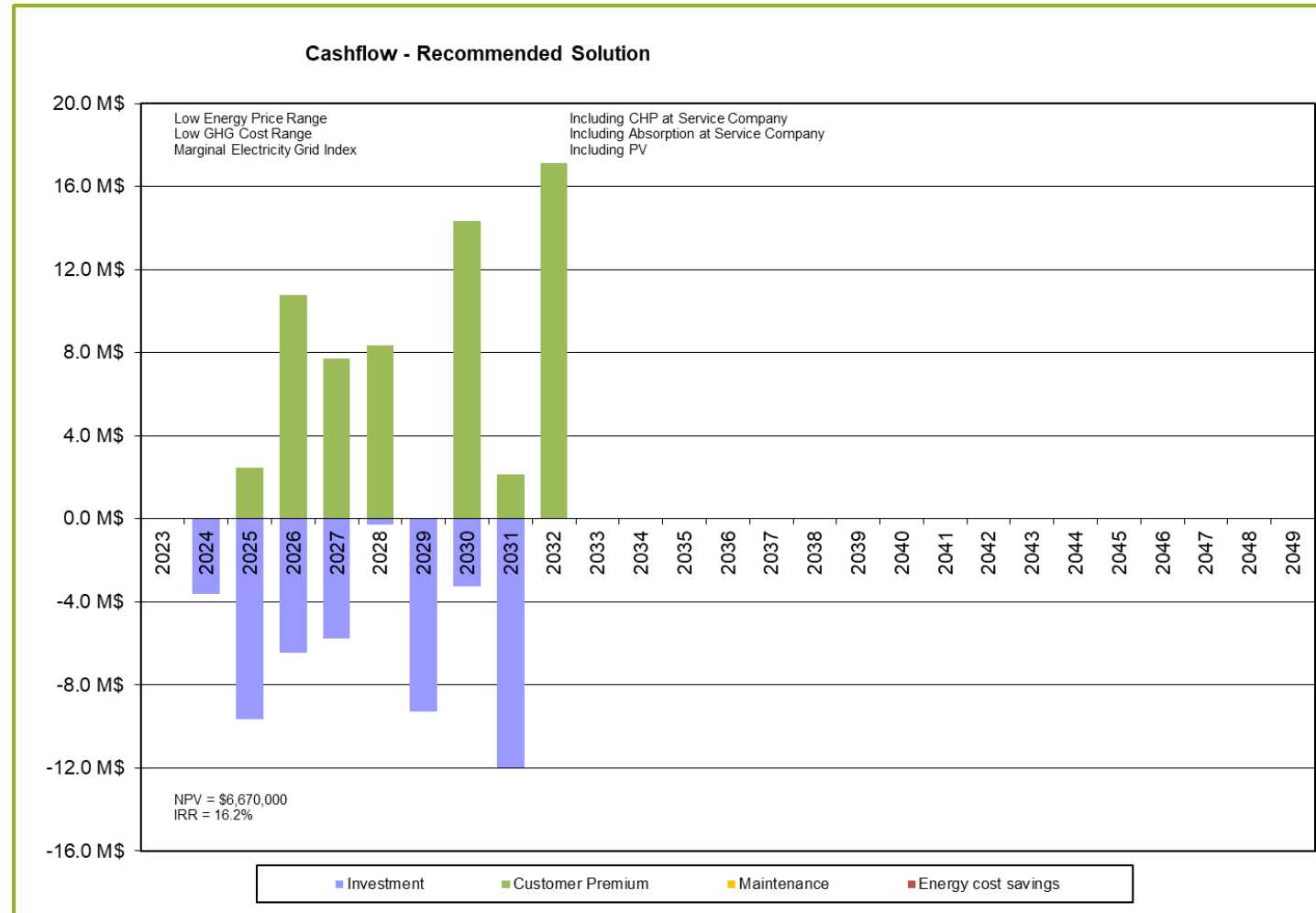
## Consumer Costs – Price Outlook II



**Cumulative Saving of \$ 341M**

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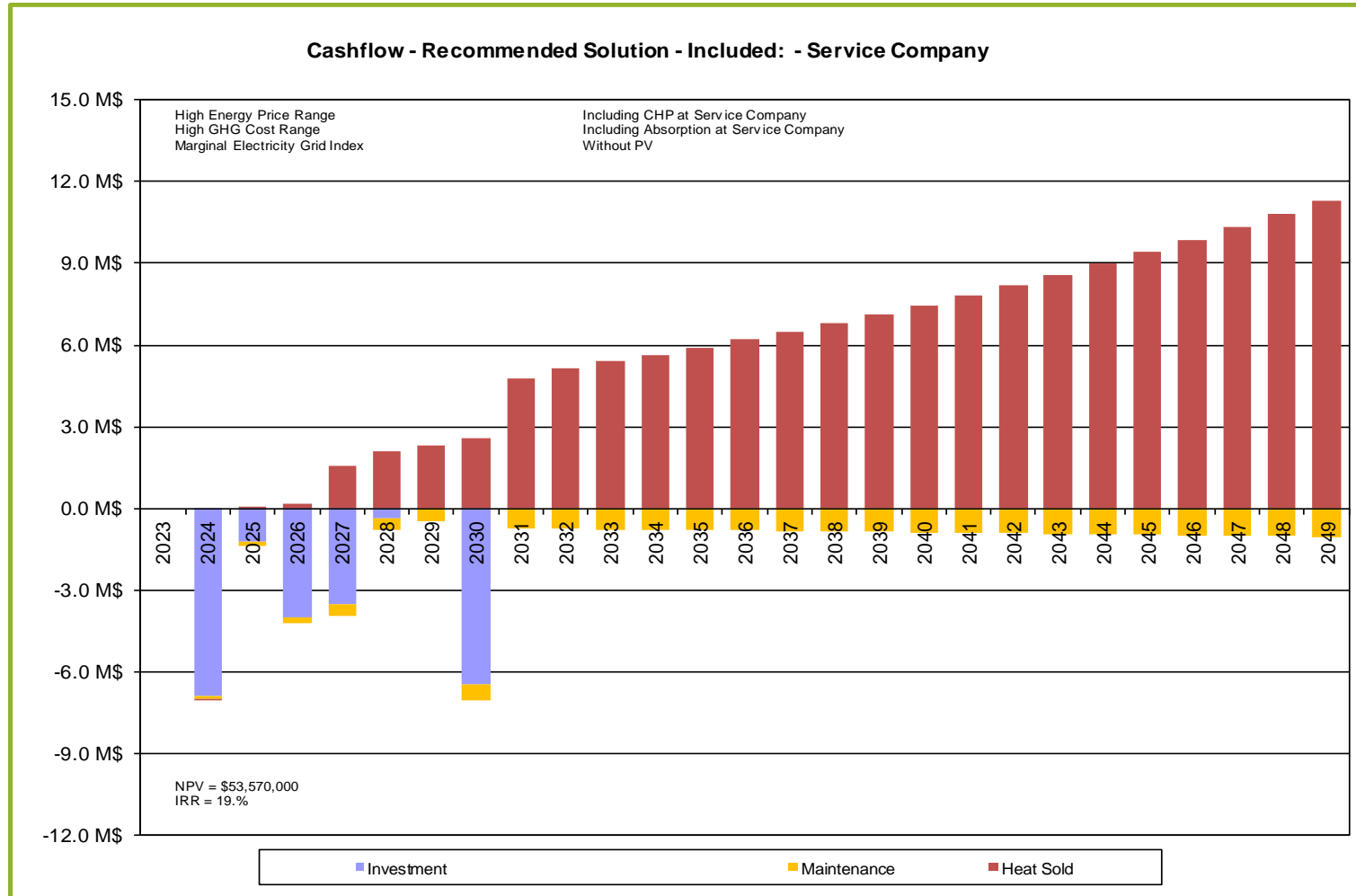
## *Developer Incremental Cash Flow*



**IRR 16.2% / NPV \$6.7M**

# IEMP Recommendation Results

## *Thermal Services Cash Flow – Price Outlook II*



**IRR 19% / NPV \$53.5 M**

# Recommended Solution

## *Conclusions*

- Delivers a more attractive housing product
- Meets reasonable financial goals
- Meet Host City and “Paris” Climate Goals
- Proven global best practice with minimal technical risks
- Effective neighbourhood prototype
- Platform for local economic development
- Platform for wider community engagement and outreach

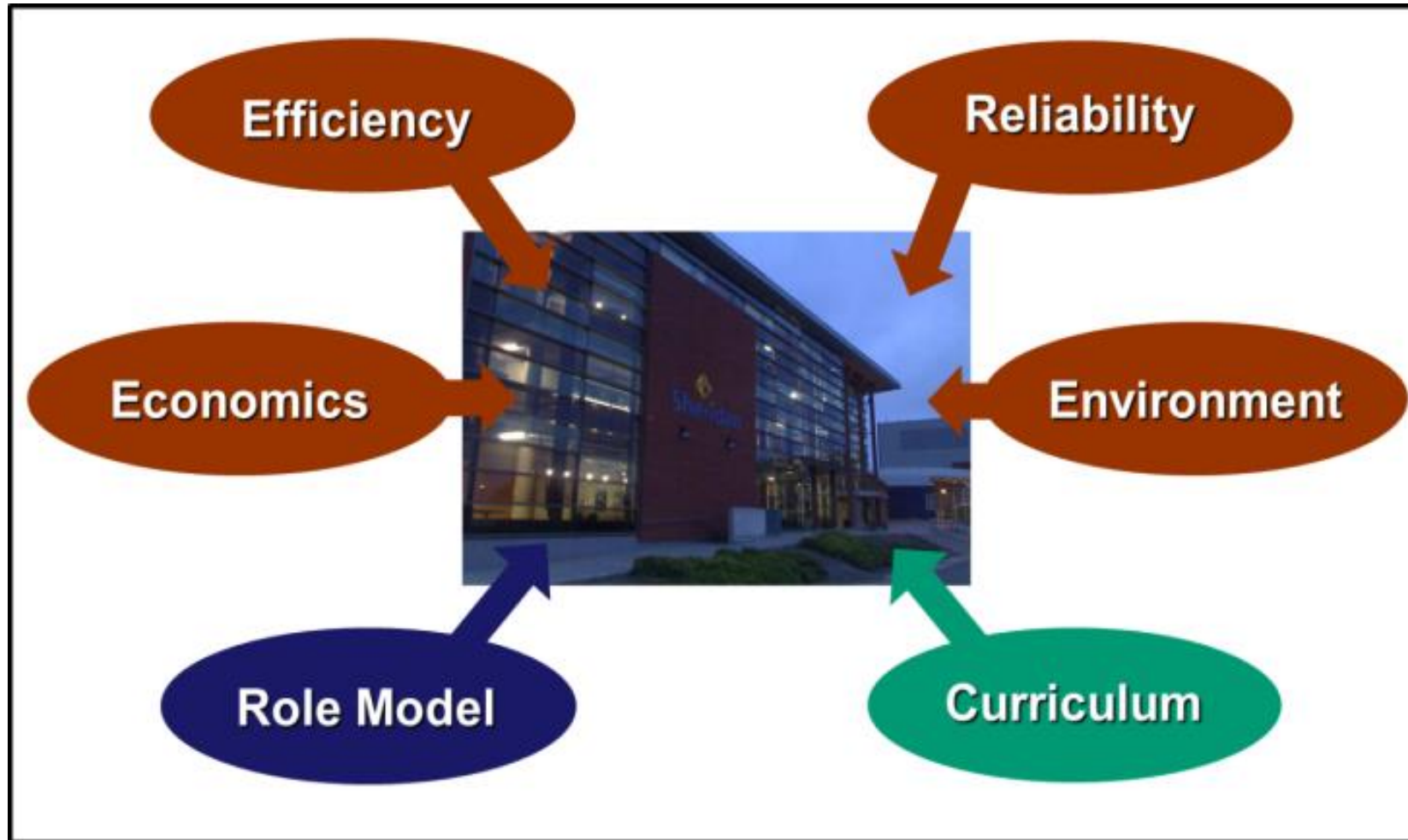


# **Case Study: Local College Catalyzing Community Action**

***“Tail Wags the Dog ....Dog Wags the Tail”***

# Sheridan College

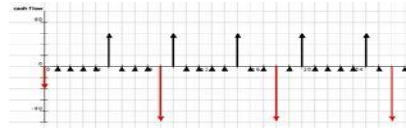
## *Integrated Energy and Climate Master Plan*



**Institutional & Operational Goals**

# Sheridan IECMP

## *Breakthrough Planning Goals*



7% Internal Rate of Return

40% Reduction in  
Carbon Emissions

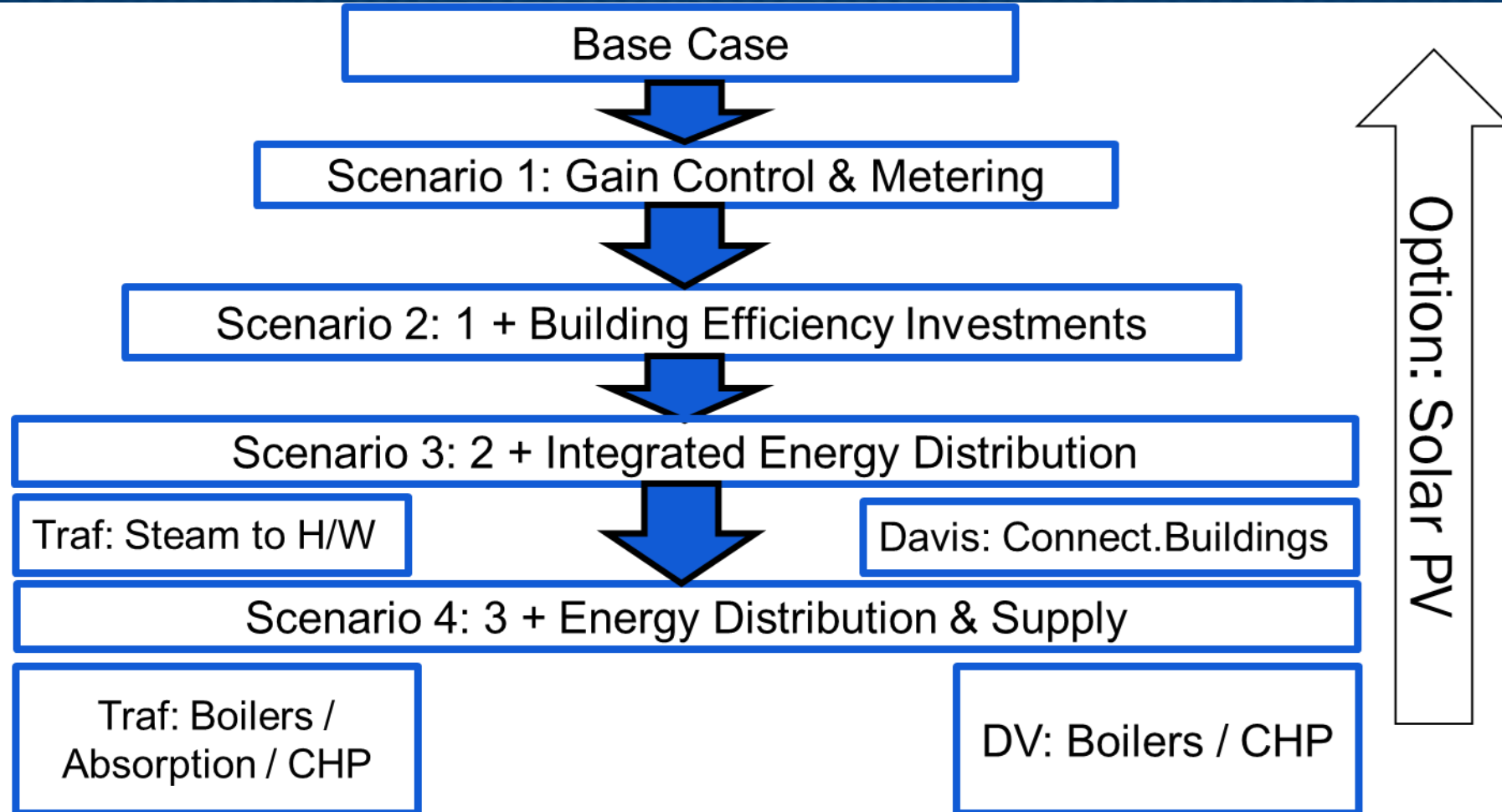


50% Reduction in Source  
Energy Consumption

2030 Goals set in 2013

# Sheridan - One College – Three Campuses

## *One Integrated Energy Portfolio*



# Global Best-Practice Standards for New Buildings *At Least German A-Rated Efficiency*





# Best-Practice District Energy

## *Full integration – Global Norms*



# District Energy to World Standards

## *Technology – Cost - Installation*





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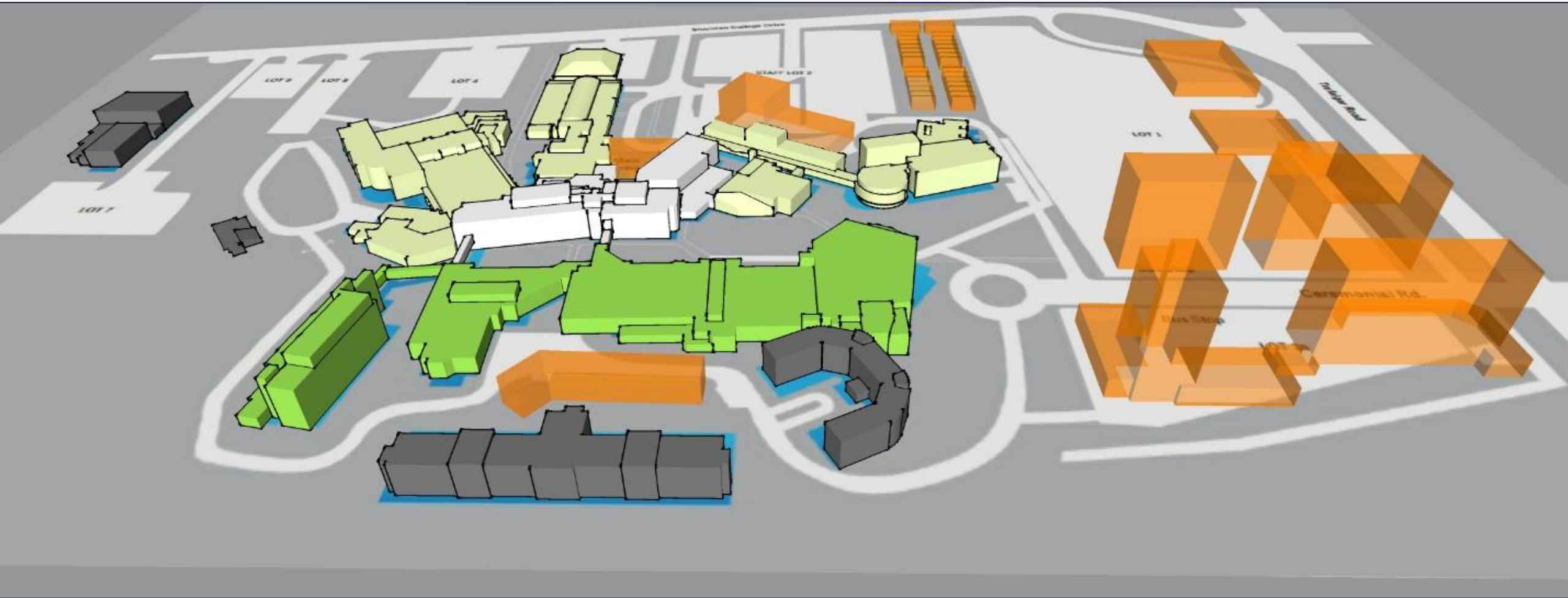
# Energy Centre *Classroom and Campus Landmark*



Community Exemplar



# Neighbourhood Growth



# Design Energy Solution for Expansion



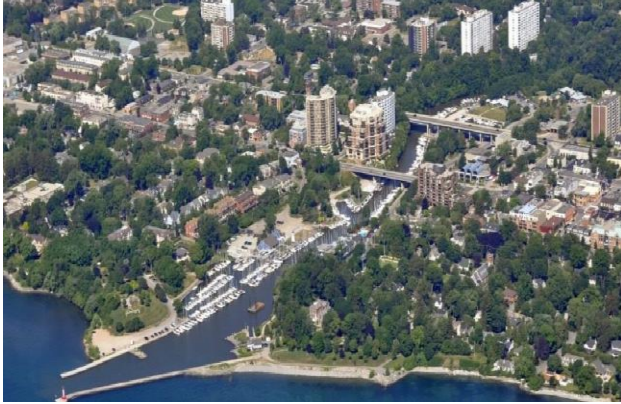


# Can the tail wag the dog?

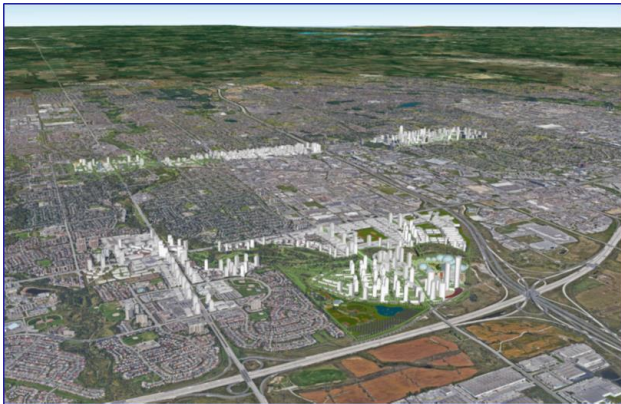
How do we start the conversation in our communities?



# Starting the Community Energy Conversation



- Initial Limited Scope
  - *Can this be viable without Community context?*
  - *Can College be a planning example for host communities?*



- Community Energy Plan



# Community Energy Plan Goals

- Support “Brampton 2040 Vision”
- Environment – Support Federal Climate Goals
  - *Cut GHG emissions by 50% by 2041*
  - *Be on track to cut GHG by 80% from 1990 levels*
- Economic – Positive Economic Development
  - *Energy investments meet acceptable risk-adjusted returns*
  - *Energy costs will be competitive compared to comparable Canadian and US communities*
  - *Generate incremental high-quality employment*
- Energy Efficiency – Global Best Practice
  - *50% below 2016 level by 2041*
- Energy Reliability / Resilience / Flexibility
  - *Energy systems will meet the challenges of changing user expectations, climate uncertainty and new technologies*

**Competitive Community**



# Brampton Simulation – Aggressive Case

## *GHG Emissions by Scenario*





# But now the dog begins to wag the tail ...

Sheridan needs to take its strategic energy and carbon planning to the next level

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