



# Innovative Ways to Support Cities and Municipalities

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Nashville's Sustainability Outlet







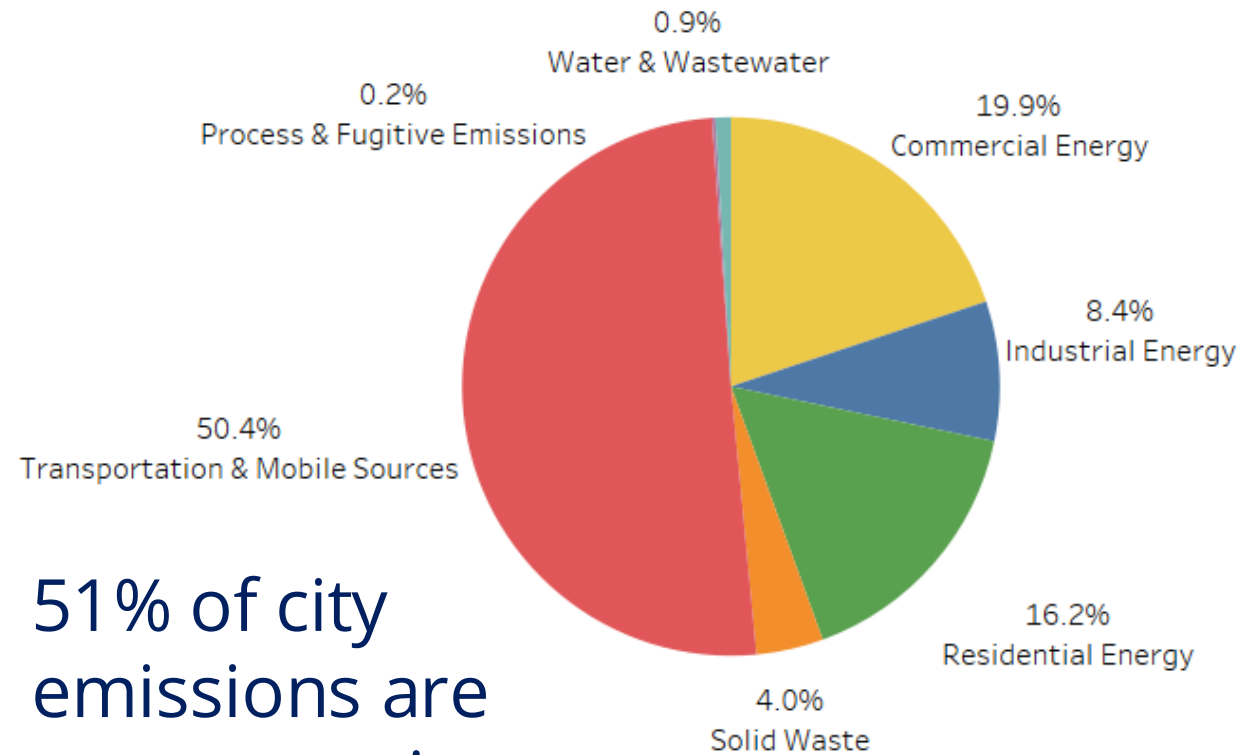




**SOUTHEAST  
ENERGY  
SUMMIT**



## 2019 Emissions by Sector



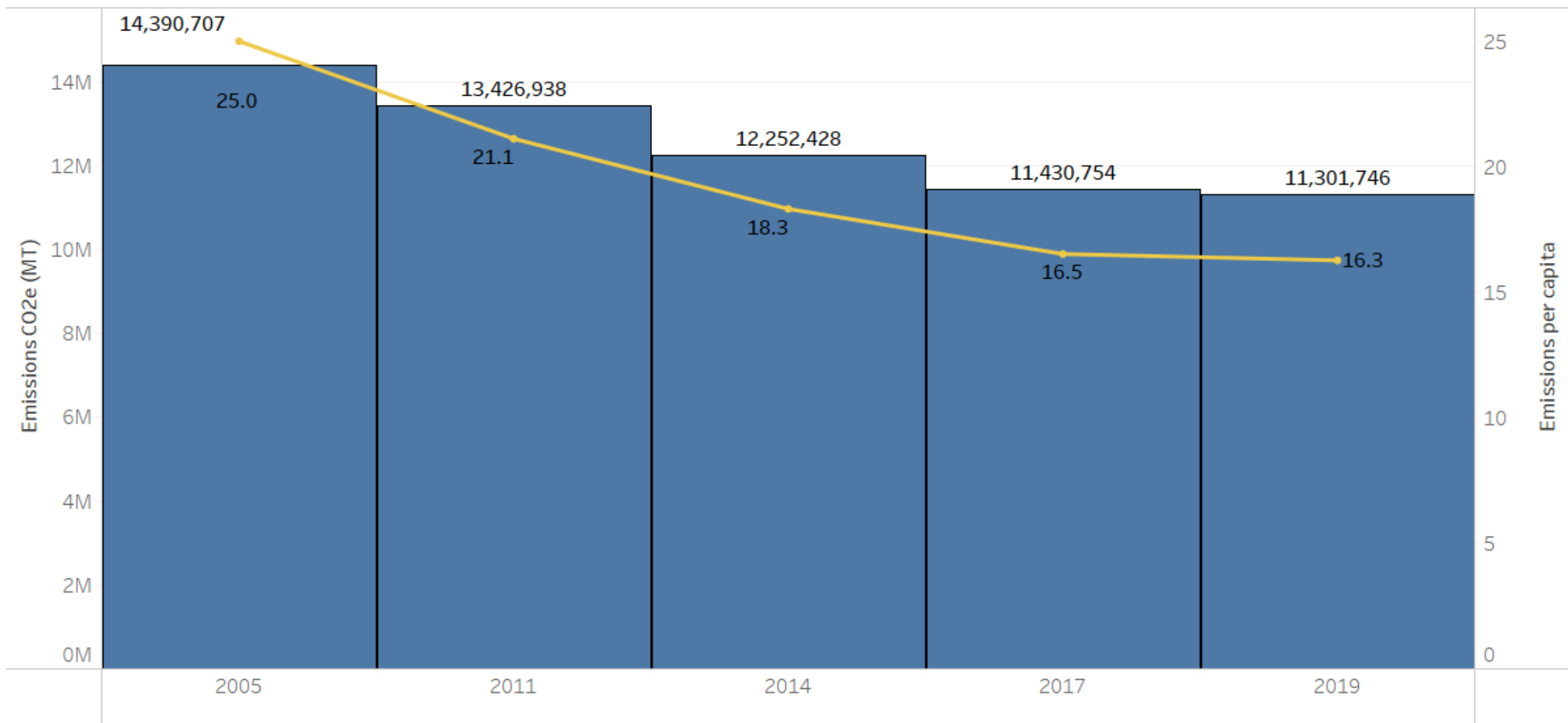
Energy use  
comprises 44%  
of the city's  
emissions

51% of city  
emissions are  
transportation  
-related





## Metro Nashville's Community GHG Emissions, per Capita





Nashville has committed to a  
greenhouse gas emissions target.

**80%**  
REDUCTION  
*by*  
**2050**





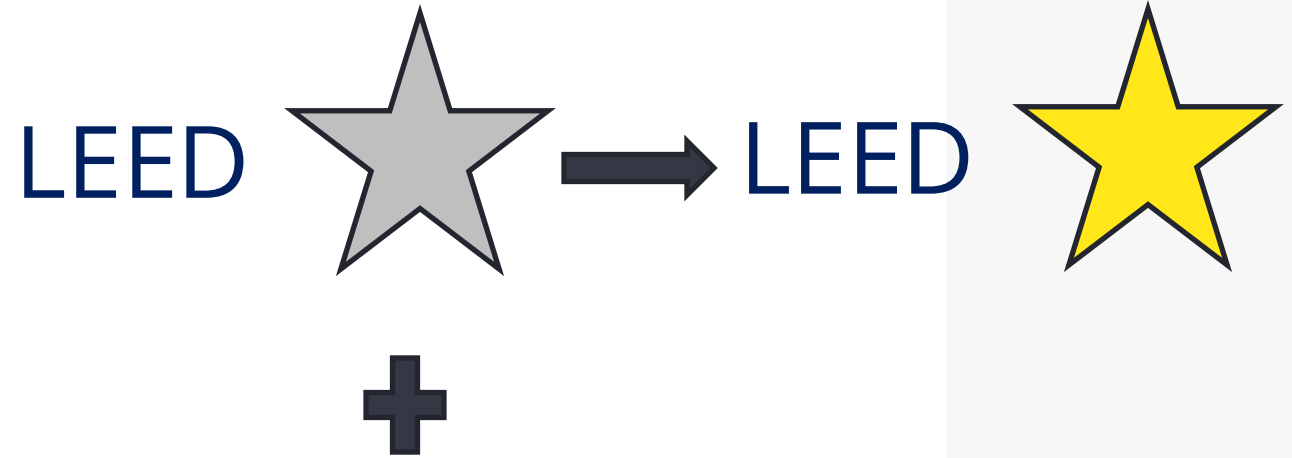
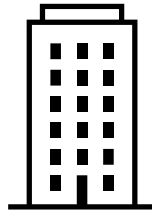


# Nashville's “Green New Deal”

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1. **Greener buildings now**
2. 100% renewable energy by 2041
3. Zero emissions city fleet by 2050

# Metro ordinance requires "greener" buildings



Retrofits to reduce energy use and  
reduce GHGs in existing facilities:

**12.5%**  
**LEED Zero**

**20%**  
energy use  
reduction  
across **9%**





# General Services LEED Buildings

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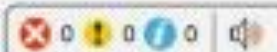


# Energy Management

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Diagrams

Tables

Trends

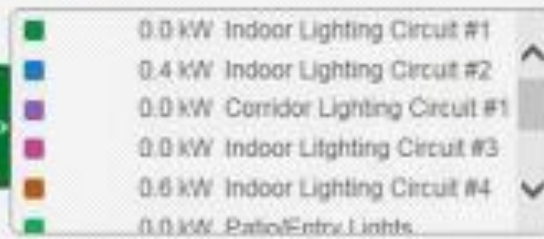
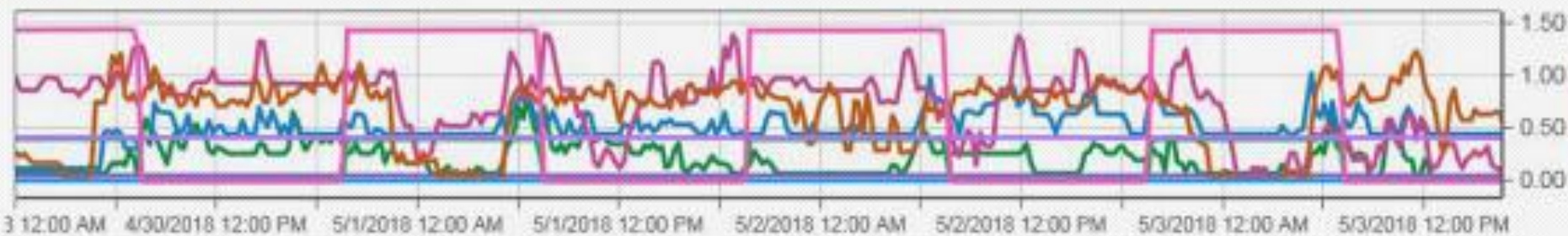
Alarms

Reports

## Interior Lighting

Updating...

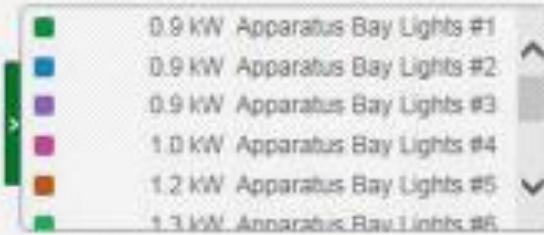
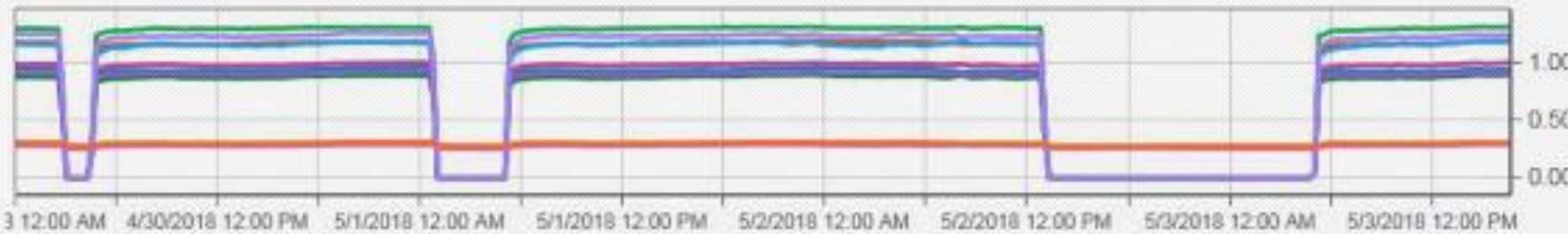
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## Apparatus Bay Lighting

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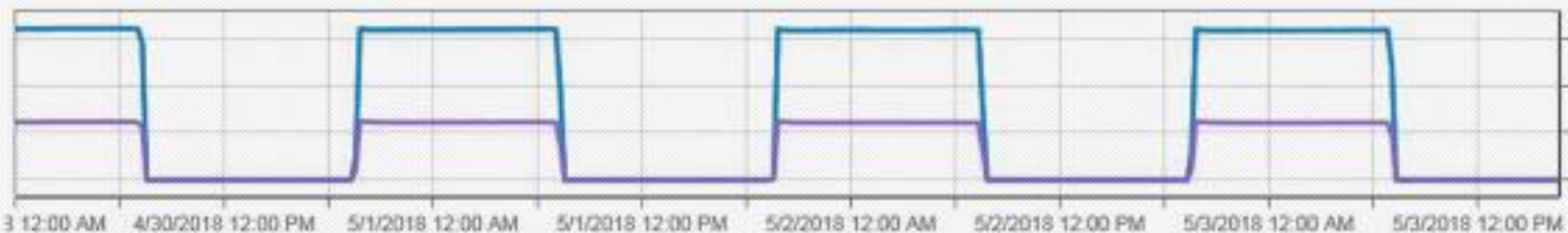
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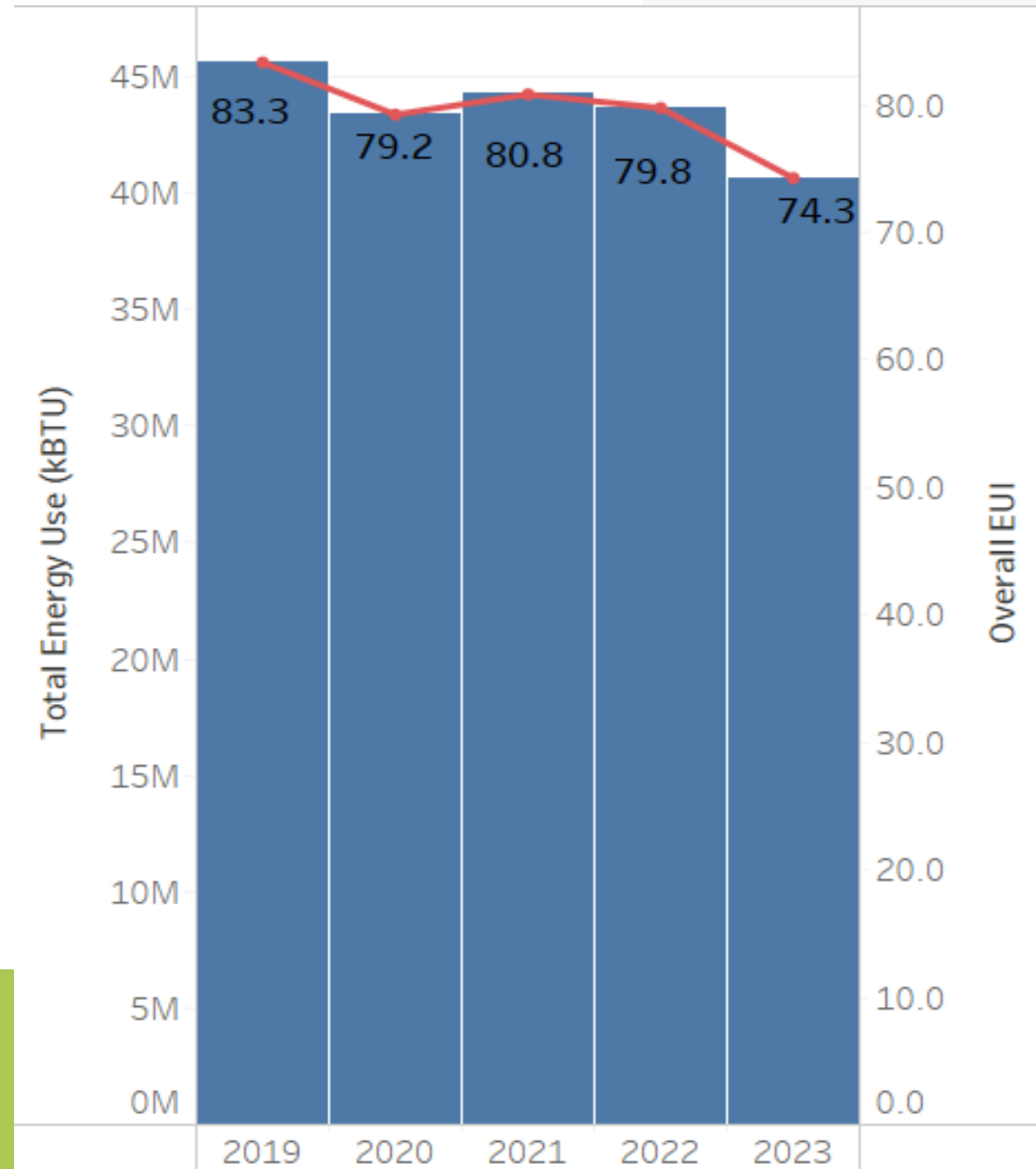
## Exterior Lighting

Update in 0.01

View: 3 days



# Energy Conservation Measures



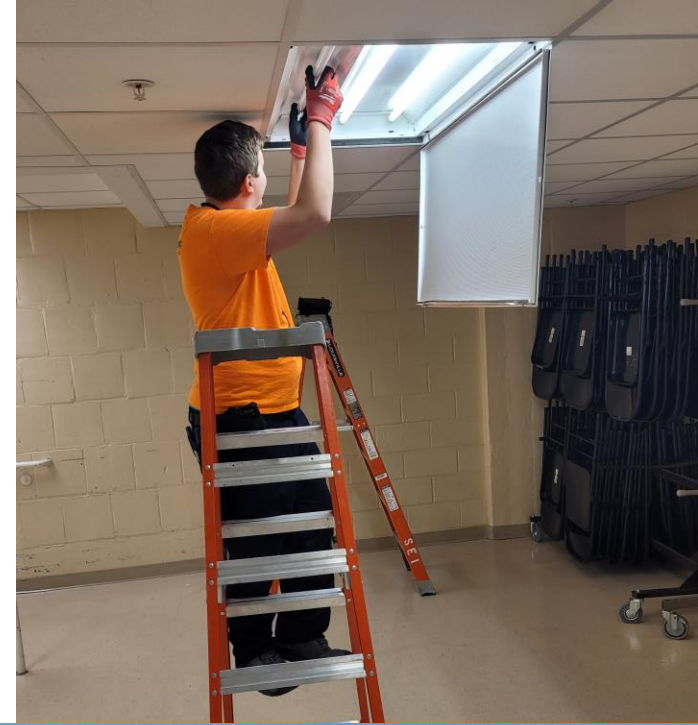




# Federal Funding: EECBG

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\$644,400 for LEDs & envelope sealing





# Informational Kiosks







# MetroConnect

## Hands On Education for Employees





# Urban Heat

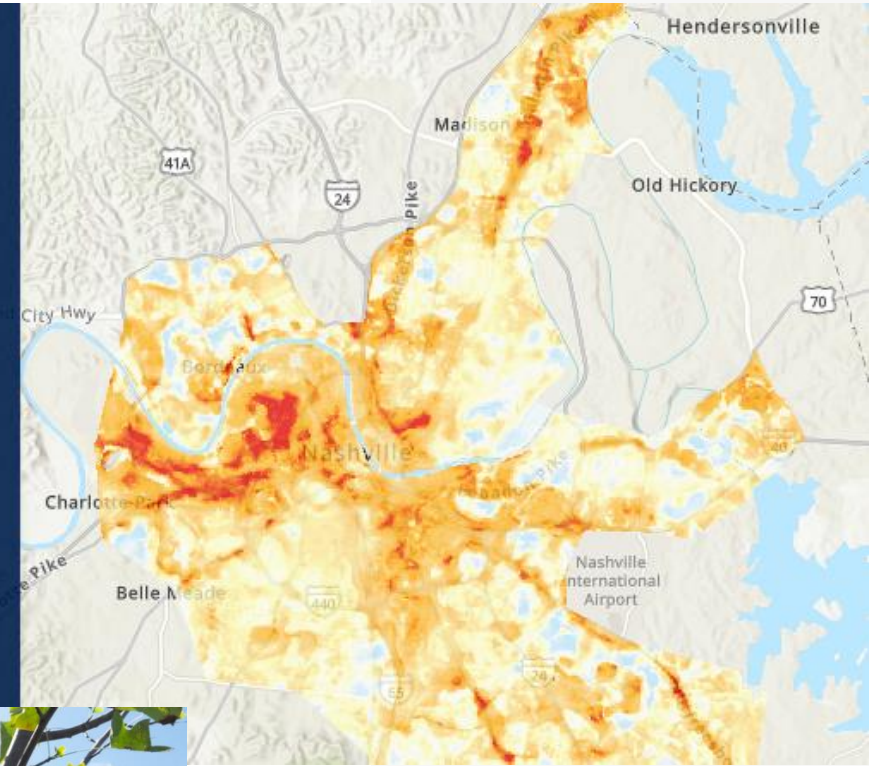
## Heat Mapping Tree Planting Cool Roofs

Afternoon air temperature and heat index estimates collected between 3-4 p.m. on August 14, 2022.

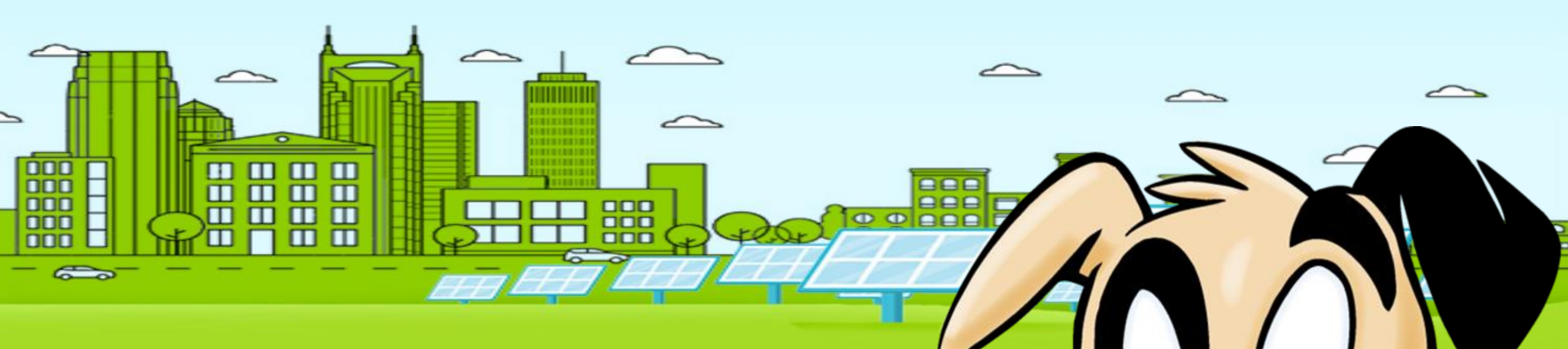
Afternoon Temperature



Degrees in Fahrenheit.







# Thank you!

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# Division of Planning and Development Department of Housing

Presented by Victoria Snelling  
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# Who we are:

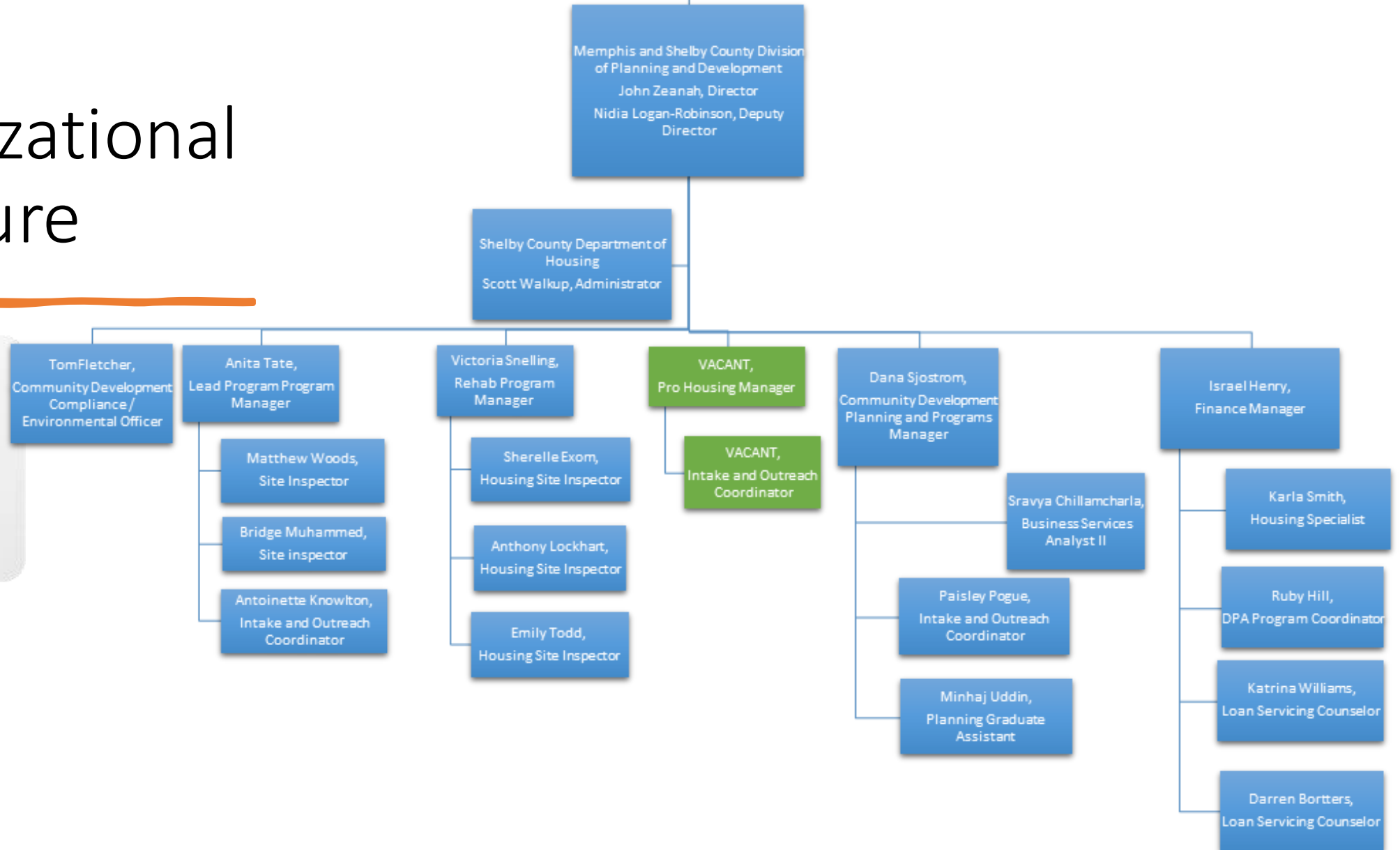
Dedicated professionals

Equity-focused programming

Social-impact at the forefront of our work

Public service delivery improvements

# Organizational Structure





# Our Programs

Lead Hazard  
Reduction  
Program

Rehabilitation  
Program

Down Payment  
Assistance  
Program

Community  
Development  
Projects

Public Services  
Activities for  
Seniors

Supportive  
Services for  
Survivors of  
Domestic Violence

# Our Funding Sources

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – urban county

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HOME Investment Partnerships Program – urban county

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HOME Investment Partnerships Program – City funds

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Local Funds – Shelby County wide

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Leverage Funds – Shelby County wide

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Foundation Grants – small initiatives ongoing

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HOME ARP - urban county

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CDBG-CV - complete

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# Our Impact Broadly

2024

- Rehab: 36 homeowners last year alone

2020-2024

- Lead: 150 since 2020 grant award

2024

- DPA: 53 clients last year alone

2020-2024

- CDBG-CV: 108 clients since 2020 grant awards + parks

2021-2024

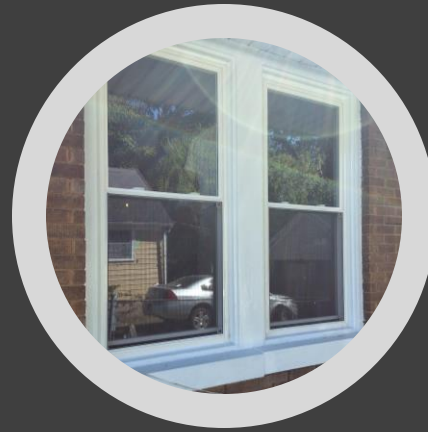
- HOME-ARP: 31 clients since 2021 grant award

2024

- 702 elderly clients in the urban county participated in arts events

# Rehab Program Initiatives

- Reduction of unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions
- Neighborhood preservation
- Neighborhood reinvestment and community pride
- Improvement to low and moderate-income owner occupants
- Correction of housing code violations
- Reducing energy burden
- Installation of Energy Efficient systems





# Housing Rehabilitation Process

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Step 1	Site Inspector will inspect the housing unit for codes compliance and health & safety violations
Step 2	Scope of Work and Contract are drafted and reviewed with Homeowner
Step 3	Pre-Construction Meeting is held with awarded Contractor and Homeowner
Step 4	Home Rehabilitation Construction is underway with multiple progression visits
Step 5	Final Inspection is conducted to ensure all energy efficient systems are installed properly and meet code compliance
Step 6	Warranty period of one year is in effect

# Our Immediate Impact

Before



After





# Our Immediate Impact

Before



After



# Rehab Program Funding Last Year



Funding Source	Units Complete	Total Invested
Shelby County CDBG	6	\$181,280.00
Shelby County HOME	12	\$355,799.00
Local Funds	16	\$581,800.50
City of Memphis HOME	2	\$47,700.00



Broader  
Outreach  
Also  
Happening

**A Free Webinar**



## How Local Governments Can Meet Both Housing and Climate Goals



Cities are facing dual crises: building more affordable housing and mitigating climate risks. Join the NYU Furman Center's Housing Solutions Lab for a virtual discussion of the different city-level strategies to utilize housing policy for climate action.



**Claudia Aiken**  
Director of New Research Partnerships  
Housing Solutions Lab

**Aisha Balogun**  
Special Projects Associate  
Housing Solutions Lab

**Wilson Kimball**  
President and CEO  
Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers, NY

**Dana Sjostrom**  
Planning and Programs Manager  
Housing Department of Memphis and Shelby County, TN

 **2 October, 2024**

 **2:00 pm - 2:45 pm ET**

 **Online**

 **Register NOW**

# Professionalization Opportunities



MANY OF US IN ADVANCED  
DEGREE PROGRAMS



NEW CERTIFICATIONS  
SOUGHT



INTEREST AND GROWTH  
EVIDENT IN OUR TEAM

How can  
we support  
each other?

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We are on the same team

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We have common goals

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We care about community impact

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Support acceptance of grant funds

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Support grant-directed activities

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Help us secure new funds



# Grants and New Funding

2024 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant award announcement

2022 and 2024 Weatherization foundation funds

2024 Weatherization Cooperation Grant with the City

2024 PRO Housing Grant application submission

Others on the horizon!

# Weatherization Training & Community Outreach



Housing Department in the Community!

# Thank you!



Happy to take questions



Please reach out anytime



We want to support your  
efforts to support our residents





# Spatial Data Visualization Platform for Integrating Energy Efficiency into Community Planning and Engagement

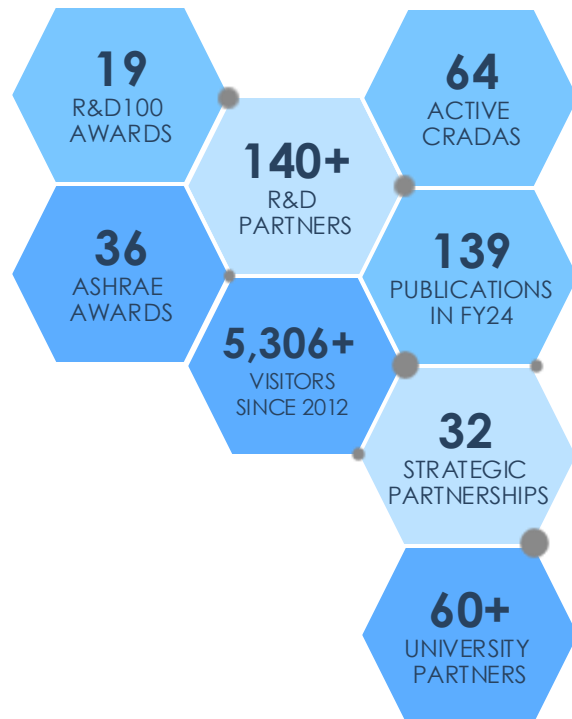
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Oak Ridge National Laboratory  
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

# Introduction

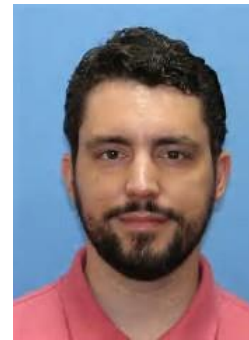
- BTRIC (DOE's only designated user facility for early-stage R&D in building technologies)



Melissa Lapsa  
Building Technologies  
Program Manager



- Urban Energy Modeling Team



Joshua New



Frank Li



Shovan  
Chowdhury



Avery  
Stubbings

- Building Energy Modeling Team



Piljae Im



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Huang



Yeonjin  
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Yanfei Li



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# Community Planning

Stakeholders <=> Community Boards <=> Community



<https://gis.pittsburghpa.gov/pghzoning/>

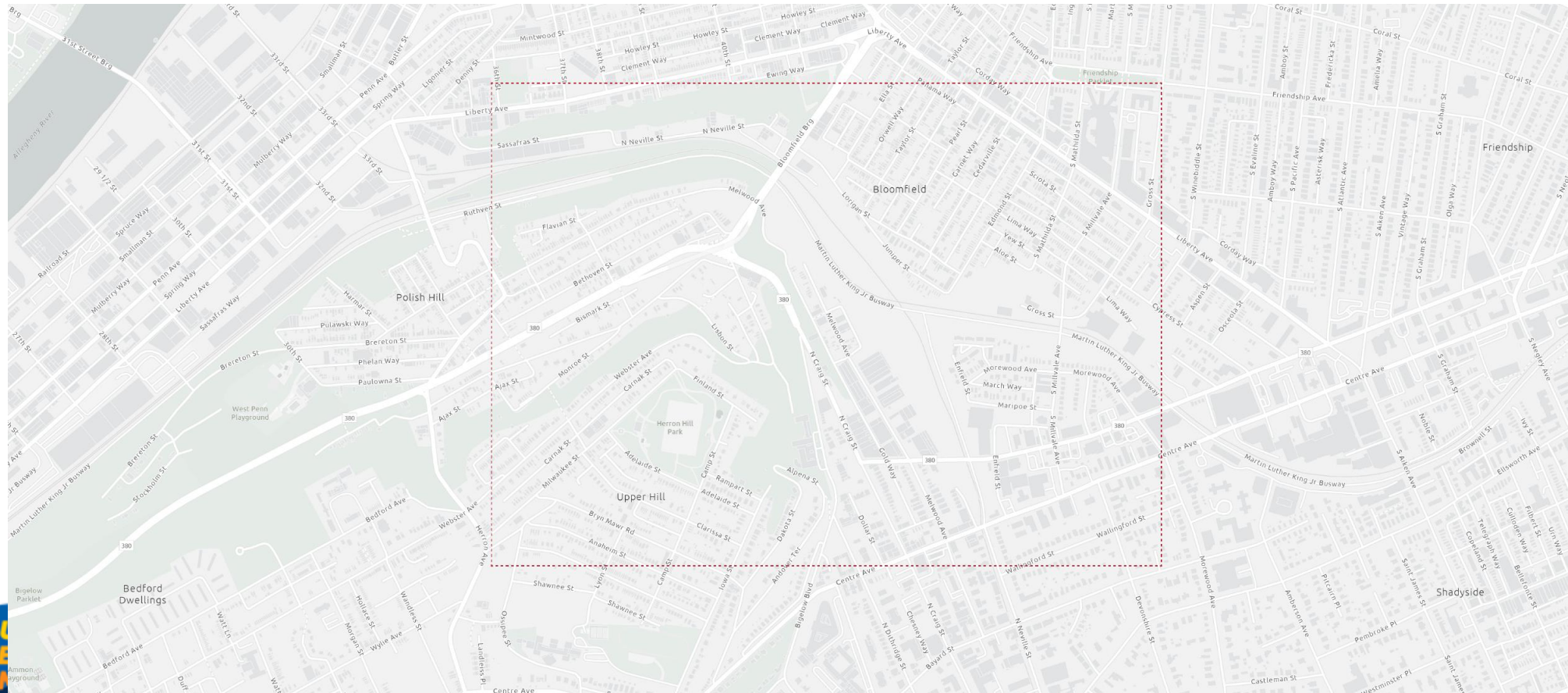
*Who will be impacted?*





# Community Planning (cont.)

- Define community interests/needs/goals





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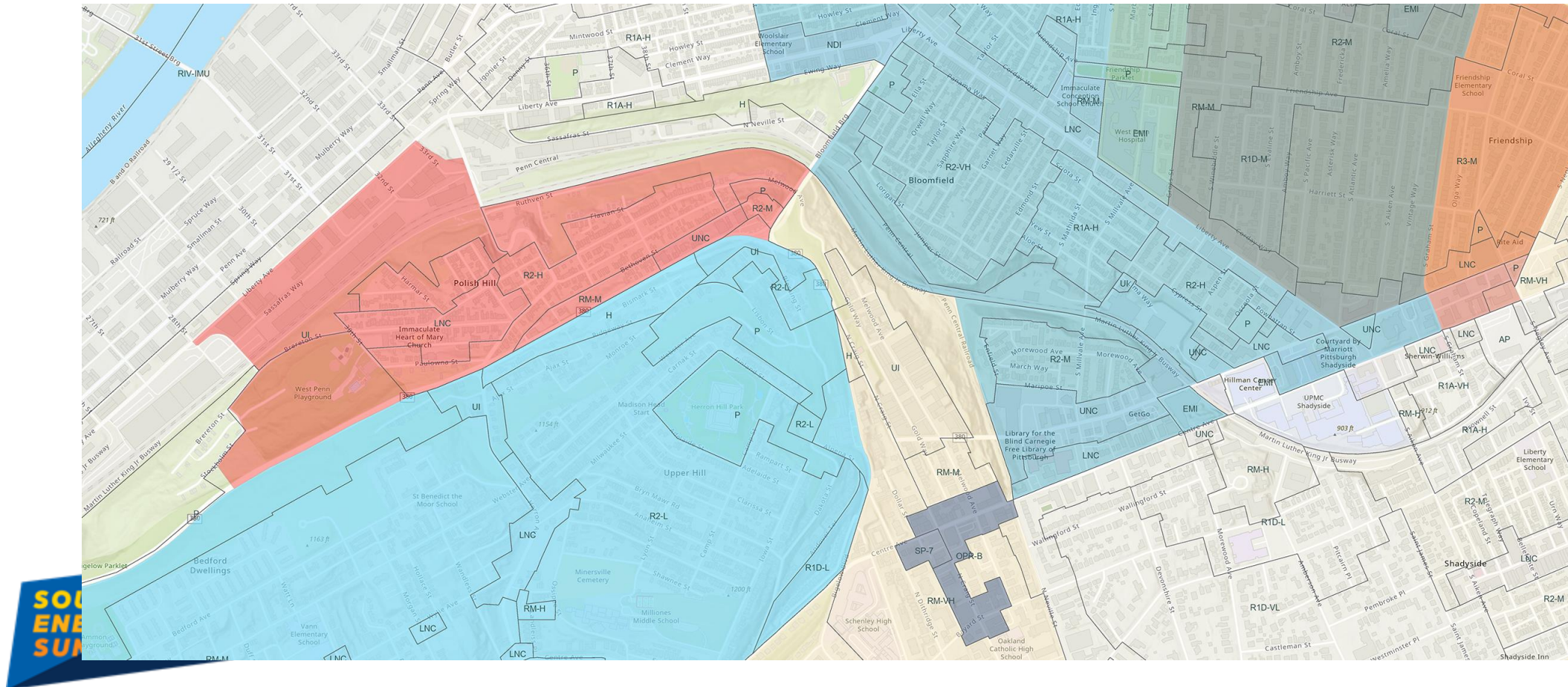
- Coordinate with multi-scale parameters





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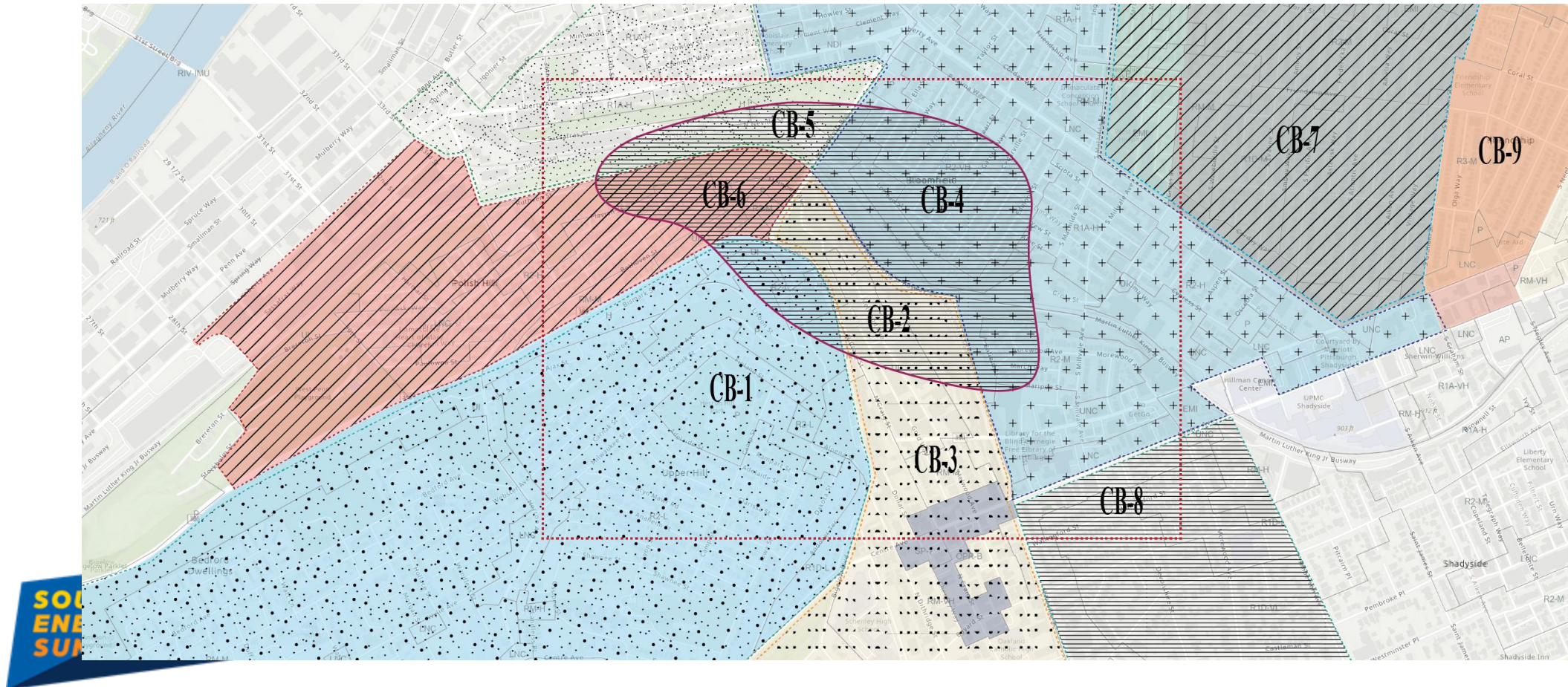
- Perform scenario-based analysis





# Community Planning (cont.)

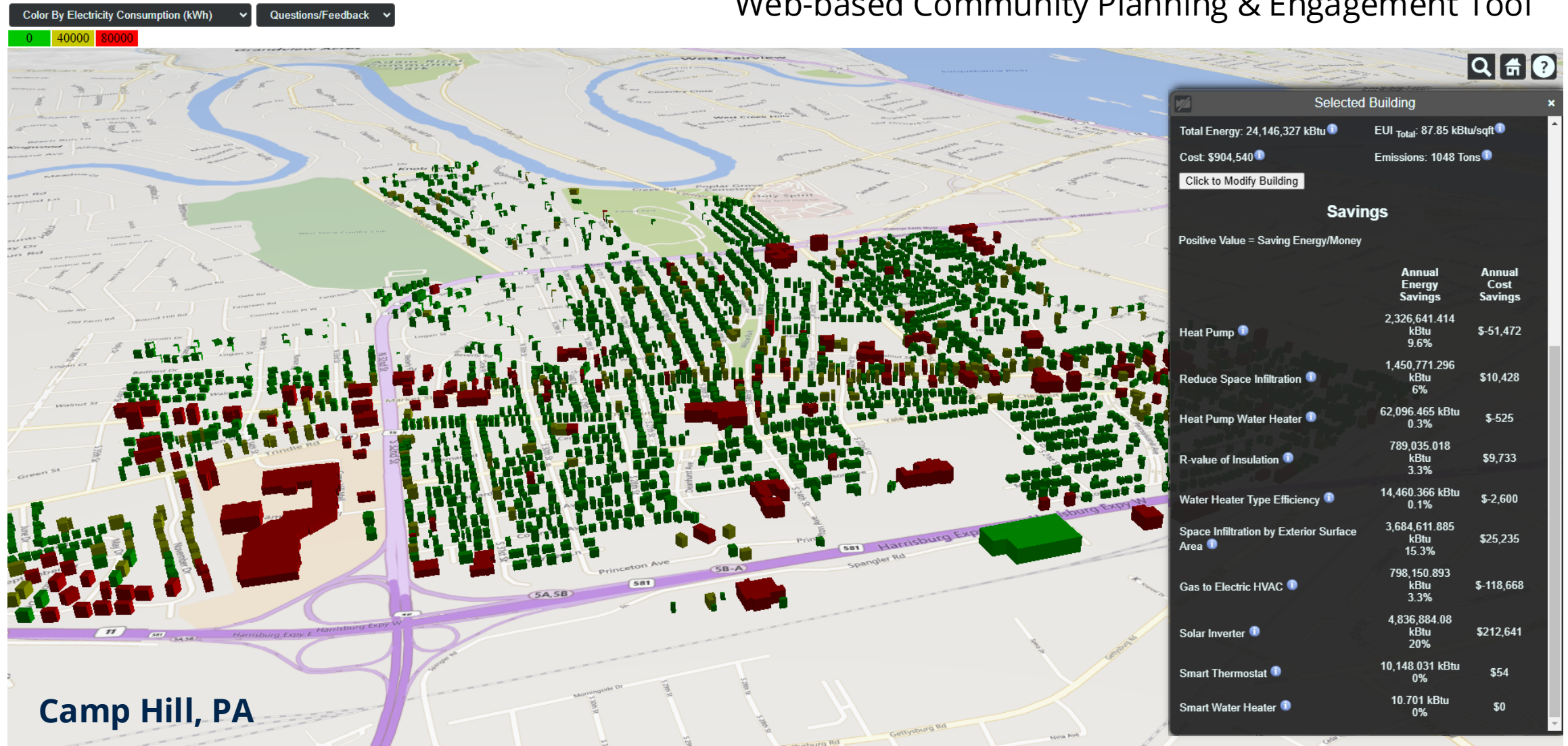
- Layer specific urban conditions





# UrbanScape

## Web-based Community Planning & Engagement Tool

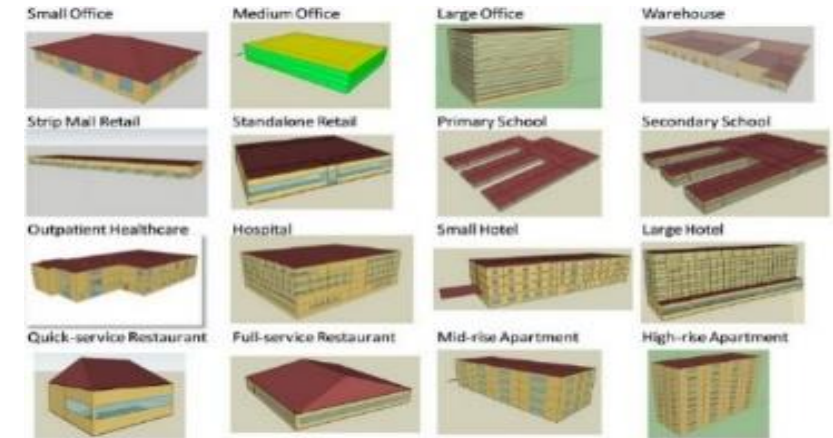


# AutoBEM

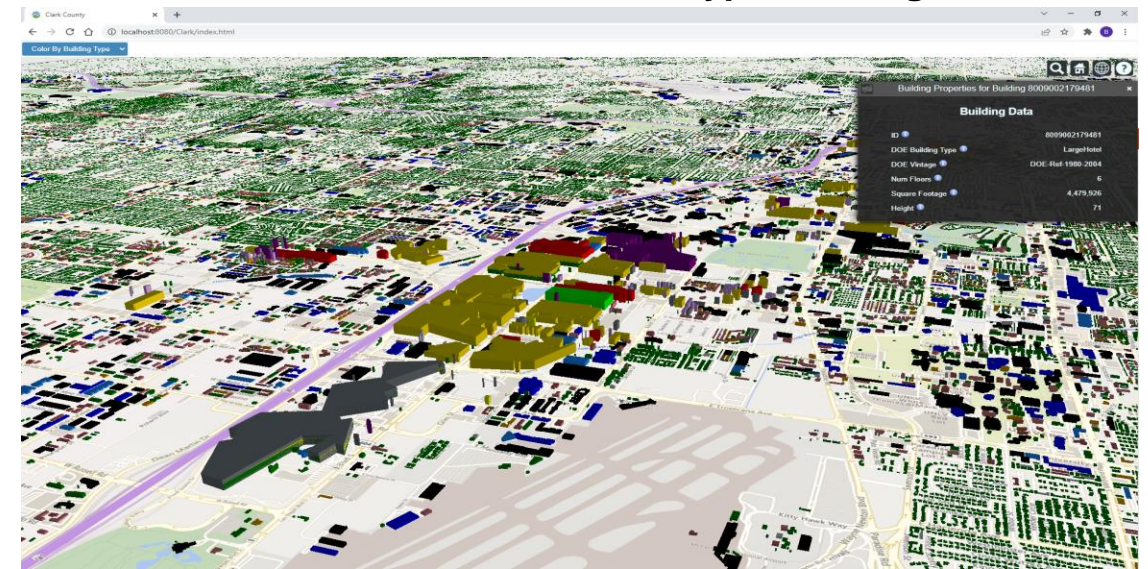
- AutoBEM develops building energy models using OpenStudio and simulates Models using EnergyPlus
- Building properties as inputs
  - Building Footprint
  - Building Height
  - Building Type
  - Building Age
- Internal characteristics and other building properties (occupancy, equipment, insulation, etc.) determined non-intrusively by building type and year built



OpenStudio  
o



DOE Prototype Buildings



Clark County (Las Vegas) Modeling Example

<https://bit.ly/AutoBEM>





# Model America Dataset

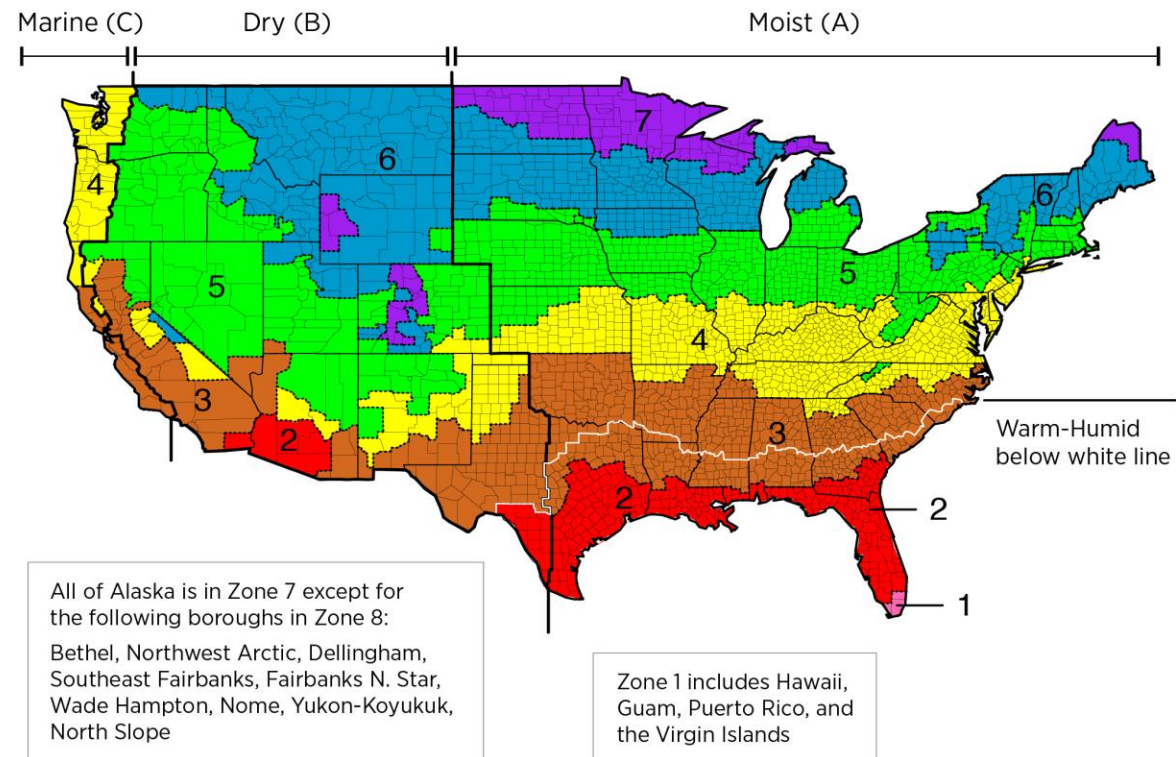
- Data and models of every U.S. building
  - MAv1: Version 1.0
    - Open access via <https://bit.ly/ModelAmerica1>
    - 125,714,640 buildings; 124,276,332 simulated
    - 122,930,327 models (97.8%) shared
    - OpenStudio (v3.2.0) and EnergyPlus (v9.5)
    - Organized by State\_county.zip
    - Location-specific requires NDA
  - MAv2: Version 2.0
    - Still in progress
    - ~140 million building



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Abstract	<p>The 5-year goal of the "Model America" concept was to generate a model of every building in the United States. This data repository delivers on that goal with "Model America v1".</p> <p>Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) has developed the Automatic Building Energy Modeling (AutoBEM) software suite to process multiple types of data, extract building-specific descriptors, generate building energy models, and simulate them on High Performance Computing (HPC) resources. For more information, see AutoBEM-related publications (<a href="https://bit.ly/AutoBEM">bit.ly/AutoBEM</a>).</p> <p>There were 125,715,609 buildings detected in the United States. Of this number, 122,146,671 (97.2%) buildings resulted in a successful generation and simulation of a building energy model. This dataset includes the full 125 million buildings. Future updates may include additional buildings, data improvements, or other algorithmic model enhancements in "Model America v2".</p> <p>This dataset contains OSM and IDF zip files for every U.S. county. Each zip file contains the generated buildings from that county.</p> <p>This data is made free and openly available in hopes of stimulating any simulation-informed use case. Data is provided as-is with no warranties, express or implied, regarding fitness for a particular purpose. We wish to thank our sponsors which include Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Laboratory Directed Research and Development (LDRD), U.S. Dept. of Energy's (DOE) Building Technologies Office (BTO), Office of Electricity (OE), Biological and Environmental Research (BER), and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA).</p>												
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# Future Typical Meteorological Weather Data (fTMY)

- 4 SSP, RCP Scenarios weather files
- Covers from 1980 to 2100
- Every CONUS county (3,281) and 18 cities
  - Representative cities of each climate zone (intl use)
- 6 Climate Models from various climate institutions around the globe
  - ACCESS-CM2; BCC-CSM2-MR; CNRM-ESM2-1; MPI-ESM1-2-HR; MRI-ESM2-0; NorESM2-MM
- 9 Weather Variables
  - Air Temp; Longwave; Shortwave; Vapor Pressure; Vapor Pressure Deficit; Relative Humidity; Precipitation; Wind; Pressure

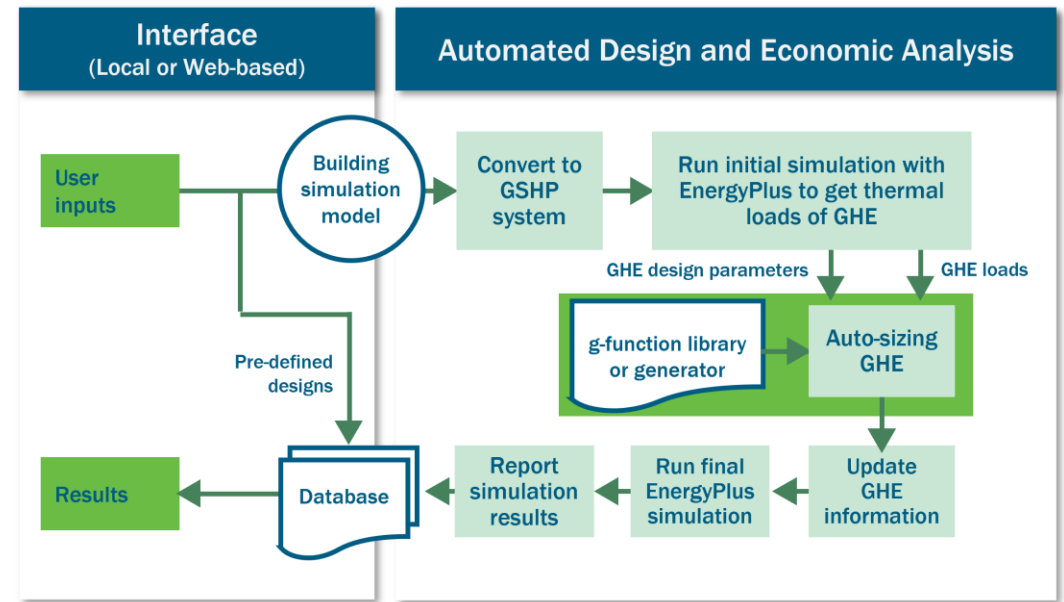
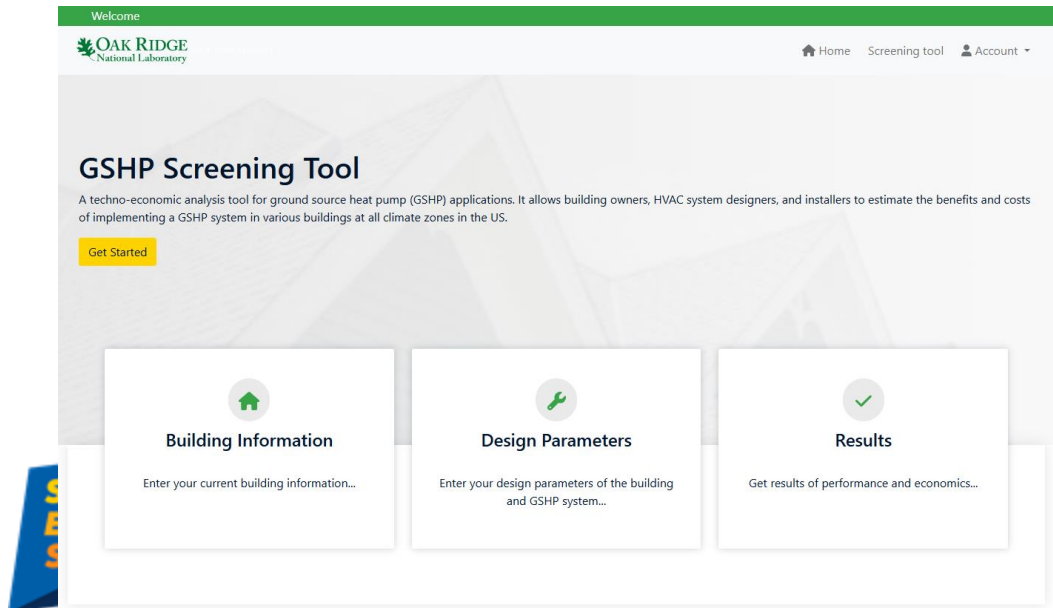


<https://bit.ly/fTMY>

# Existing Applications

## *Ground-source Heat Pump (GSHP) Screening Tool*

- <https://gshp.ornl.gov/>
- Utilize the state-of-the-art building energy simulation programs: OpenStudio and EnergyPlus
- Integrated with the latest development in Geothermal Heat Exchange (GHE) modeling to increase flexibility, speed, and accuracy
- Automatically create building energy models, size HVAC equipment and GHE, and evaluate the economics of GSHP retrofit for almost any existing building in the U.S.

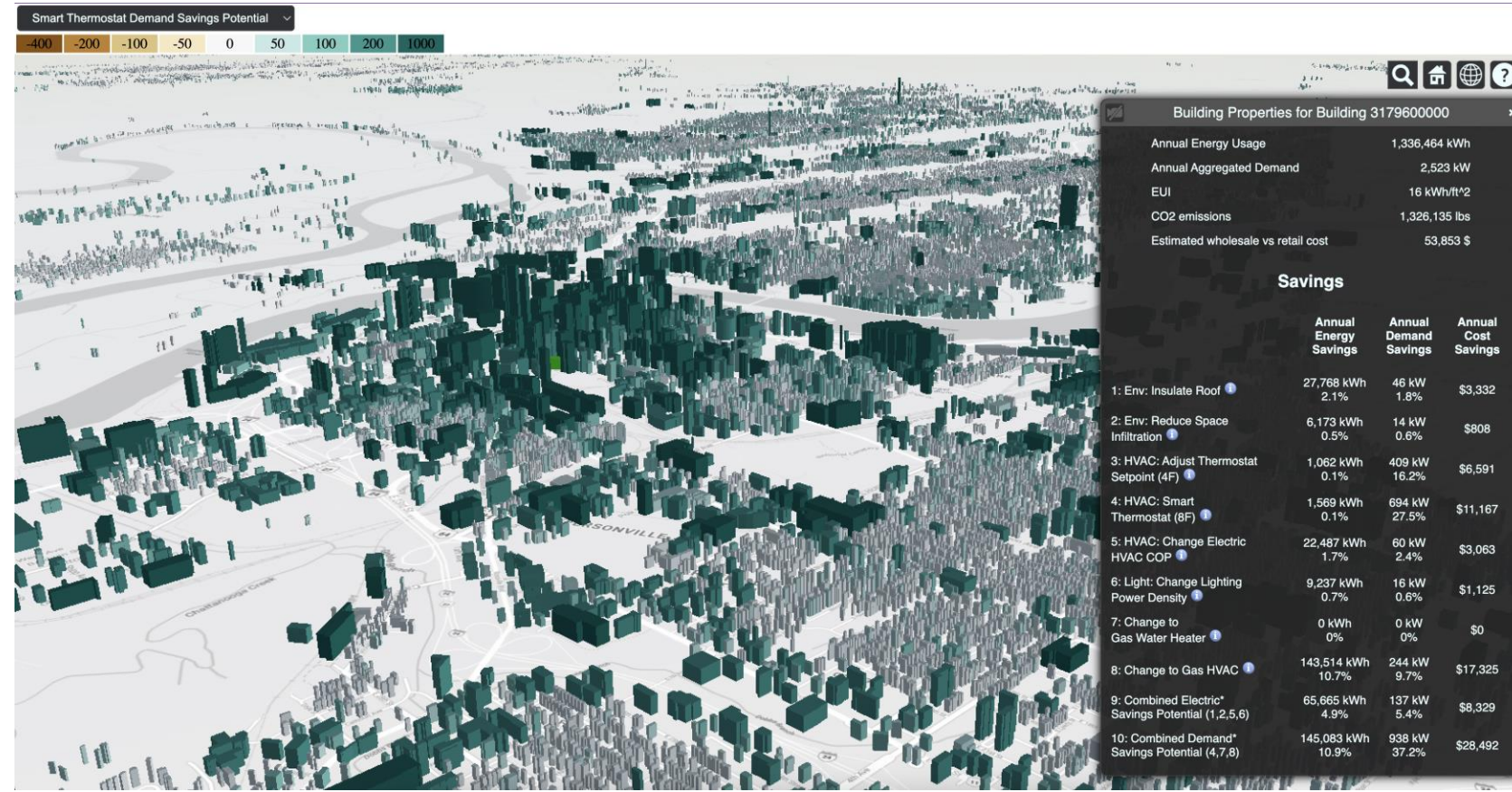




# Existing Applications

## *Virtual EPB (Chattanooga)*

- Used EPB's 15-minute electricity data along with GIS data to build a “digital twin” of Chattanooga, i.e., a calibrated building energy model, for each of the 178,000 buildings in EPB's service territory

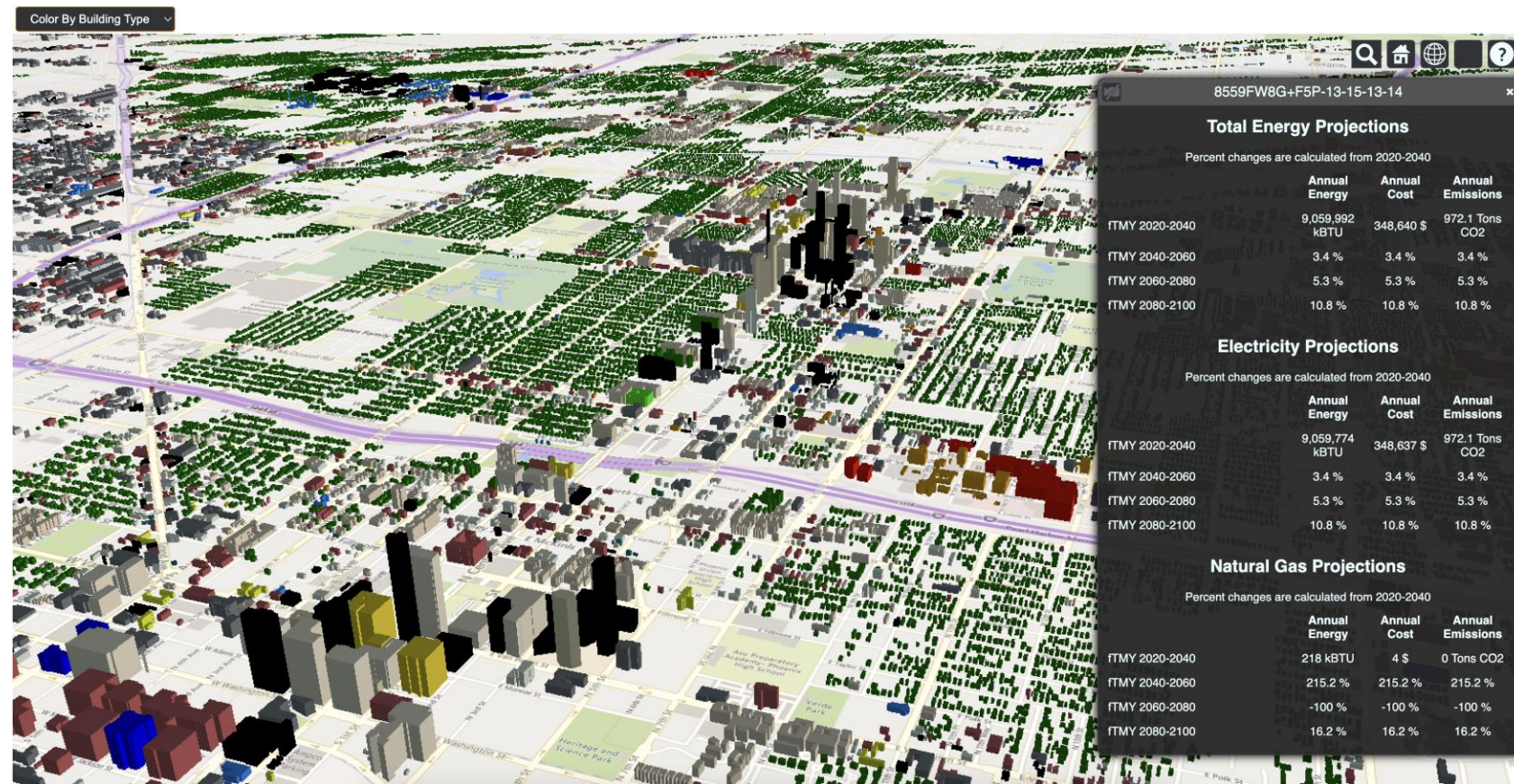




# Existing Applications

## *Southwest Integrated Field Laboratory project*

- Generate Publicly-available data and building energy models for 2,555,152 buildings in Arizona
- Study climate change impacts through year 2100 under IPCC's SSP-5, RCP-8.5 for each building in Maricopa County of Phoenix, AZ

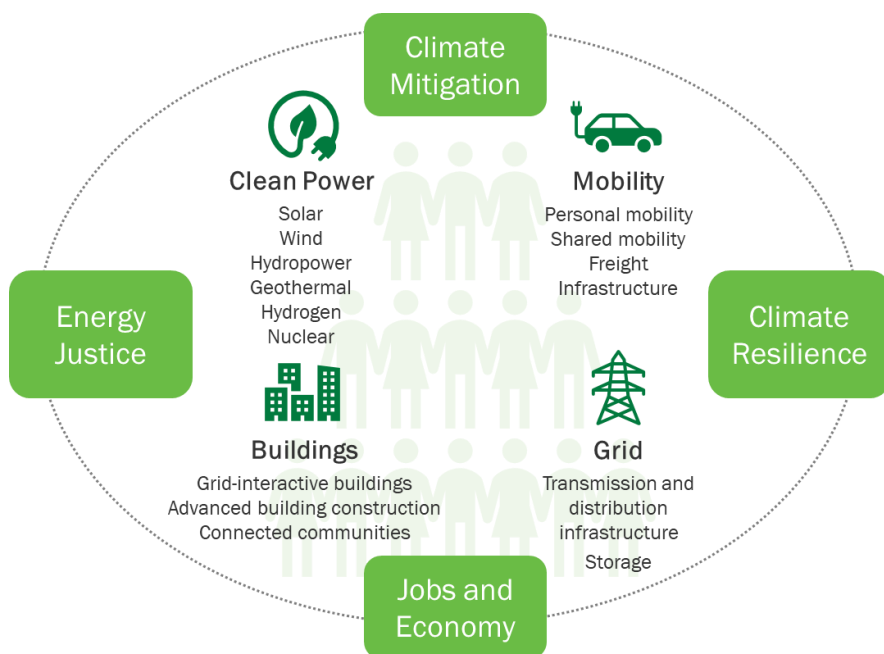


<https://ess.science.energy.gov/urban-ifls/sw-ifl/>



# C2C: Clean Energy to Communities

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C2C will provide innovative, cross-cutting technical solutions using an integrated approach



Note: “Local government” can include city, town, or county governments, tribal government, metropolitan planning organization, or regional planning organization.

The C2C was developed based on feedback from more than 160 community stakeholders and validated through piloting in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Cohoes, New York.

Additional information: [www.nrel.gov/c2C](http://www.nrel.gov/c2C) and <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy23osti/85084.pdf>






# Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) Program Participants

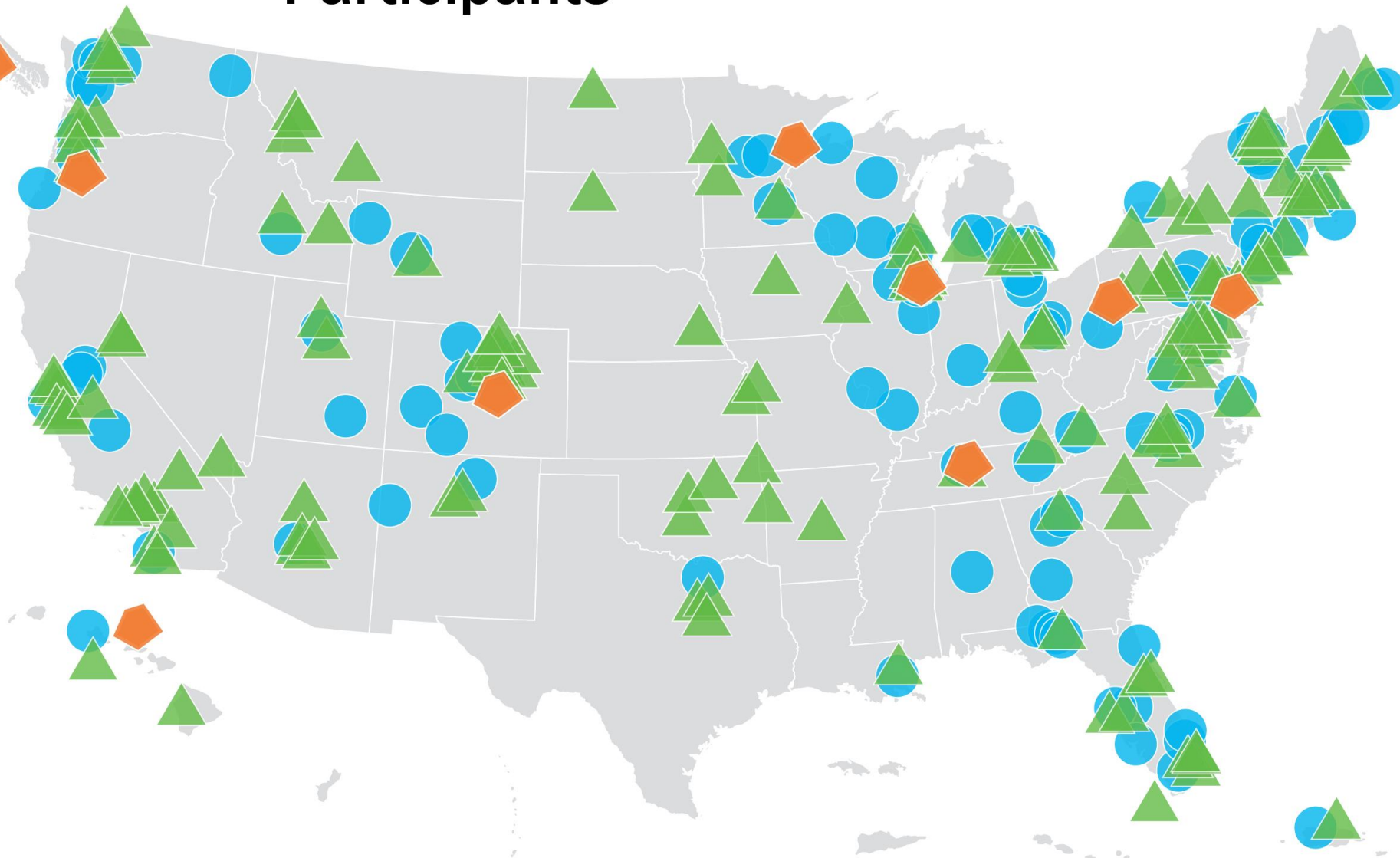


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## Program Offering

-  Expert Match
-  Peer-Learning Cohorts
-  In-Depth Partnerships



Updated 10/17/24

# ORNL's Technical Assistance Request

- Completed TA
  - Camp Hill, PA: Community Engagement
  - Barrio Carite, Puerto Rico: Clean Energy Solution; Stakeholder Engagement
  - Lansing, MI: GSHP Design
  - Raymond, NH: GSHP Design
  - Rockland, ME: HP Retrofitting
  - Brainerd, MN: CHP System Design
  - UT-Knoxville: Solar Siting & Sizing
  - Stowe, VT: Smart Grid Baseline
- Ongoing TA
  - AppVoices: VPP programs in rural Appalachia
  - Floyd, KY: Climate Mitigation & Resilience
  - Hartford, VT: GSHP & District Heating
  - Montour, IA: Building
  - Cross River, NY: Building
  - Columbus, IN: Solar Siting & Sizing
  - South Yarmouth, MA: Clean Power
  - St. Louis, MO: Clean Power
  - East Harris, TX: Mobility System
  - Viroqua, WI: Mobility System



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