

# Minnesota Energy Overview

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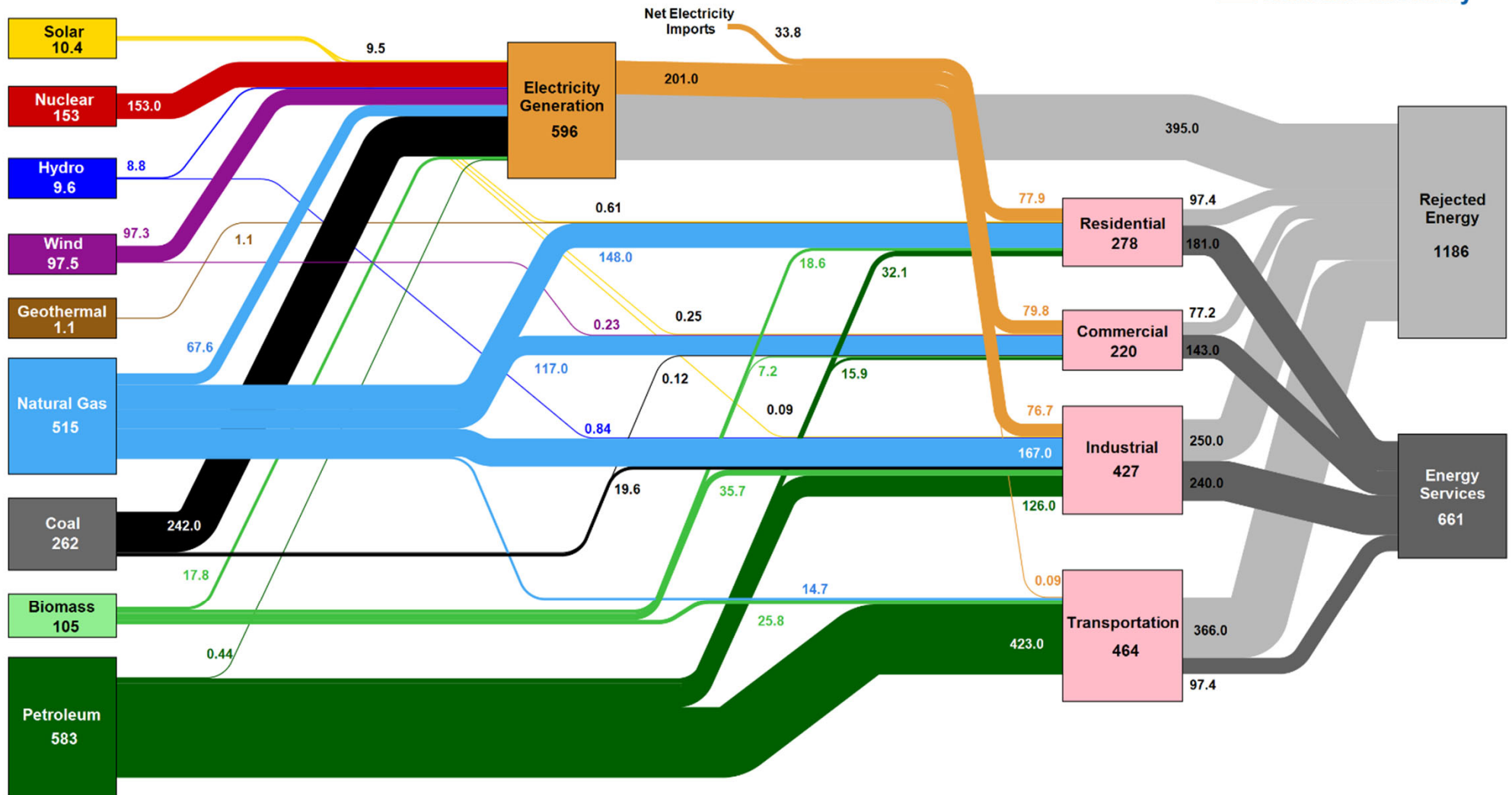
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# Where does our energy come from?

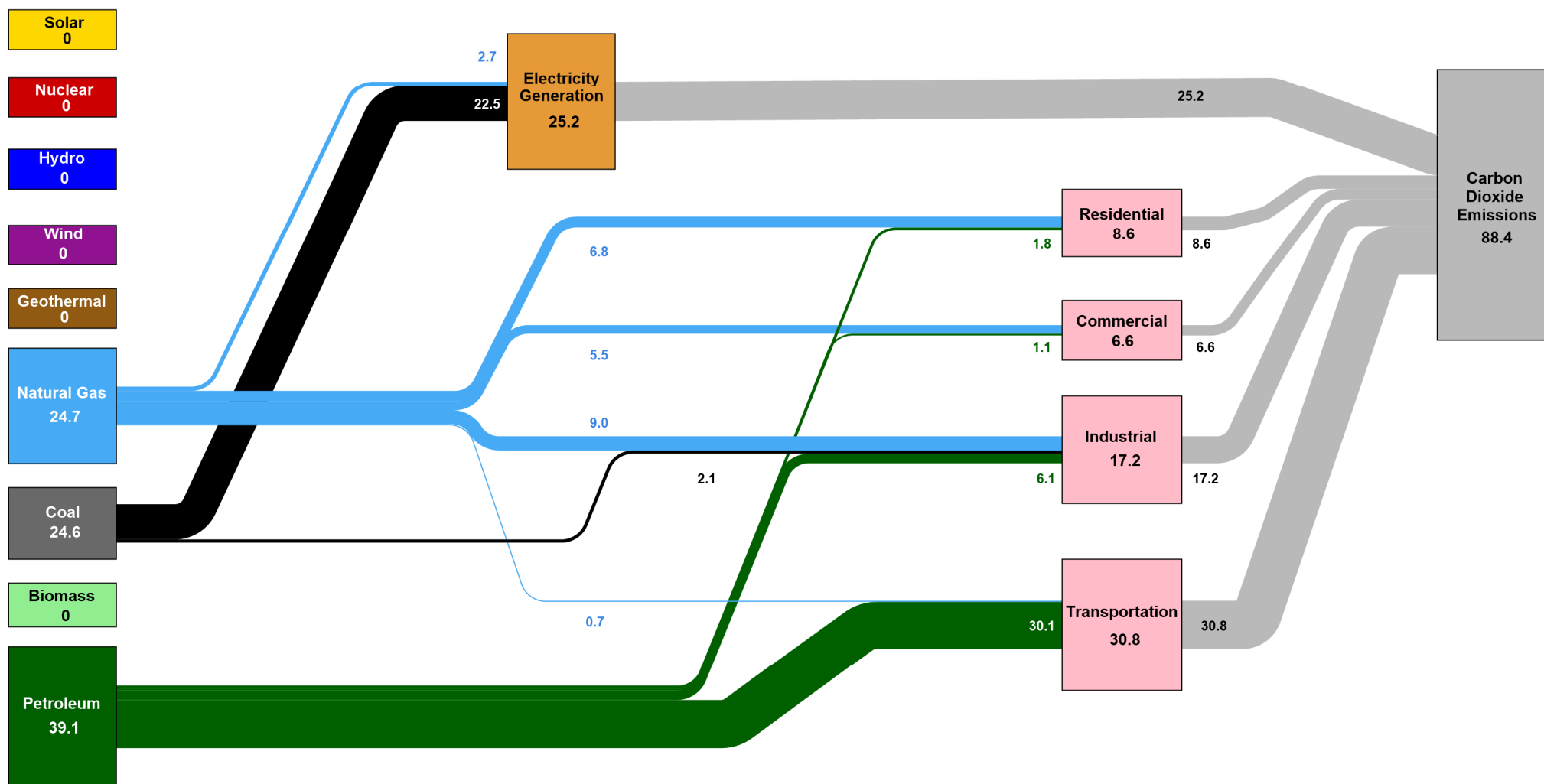




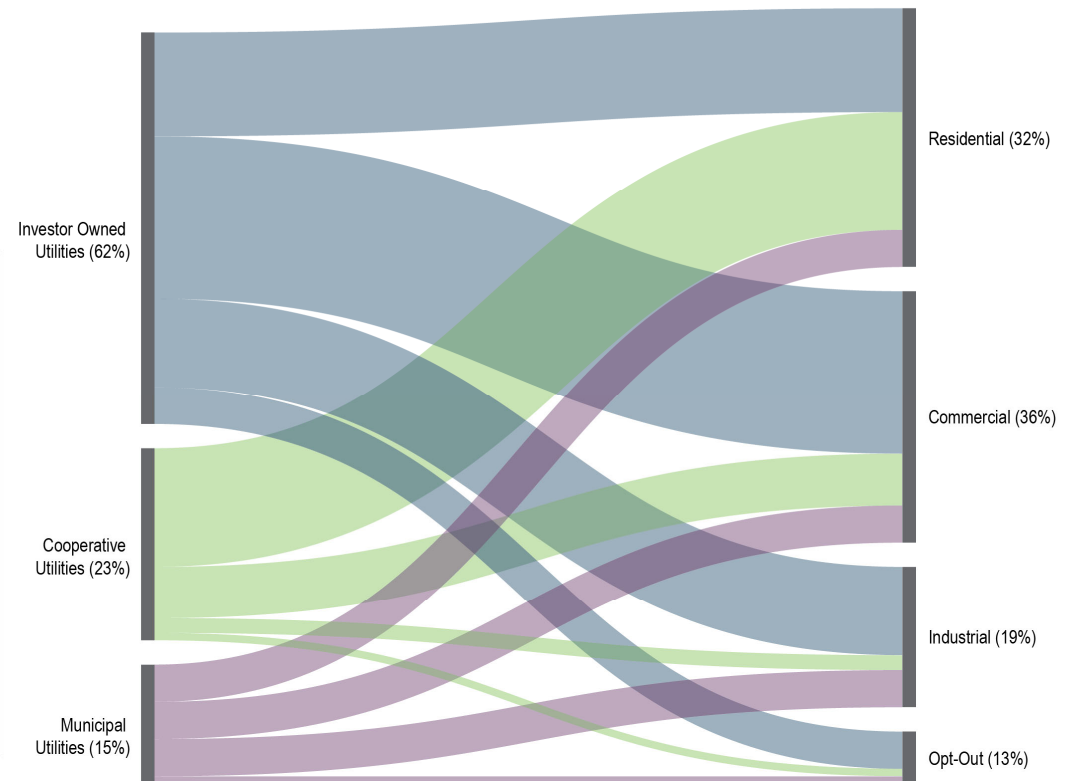
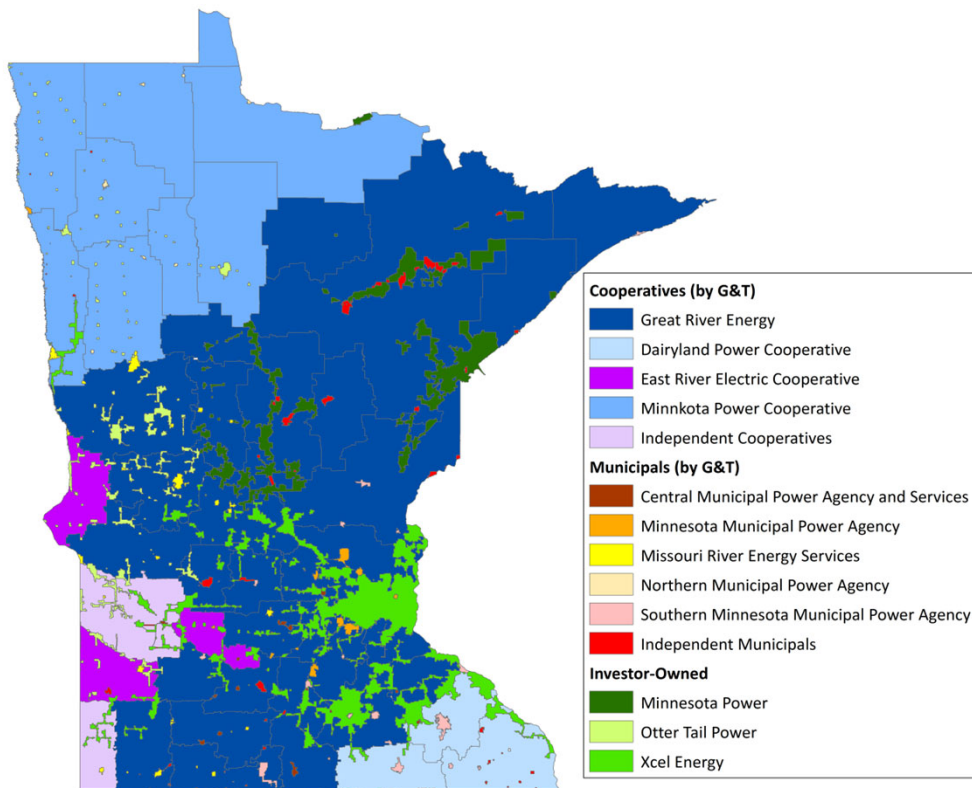
# Estimated Minnesota Energy Consumption in 2018: 1,847 Trillion BTU



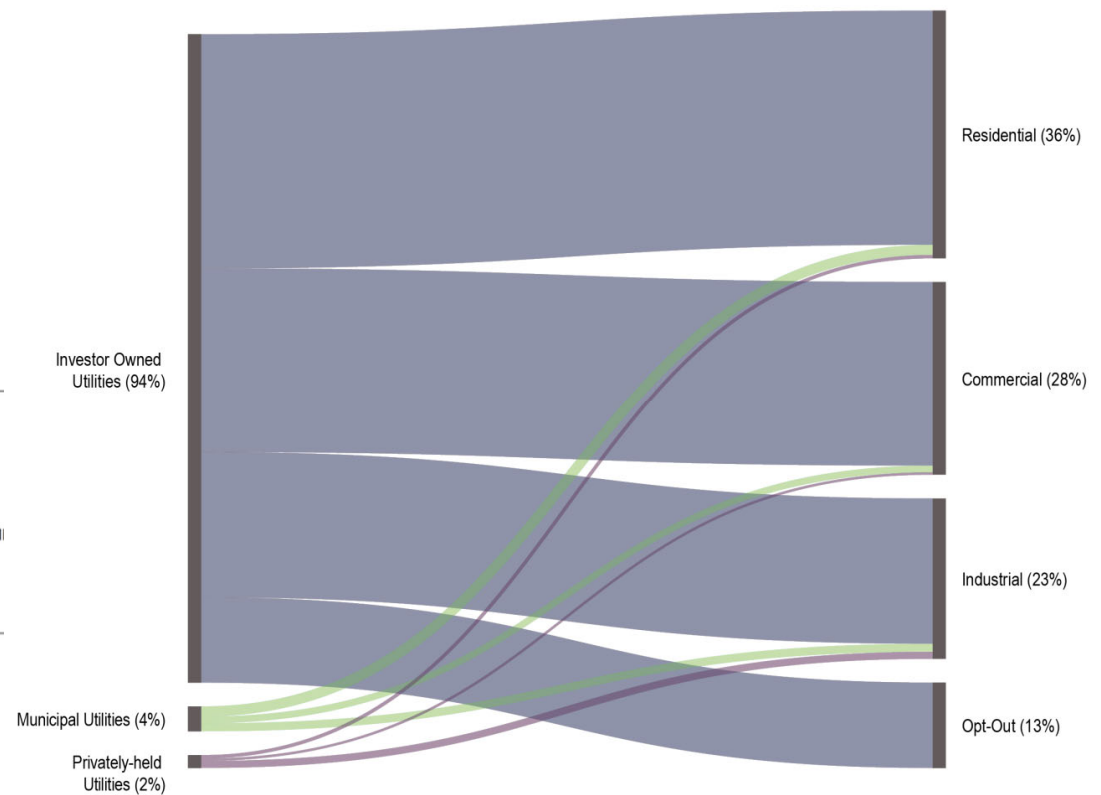
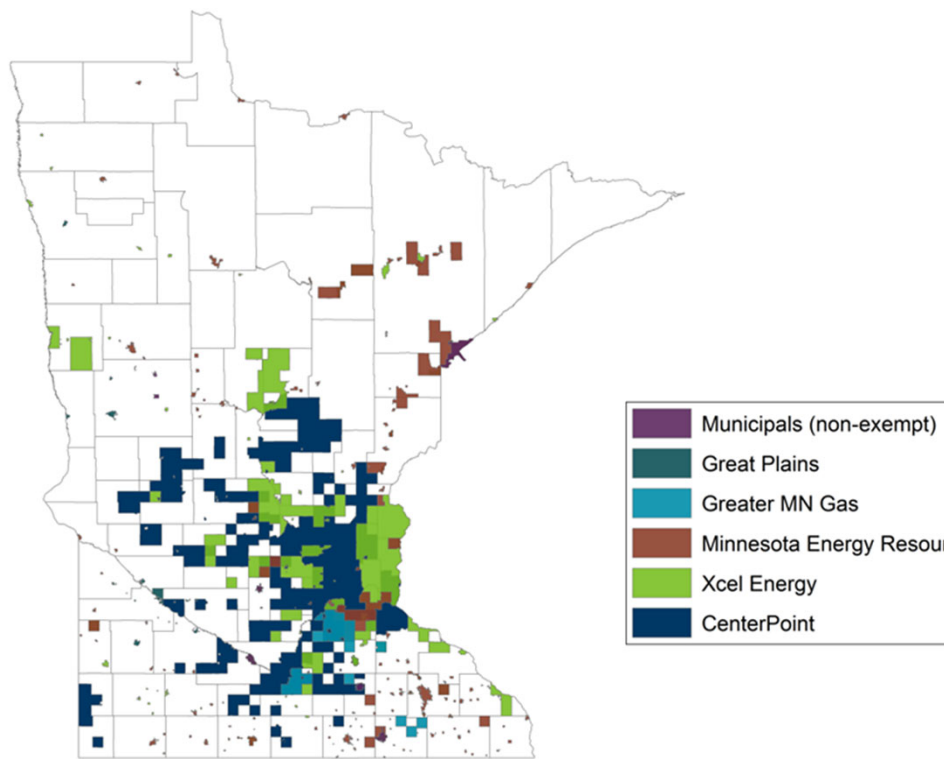
# Estimated Minnesota Carbon Dioxide Emissions in 2017: 88.4 Million Metric Tons



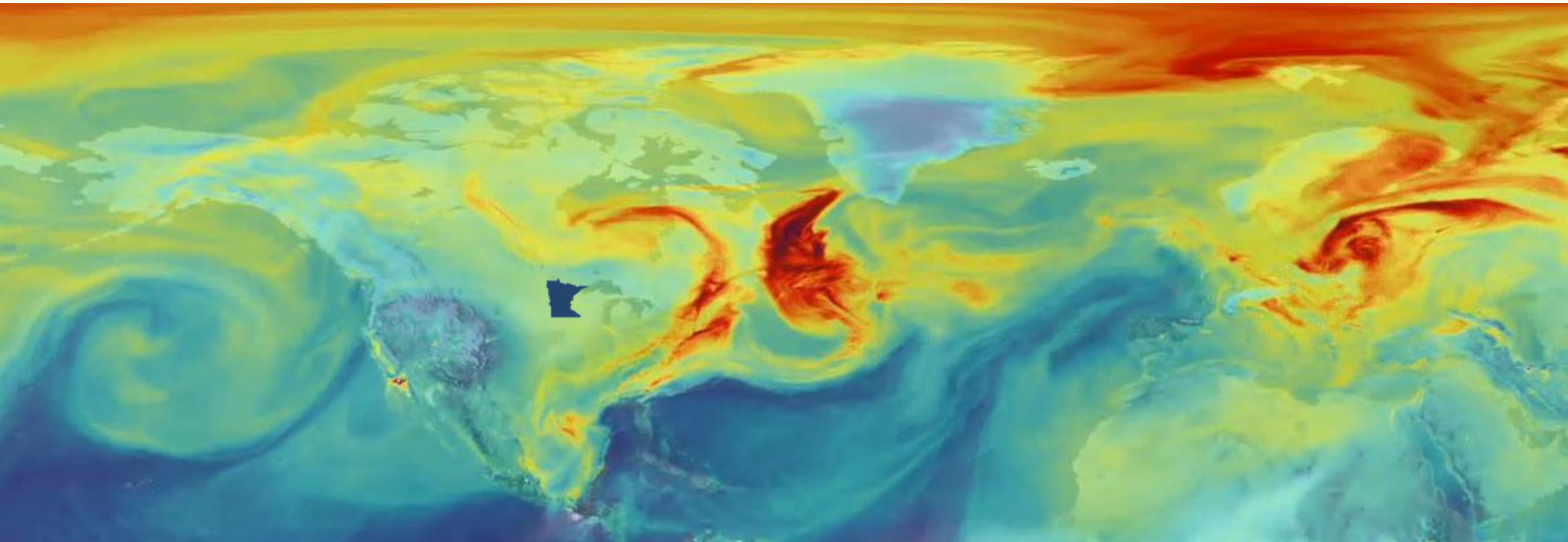
# Electric Utilities and Customer Loads in Minnesota



# Natural Gas Utilities and Customer Loads in Minnesota





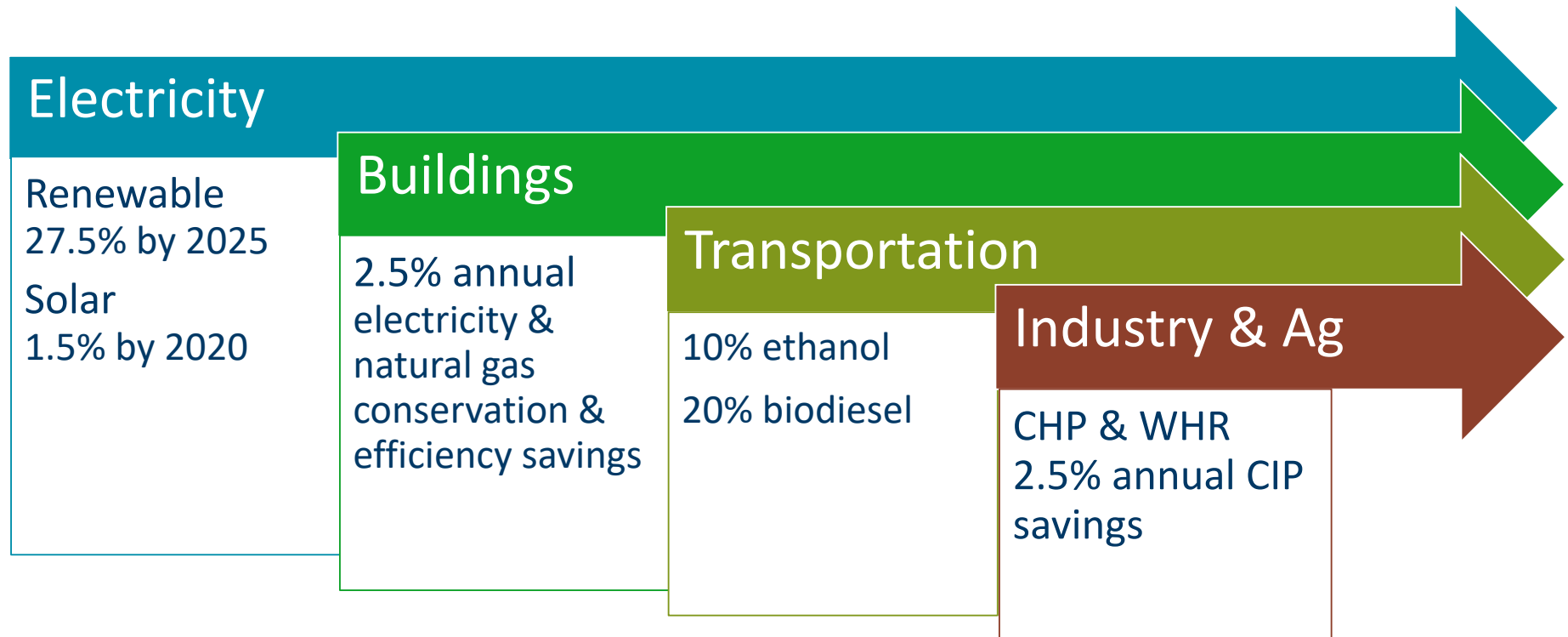


# Minnesota's Energy & Climate Goals

# Energy & Climate Goals

- 1980 Conservation Improvement Program
- 1981 Net Energy Metering
- 1994 Xcel Renewable Mandate (425MW wind, 110MW biomass by 2002)
- 2001 Renewable Energy Objective (10% RE x 2015)
- 2002 Metropolitan Emissions Reduction Project (Coal retirements)
- 2007 Next Generation Energy Act (27.5% RE x 2025 + 1.5% EE/yr)
- 2013 Solar Energy Jobs Act (28.5% RE x 2025)
- 2021 Energy Conservation & Optimization; Natural Gas Innovation Act

# Current Policy Objectives



# Impact of Policy Efforts to Date



Energy Efficiency

Saved  
Minnesotans  
over **\$6** Billion



Coal Generation in MN

Reduced from  
**over 60%** to  
**under 25%**



Electric Sector  
CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

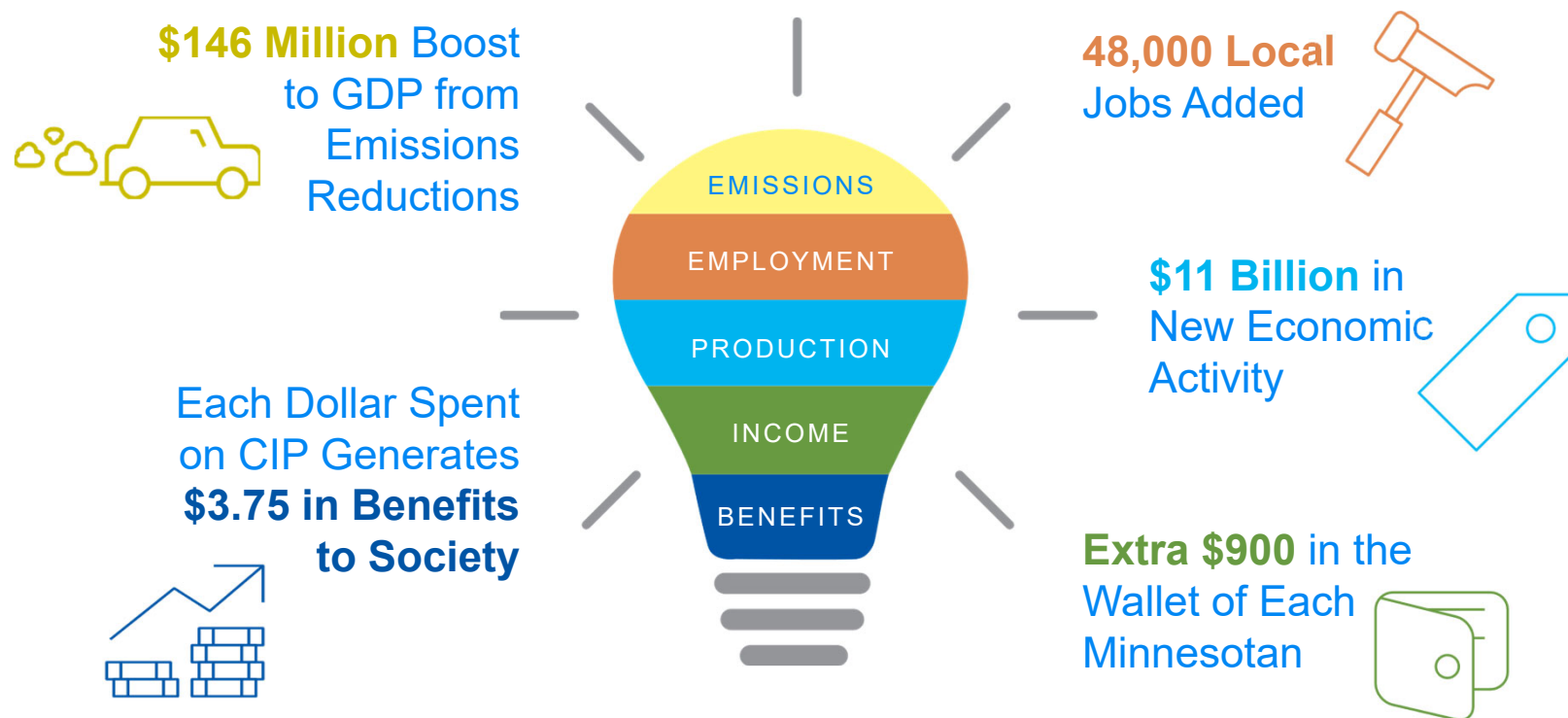
Reduced by **29%**  
from 2005  
baseline



Renewable Energy

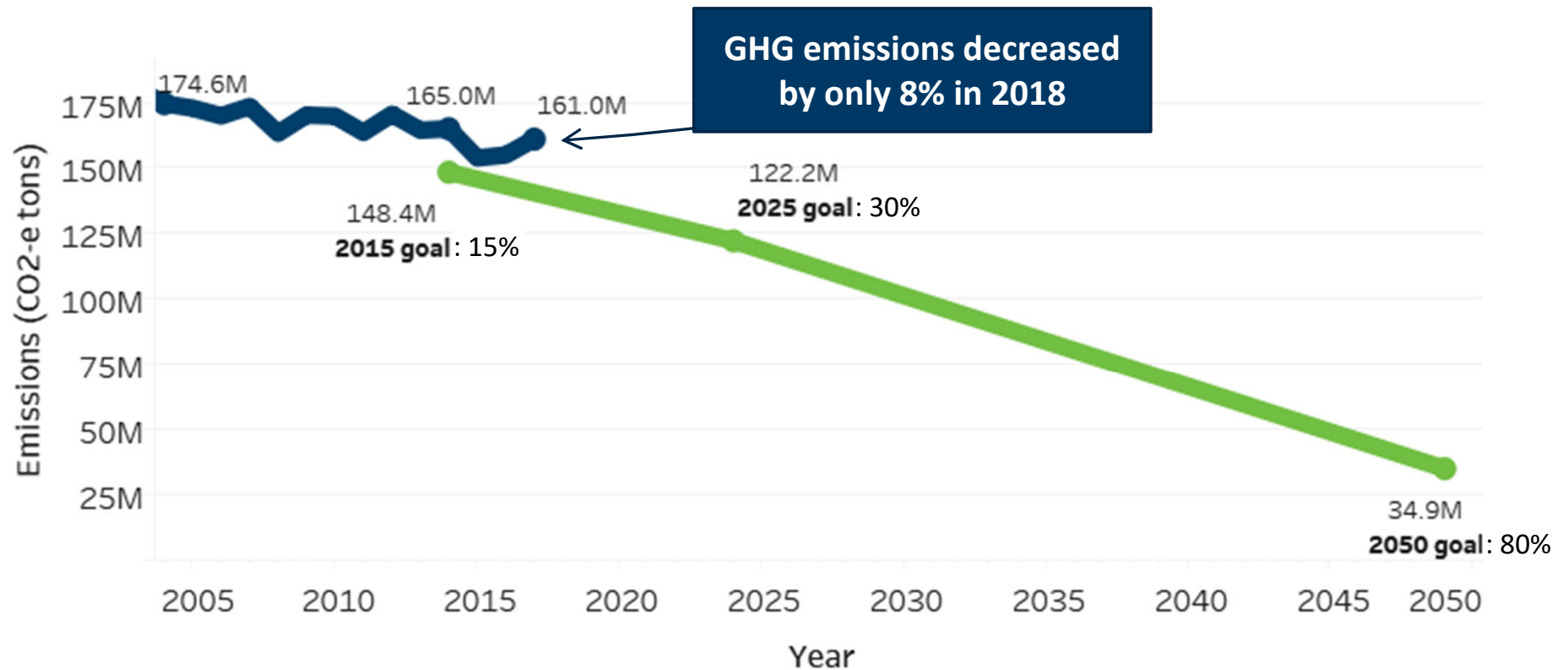
Developed nearly  
**6,000** MW's of  
Wind & Solar

# Economic Benefits of Energy Efficiency Conservation Improvement Program (CIP) investments 2013-2018



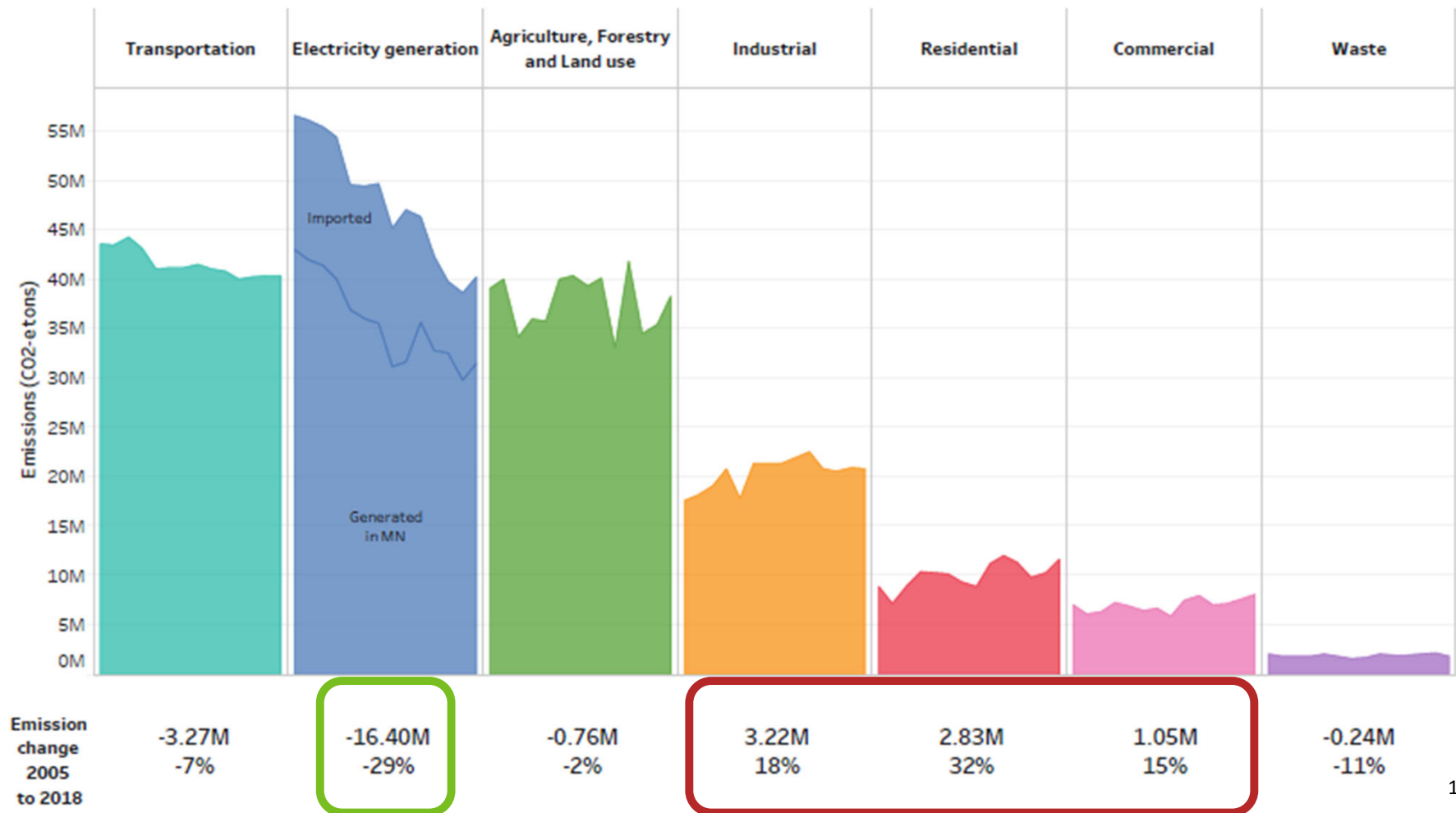


# Minnesota is not on track to meet its GHG goals



Minnesota's actual GHG emissions, compared to the Next Generation Energy Act goals

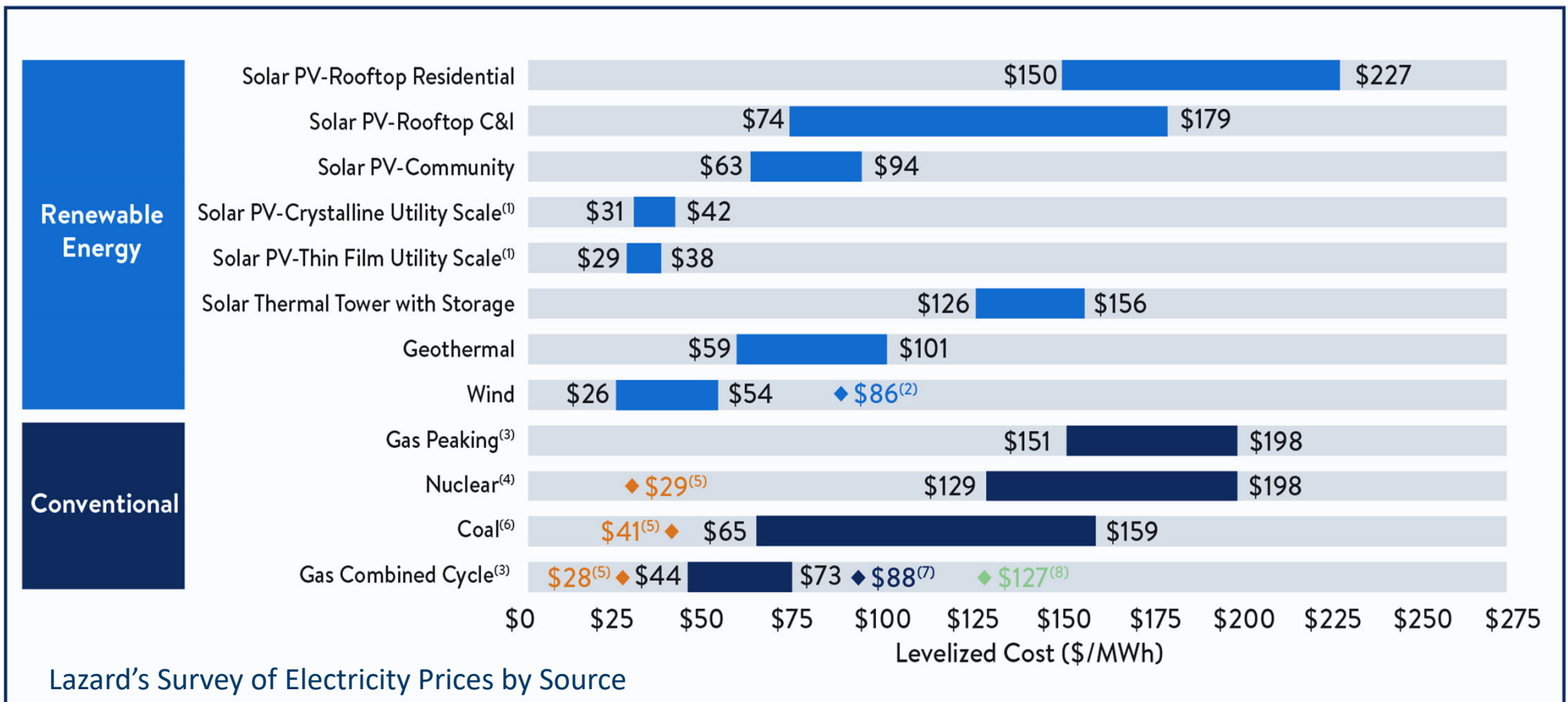
# Greenhouse gas emissions by sector





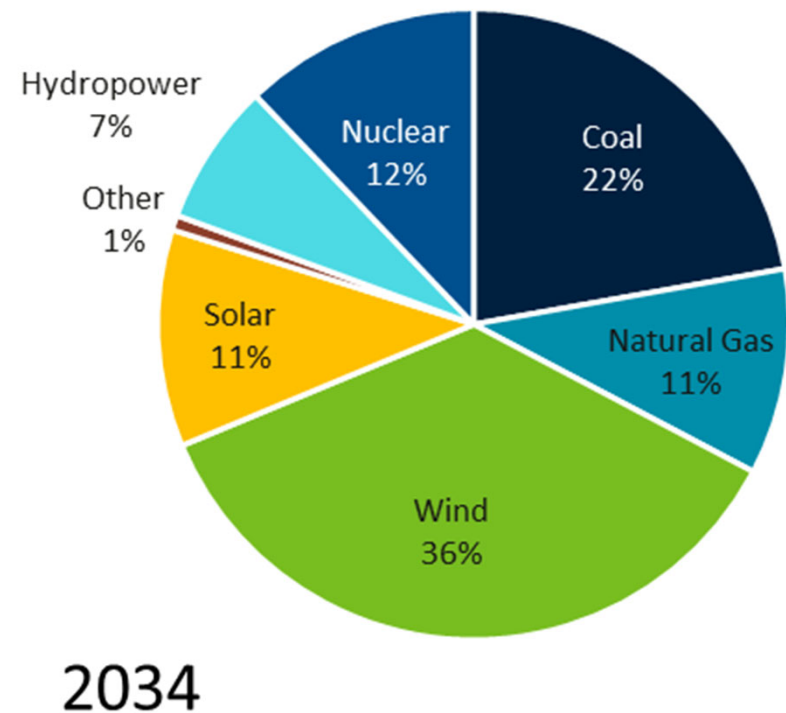
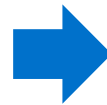
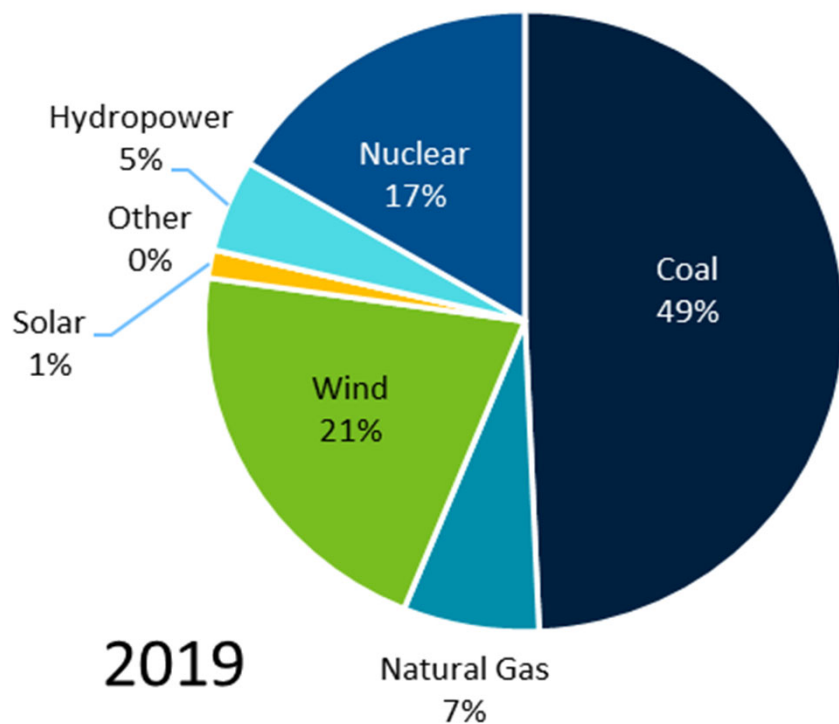
# Power Sector Transformation

# Levelized Cost of Energy Comparison



# Upper Midwest Electricity in Transition

*Current Plans: 2019 – 2034\**



\* Per Xcel, GRE, Mn Power, and OTP Resource Plans



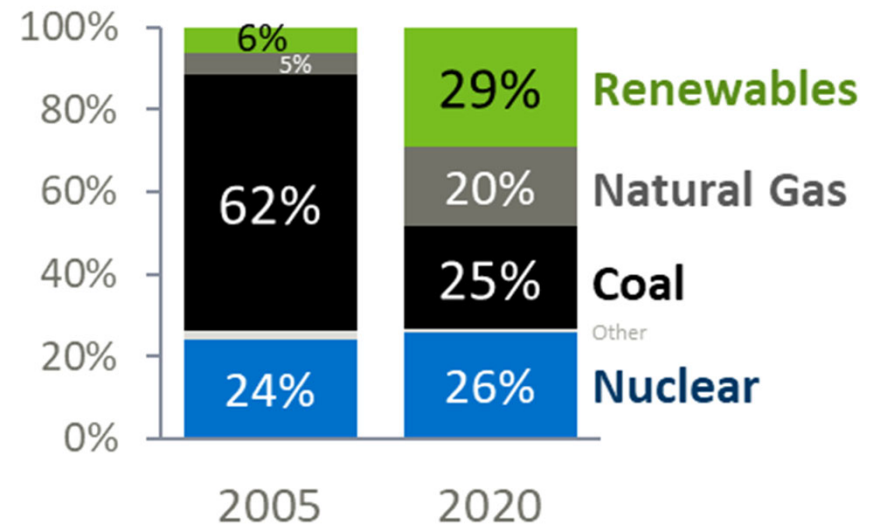
# Minnesota's Generation Mix Over Time



## Between 2005 and 2020:

- Renewable electricity increased from 6% to 29%
- Coal power dropped from 62% to 25%

## Electricity Generated in Minnesota

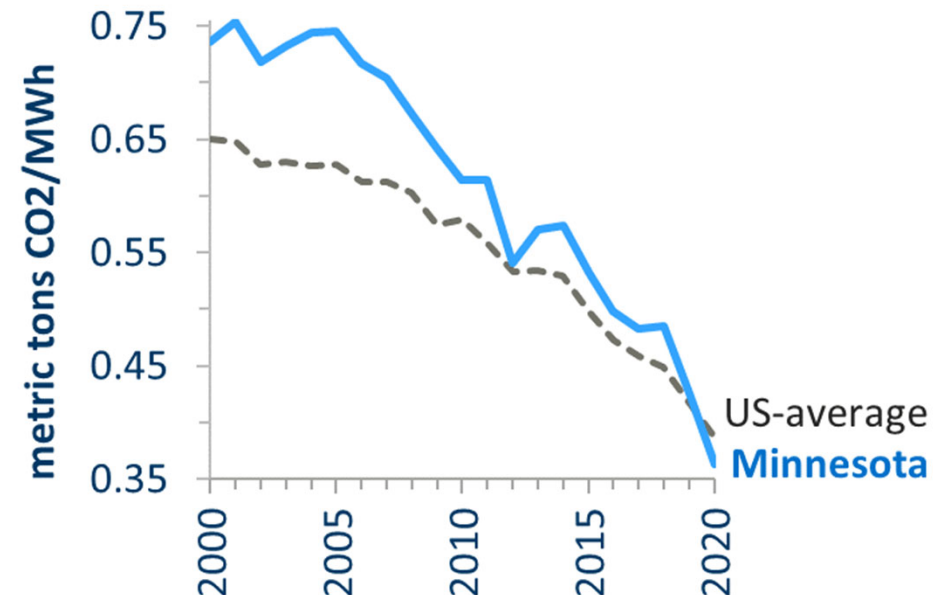


source: U.S. EIA

# Generation Mix Over Time

- State policies and market forces have resulted in a rapid decarbonization of Minnesota's power sector.
- Minnesota's carbon intensity dropped below the national average in 2020

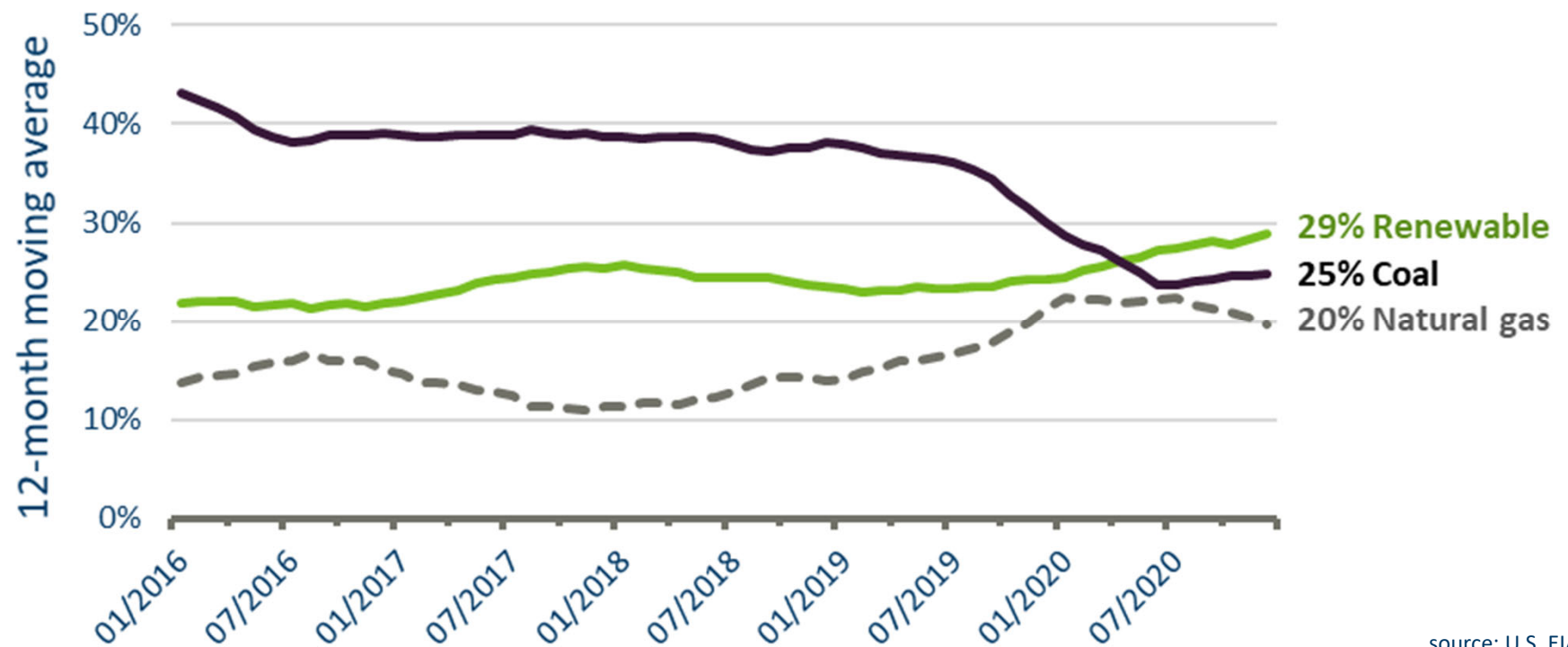
## Carbon Intensity of Electricity



Source: U.S.EIA data

# Electric System in Transition

## 2016-2020 Monthly Electricity Generation in Minnesota



source: U.S. EIA

# Remaining Electric Utility Owned Coal-Fired Generation

Facility	Size (nameplate capacity, MW; rounded)	Status
<b>Hibbing Public Utilities Commission</b>		
Hibbing 3	10	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
Hibbing 5	20	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
Hibbing 6	6	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
<b>Minnesota Power</b>		
Boswell unit 3	365	Operating
Boswell unit 4	558	Operating
Taconite Harbor Energy Center unit 1	75	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
Taconite Harbor Energy Center unit 2	75	Standby/backup: available for service but not normally used
<b>Otter Tail Power Company</b>		
Hoot Lake 2	54	Operating, full retirement by 2021
Hoot Lake 3	75	Operating, full retirement by 2020
<b>Xcel Energy</b>		
Sherburne County 1	680	Operating, full retirement by 2026
Sherburne County 2	682	Operating, full retirement by 2023
Sherburne County 3	876	Operating, proposed retirement by 2030
Allen S King	511	Operating, proposed retirement by 2028

- Most of the emissions reductions in the electric power sector have come from utilities retiring coal-fired electricity generating facilities.
- Recent and upcoming decisions by the MN Public Utilities Commission are expected to further reduce GHG emissions.
- Additionally, some utilities are beginning to seasonally dispatch existing coal-fired generating units ensuring economic operations with the potential for lower emissions.

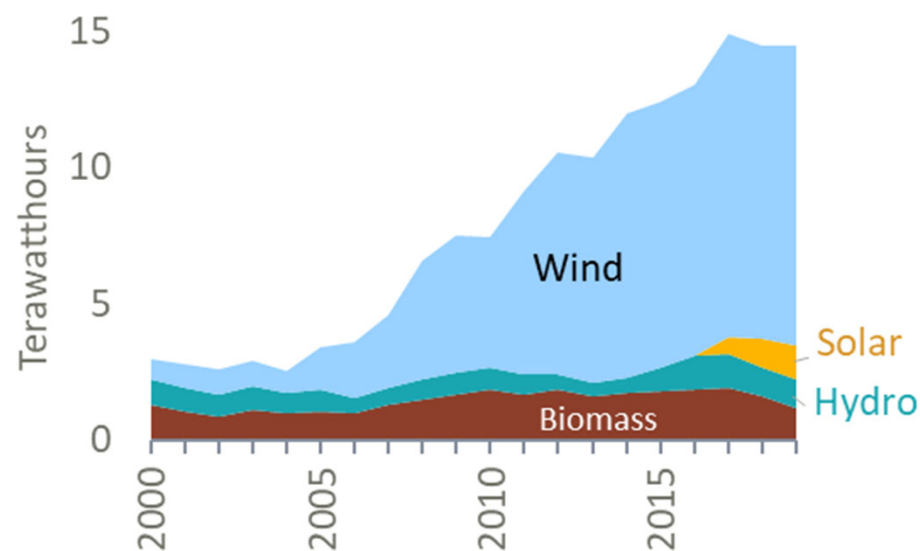
# Minnesota's electricity market is transforming

In 2020, Wind generated 22% of MN's electricity

Solar is at 3%, small but growing fast.

## MN Renewable Electricity Generation

source: U.S. EIA





# Changing the way we use the grid

**Grid Modernization**

**Interconnection**

**Data Access**

**Electrification**

# Electric Vehicles in Minnesota

- 18,000+ Plug in Electric Vehicles in Minnesota
- 7 million+ total registered vehicles in MN
- Of 265,000 new vehicle registrations in 2018, over 4,000 were EVs or PHEVs



# Energy Sector – Current Commitments

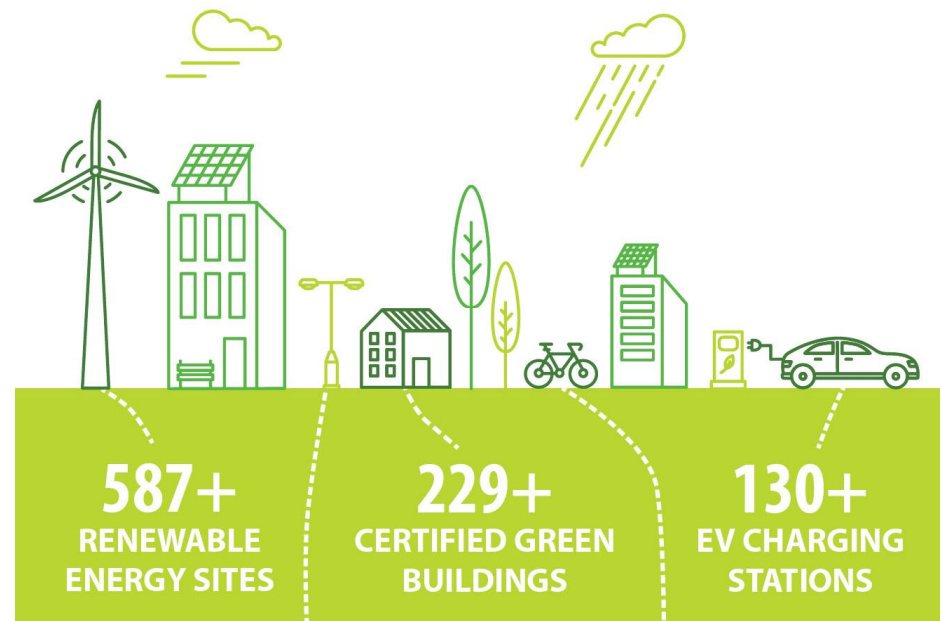
- **Xcel Energy:**
  - retire all coal for 80% carbon reduction by 2030
  - 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050
  - Net zero emissions natural gas by 2050
- **Great River Energy:** 95% carbon free by 2023
- **Minnesota Power:** 70% renewable by 2030, coal-free by 2035 & 100% carbon-free by 2050
- **SMMPA:** 80% carbon free in 2030
- **OTP:** 30% renewable energy & 40% carbon reduction by 2022



# GreenStep Cities

## By the numbers:

- 141 participants
- Covers 49% of Minnesota's population
- 35% are small cities (5,000 people or fewer)
- Achieves more than \$8 million savings per year on energy costs



# Climate and Energy Goals

City	Climate Goals	Renewable Goals
Grand Marais	<b>Climate Action Plan (2019):</b> Carbon Neutral by 2040	<b>Achieve energy resilience</b> <b>100% renewable</b> for city operations
Northfield	<b>Climate Action Plan (2019):</b> Carbon free by 2040	<b>10% in-boundary</b> renewable electricity ( <b>20 MW</b> ) <b>Carbon-free electricity</b> by 2030
Rochester	<b>Energy Action Plan (2017):</b> Supports state goal to reduce GHG emissions 80% by 2050	Mayoral proclamation: <b>100% renewable</b> electricity by 2031
St. Louis Park	<b>Climate Action Plan (2018):</b> Carbon neutral, community-wide by 2040	<b>100% renewable</b> electricity by 2030 <b>10% in-boundary (37 MW)</b> City ops currently at 100% renewable
St. Paul	<b>Climate Action and Resilience Plan (2019 draft):</b> Reduce emissions 50% by 2030, carbon neutral by 2050, community-wide	<b>10% in-boundary</b> renewable electricity ( <b>200 MW</b> )
Minneapolis	<b>Climate Action Plan (2013):</b> 80% reduction in emissions from 2005 by 2050, community-wide	<b>100% renewable</b> electricity by 2030 community-wide <b>100% renewable</b> electricity for city ops by 2022

Source: Great Plains Institute

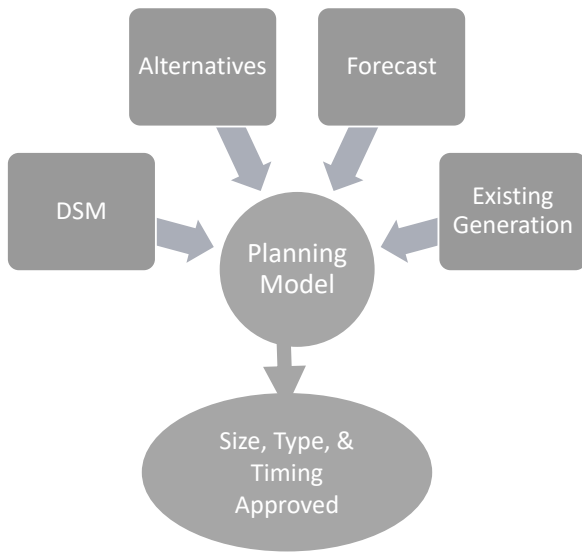


# Economy-Wide Strategies to Reduce Carbon Emissions

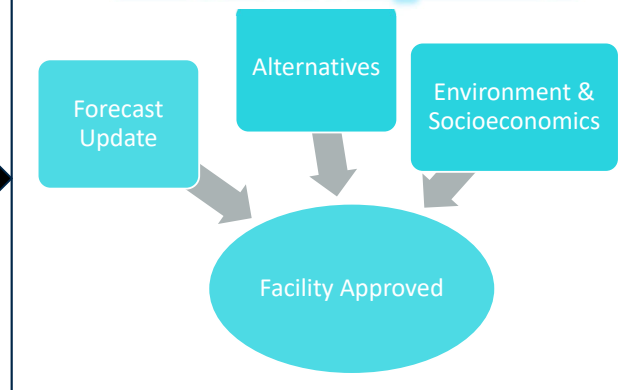
- Electricity/Power Sector – Walz/Flanagan 100% Path to Clean Energy
- Buildings – Building Performance Standards and Retrofitting
- Commercial/Industrial process – Waste energy capture (Infancy)
- Transportation – Decarbonization through Electrification and Biofuels
- Agriculture – Biofuels, Effectively lower-carbon fuel standards

**\*Leverage success in the power sector to decarbonize other sectors\***

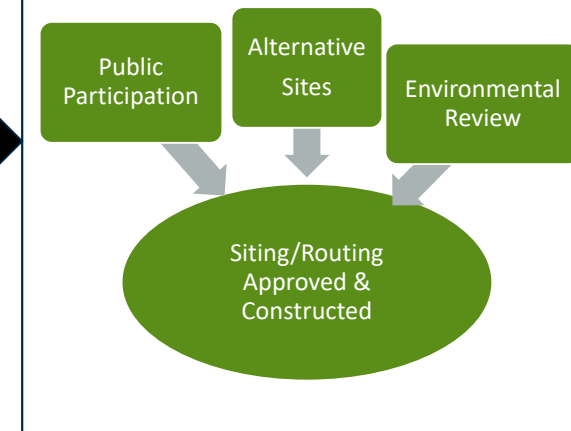
## Resource Planning



## Resource Acquisition

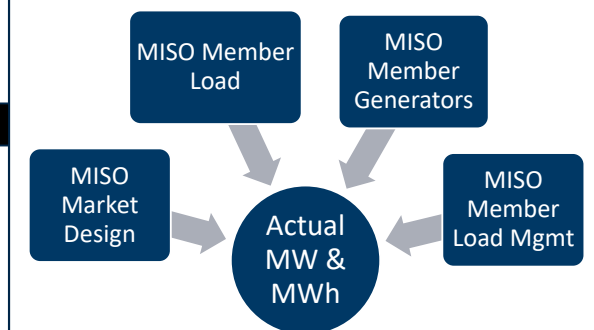


## Facility Siting & Routing

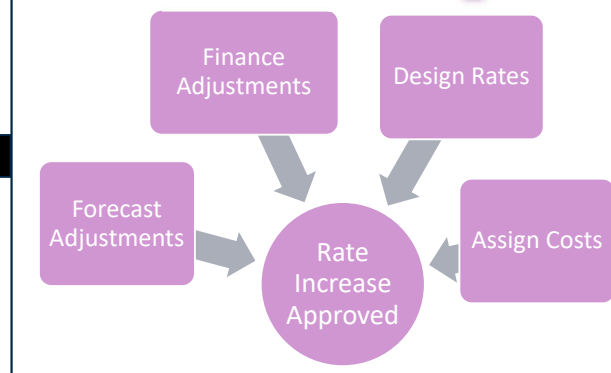


## The Commission's Regulatory Process

## Facility Operation



## Cost Recovery



# Thank you!

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