

# Planning for A New Energy and Climate Future

## ...and Why Where You Build Matters

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## **Planning for a New Energy and Climate Future**

Joint Project with the American Planning Association

Goal: To Help Planners and Communities...

- » Promote Energy Security
- » Reduce GHGs
- » Adapt to a Changing Climate



## **Location, Location, Location....and Context**

Greenhouse Gas Footprint Differences:

- Among States
- Among Metropolitan Areas
- Within Metro Regions
- Among Neighborhoods



## Science and Impacts

The Challenge

Defining Greenhouse Gas Footprint

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Strategic Points of Intervention

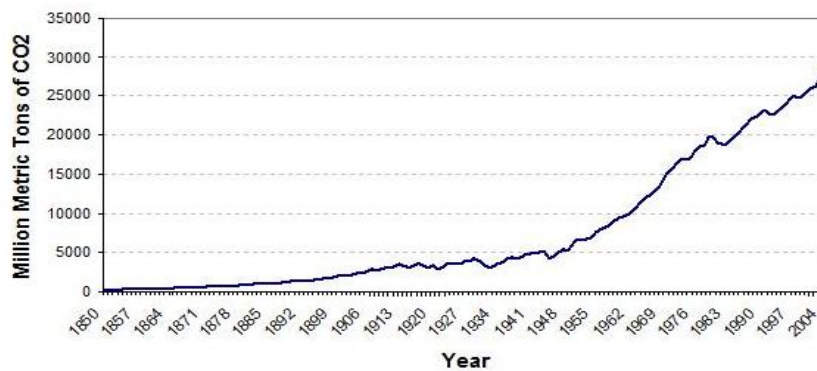
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### Historical Global CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions\* (1850-2004)



\*from Fuel Burning, Cement Manufacture, and Gas Flaring

Source: Marland et. al (2007) Global, Regional, and National CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions. In Trends: A Compendium of Data on Global Change. CDIAC U.S.A.

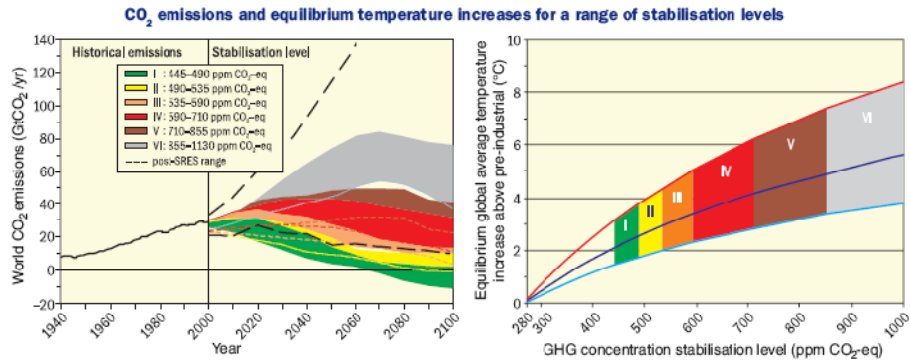
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## Emissions need to peak soon!



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## Impacts

- Increased temperature extremes
- Some areas wetter= increased flood and storm damage, especially in coastal areas, population displacement
- Some areas drier = decreased water availability, increased drought in mid-latitudes, arid areas
- Some areas may experience both extremes
- Agricultural productivity?
- Ecosystem upheaval
  - Species extinction
  - Species migration
  - Increased wildfire risk

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**Reduce greenhouse gas emissions:**

- **80%** below 2000 levels by 2050 (“**80 x 50**”)
- From **7 billion** metric tons CO<sub>2</sub> eq year to less than **2 billion** metric tons/year
- From **24 metric tons** CO<sub>2</sub>eq per American per year to **5 metric tons** per person/year



# Statewide GHG Targets

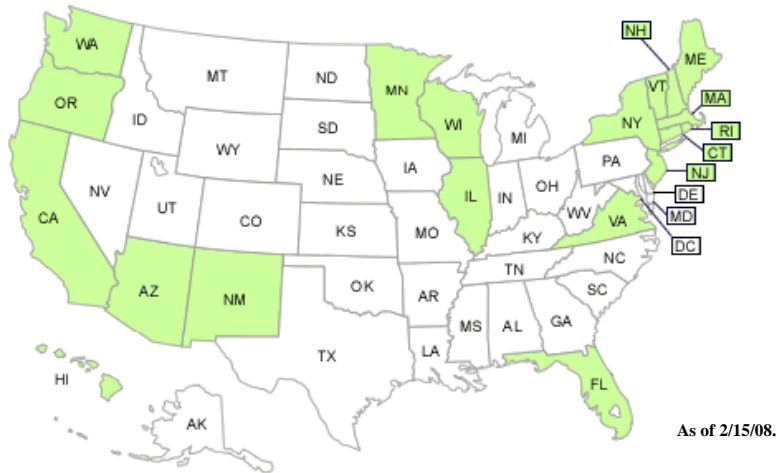
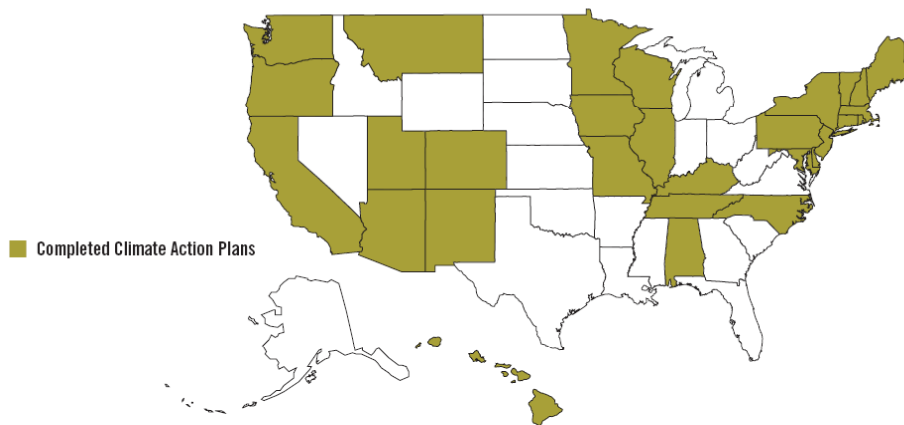


Figure 6

## Climate Action Plans



State Climate Change Action Programs

State	Plan Status	Date Released	GHG Reduction Targets	Trans/Land Use Element?	Includes VMT/TOD?	Includes Infill?	Includes MU/GB?	Regional Plan?	Highlights
<b>PUBLIC</b>									
AL	Recommended actions	Dec 1997	None given	Yes	No	No	No	None	Suggestions for increased efficiency standards, more public transportation
AZ	Advisory Group: Action Plan	Feb 2005; Aug 2006	2000 levels by 2020; 50% below 2000 levels by 2040	Yes	TOD	Yes	MU, GB	WCI	Alternative fuel standards, promote smart growth planning, increased efficiency standards
CA	Public Law AB 32; E.O. S 1-07	Aug 2006; Jan 2007	1990 levels by 2020; 80% below 1990 levels by 2050	Yes (see highlights)	No	No	No	WCI	E.O. S 1-07 created Low-carbon Fuel Std (10% less carbon intensity by 2020)
CO	Action Plan	Nov 2007	20% below 2005 levels by 2020; 80% below 2005 levels by 2050	No	No	No	No	WCI Observer	No dedicated land use element
CT	Advisory Group: Action Plan	Spring 2002; Feb 2005	1990 levels by 2010; 10% below 1990 levels by 2020	Yes	VMT, TOD	No	No	RGGI, NEG-ECP	Plan to increase transit development, VMT reduction incentives, smart growth to penetrate 25% of future development
DE	Action Plan	Jan 2000	7% below 1990 levels by 2010	Yes	VMT	No	GB	RGGI	Raise energy efficiency standards, CAFE standards, develop land use policies
HI	Action Plan	Nov 1998	1990 levels by 2020	Yes	TOD	No	GB	None	Encourage alternative-fuel vehicles, land use policies to reduce congestion, more mass transit
IA	Action Plan (new one in progress); Advisory Group	Dec 1996; April 2007	None given	Yes	No	No	No	MRGGRA	Improve fleet efficiency through feebate program, promote mass transit use



## State Climate Action Plans

- Goals, targets vary widely
- Most focused on electricity, energy tech
- Transportation, land use included in some
- Most overlook full range of planning areas



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**Defining Greenhouse Gas Footprint**

- Direct Energy Use—Electricity, Transportation, Heating and Cooling
- Indirect Energy Use or Energy “Embedded” in the Production of Goods, Services, and Materials
- Agriculture and Land Use Change
- Industrial Processes





## GHG emissions per capita, 2000 (excludes land use change)

- Qatar 54.7 Mt/person
- Kuwait 30.4
- Australia 25.3
- USA 24.3
- Canada 22.1
- Japan 10.8
- European Union 10.5
- China 3.9



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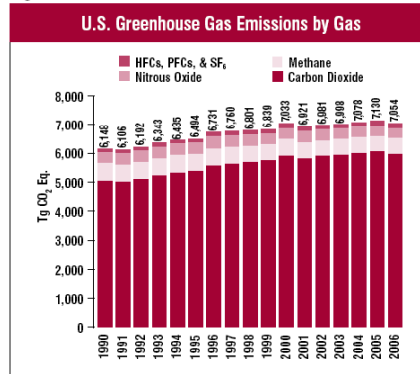
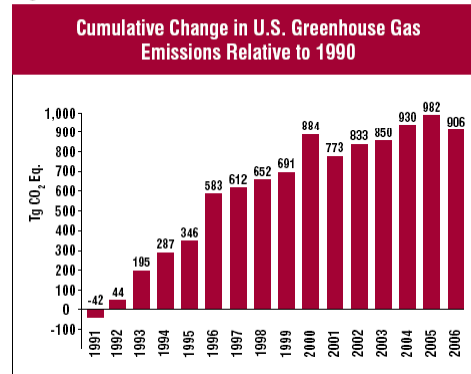
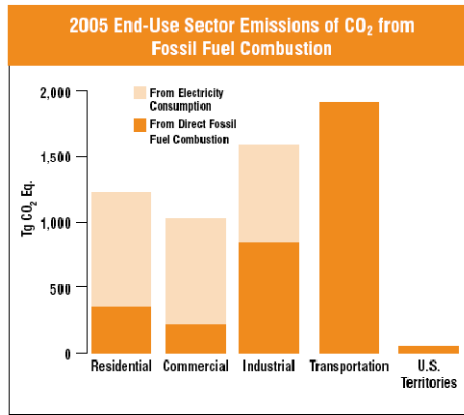
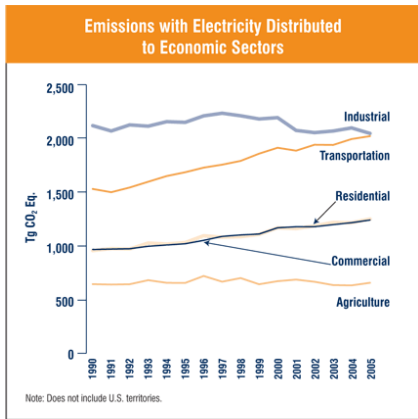


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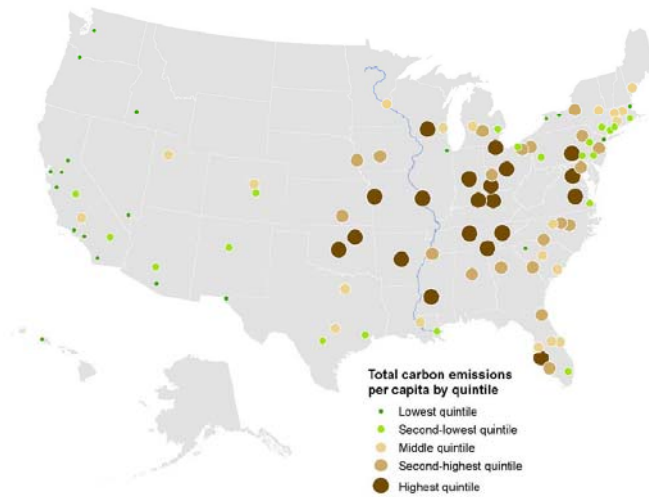


Source: US EPA





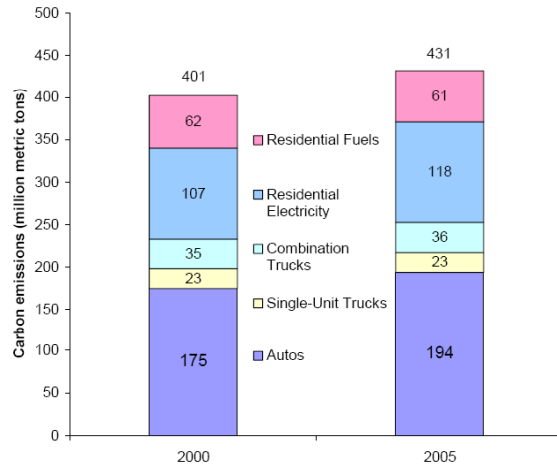
**FIGURE 8**  
**All Metro Areas with the Largest Per Capita Footprints Were Located in the East-Central and Eastern United States in 2005, While Most of the Metro Areas with the Smallest Per Capita Footprints Were Located in the West**



Source: Authors' calculations



**FIGURE 6**  
**The Nation's 100 Largest Metro Areas Produced 431 Million Metric Tons of Carbon from Highway Transport and Residential Buildings in 2005, Up from 401 Million Metric Tons in 2000**



Source: Authors' calculations

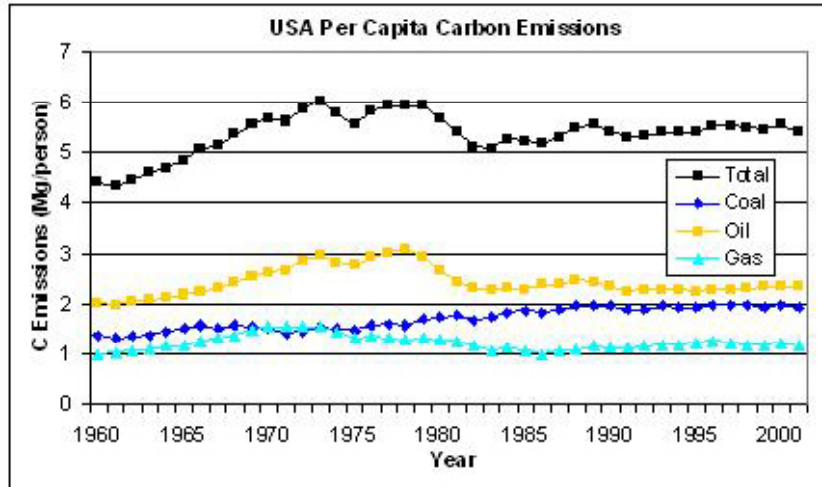


Despite impressive efficiency gains, the total energy used in buildings almost doubled between 1970 and 2005

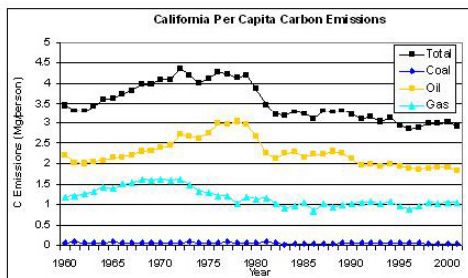
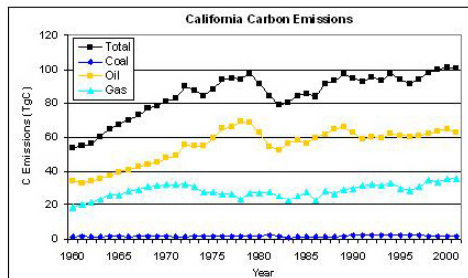
Building energy consumption is projected to increase by 0.8 percent per year through 2030



## U.S. per capita carbon emissions : ~22 Mt/yr

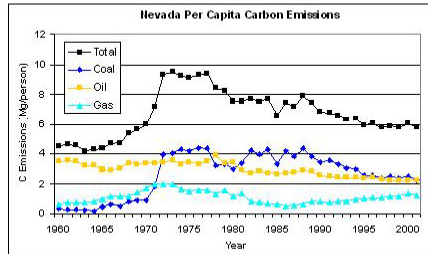
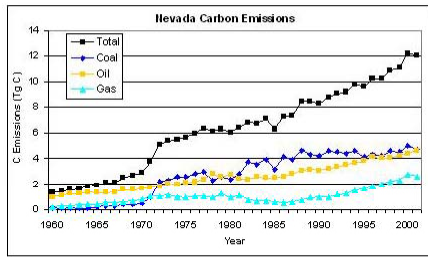


Source: Oak Ridge National Laboratory, USDOE

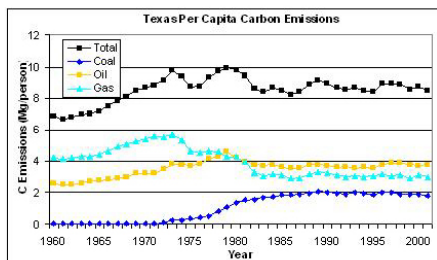
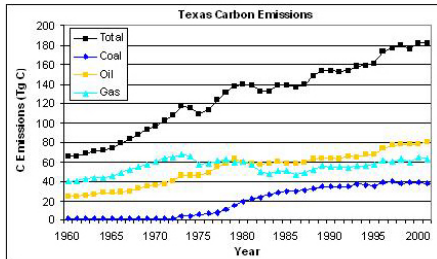


**California/New York:  
~12 Mt/yr per person**





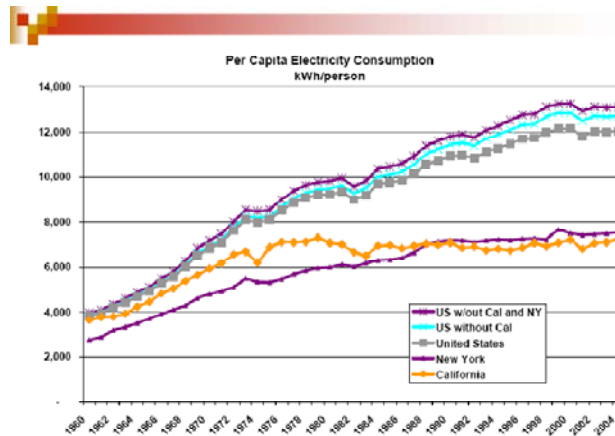
**Nevada, Ohio:  
~24 Mt/yr per person**



**Texas/Oklahoma:  
~32 Mt/yr per person**



# Energy/Carbon Intensity



# Getting there

- **Efficiency**
  - Technology + Behavior + Planning/Design = Smart systems
- **Low-carbon energy sources**
  - Renewables mostly



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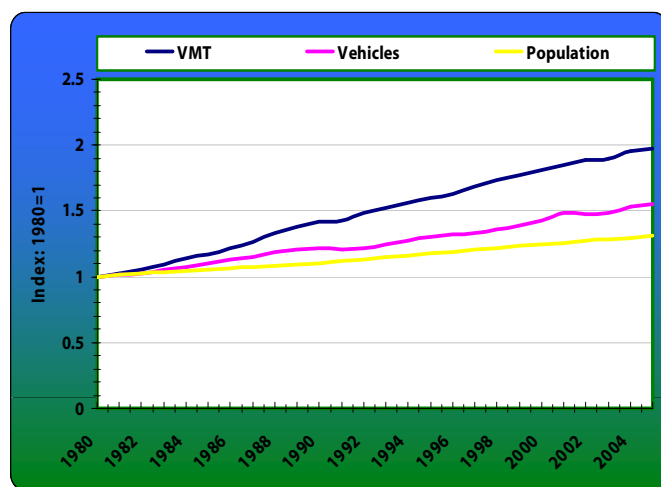
- **Development Patterns**
- **Transportation**

### Strategic Points of Intervention

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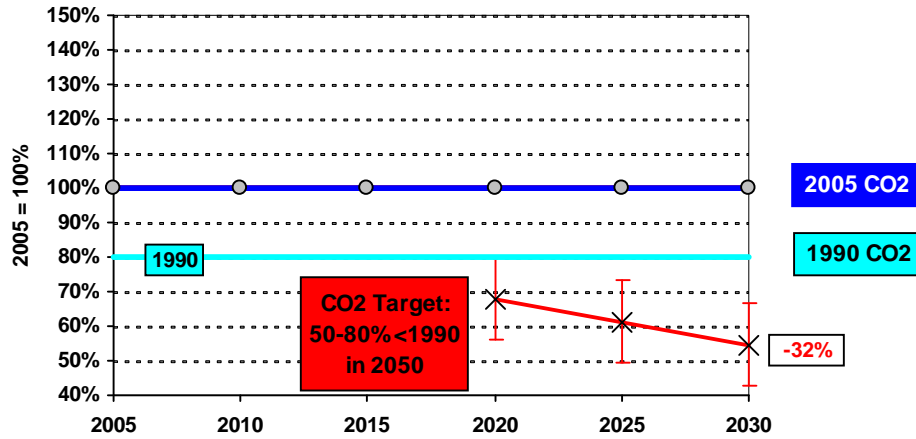
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## CO2 Targets: 50-80% < 1990 in 2050 ≈30% < 1990 in 2030 or "30 by 30"

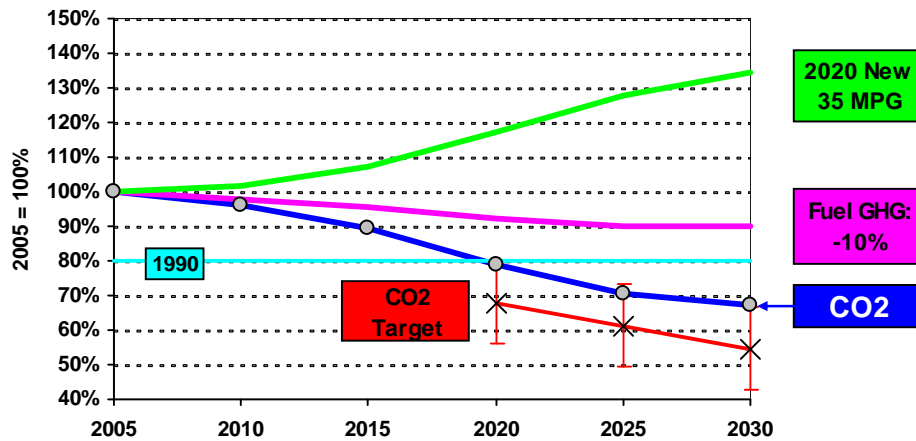


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## Energy Bill: CAFE & -10% Fuel GHG by 2025 → 2030 CO2 is 16% < 1990



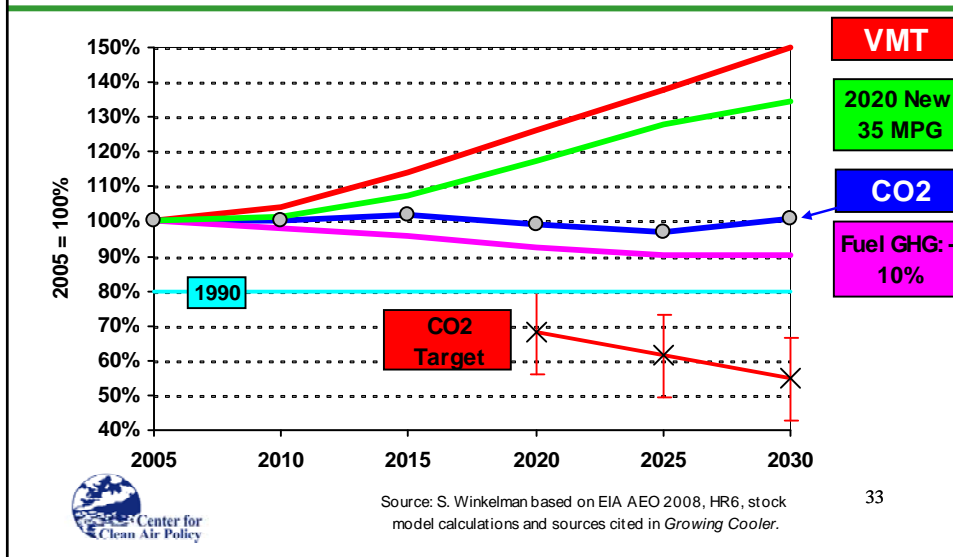
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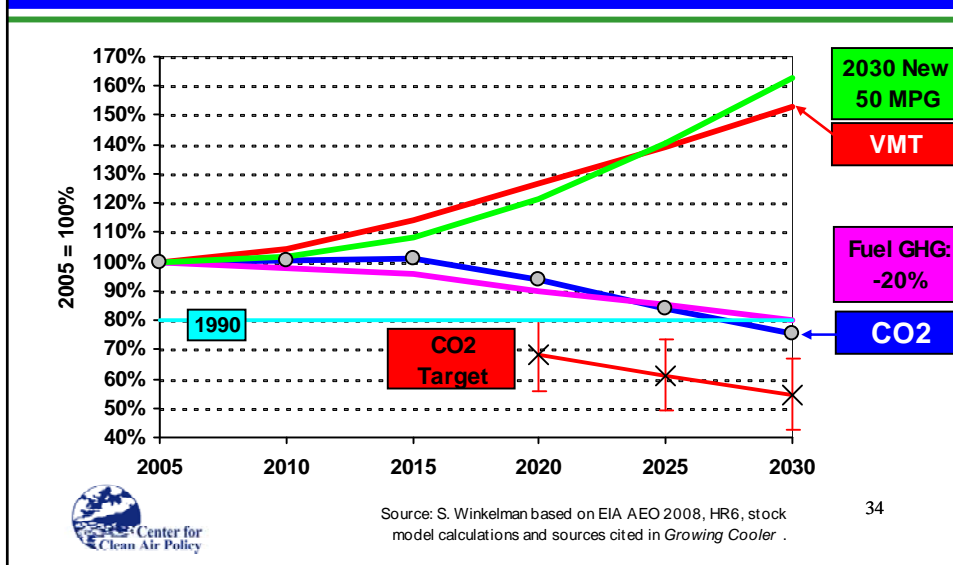
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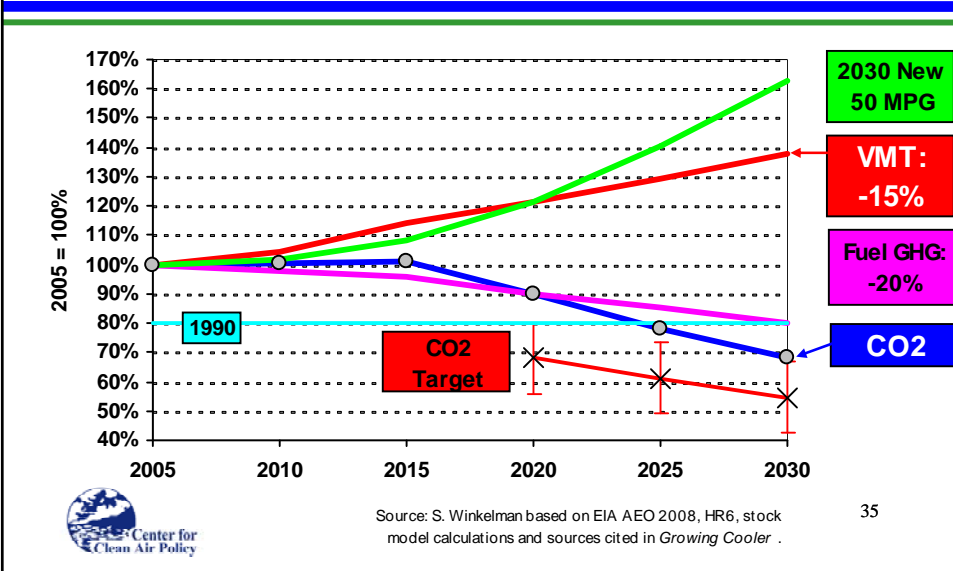
## VMT Growth to Wipe Out Energy Bill Savings → 2030 CO2: 26% above 1990



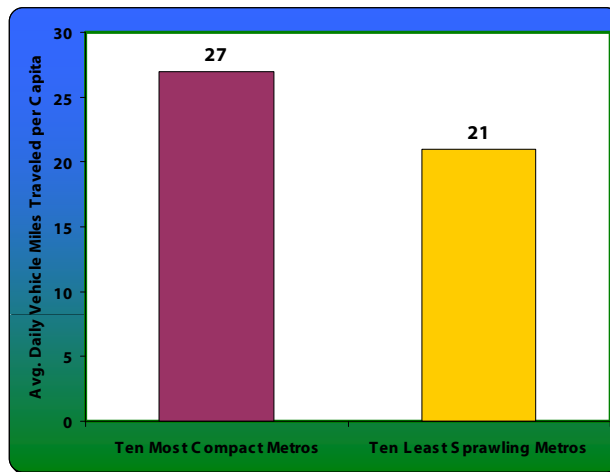
## Aggressive Case: 50 mpg in 2030 & -20% Fuel GHG → CO2 6% < 1990



# Add Smart Growth -15% VMT → 2030 CO2 is 15% below 1990



# 25% Less VMT with Compact Development



# Regional Simulations



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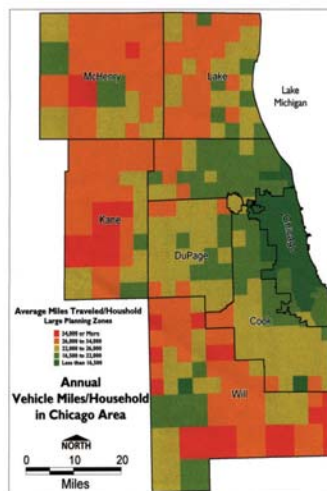
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# Disaggregate Travel Studies



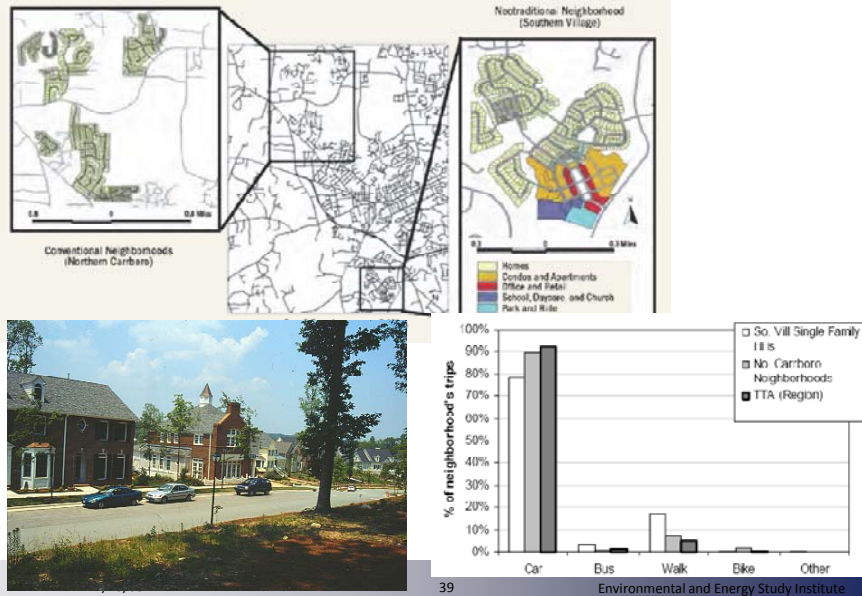
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## Southern Village (40% less VMT)



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- **Infrastructure and Utilities**

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## Infrastructure & Utilities

COMMUNITY ENERGY =

- Community Wind
- Community Solar
- District Heating and Cooling, and
- Combined Heat and Power Using Renewables



## Community Wind

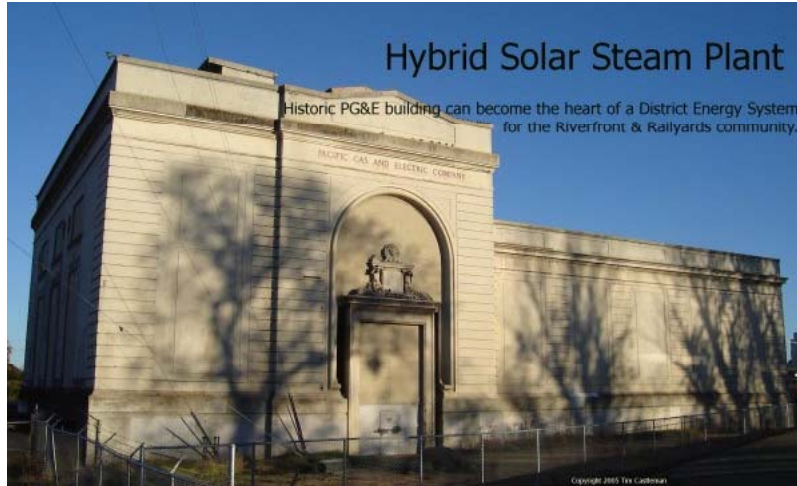
- Can reduce cost per installed kilowatt from 30 to 50 percent over small residential wind projects
- Needs minimum wind speed of 10-11 mph
- Payback period as low as six years.



## Community Solar

- Chelan County PUD (WA) SNAP Program
- Customers agreed to pay \$2.50 to \$50 to purchase solar power/
- Grid-connected installations on 26 schools and 8 non-profit organizations
- Generates 95 kW for 900 participants
- Alcoa donated labor = more than \$600,000





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- Development Patterns
- Transportation
- Infrastructure and Utilities
- **Economic Development**

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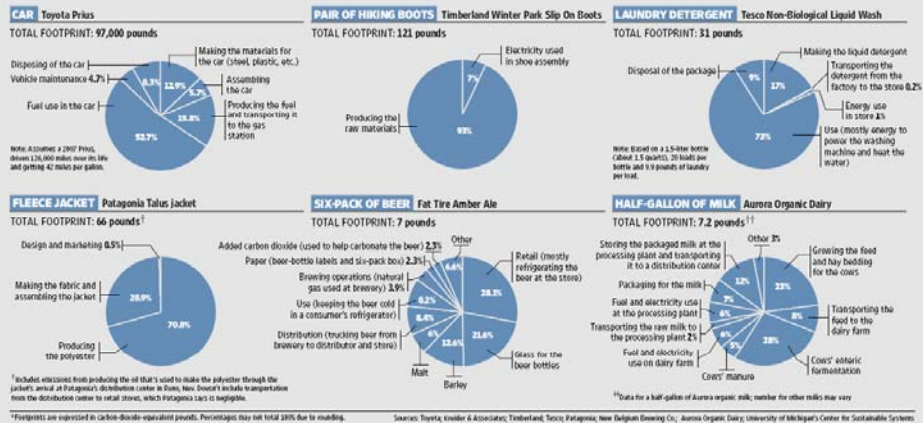






## Measuring the Footprints

Greenhouse-gas emissions associated with six common products\*



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#### **Implications for Planning**

- Development Patterns
- Transportation
- Infrastructure and Utilities
- Economic Development
- **Building and Site Design**
- **Natural Resources**

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#### **Strategic Points of Intervention**

- Vision and Goal-Setting
- Plan Development
- Policies and Incentives
- Project Development
- Education, Coordination, and Leadership

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