



# City of Ames Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory



# Agenda

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Community Comparison

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Climate Vulnerability Assessment Review

Citywide Solar PV Energy Potentials Study



# Introduction



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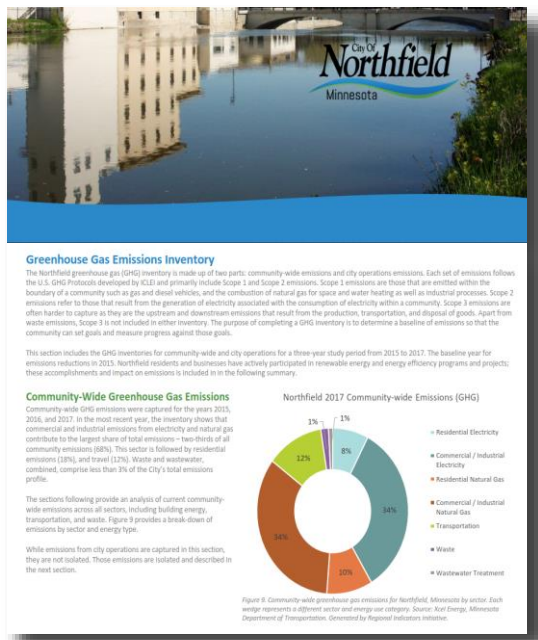
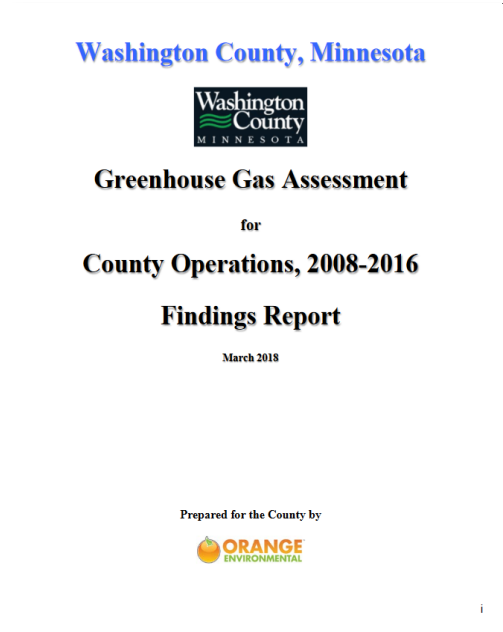
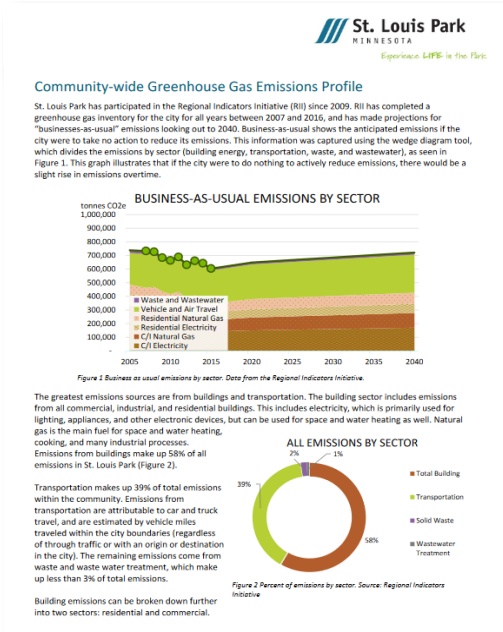
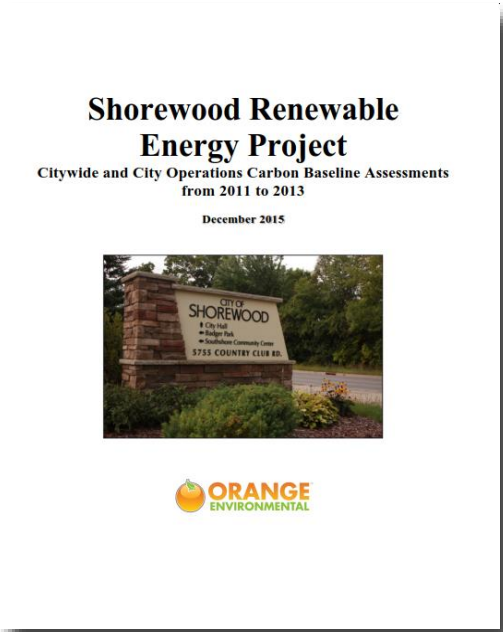
Climate, and Energy Planning  
experience in last 5 years:  
45+ Projects in 20 states



# Introduction



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GHG Inventory and Environmental  
 Planning Experience:  
**58+ analyses for 44  
 Communities**

# Introduction – Project Overview

## Community GHG Inventory Citywide Emissions + City Operation Emissions

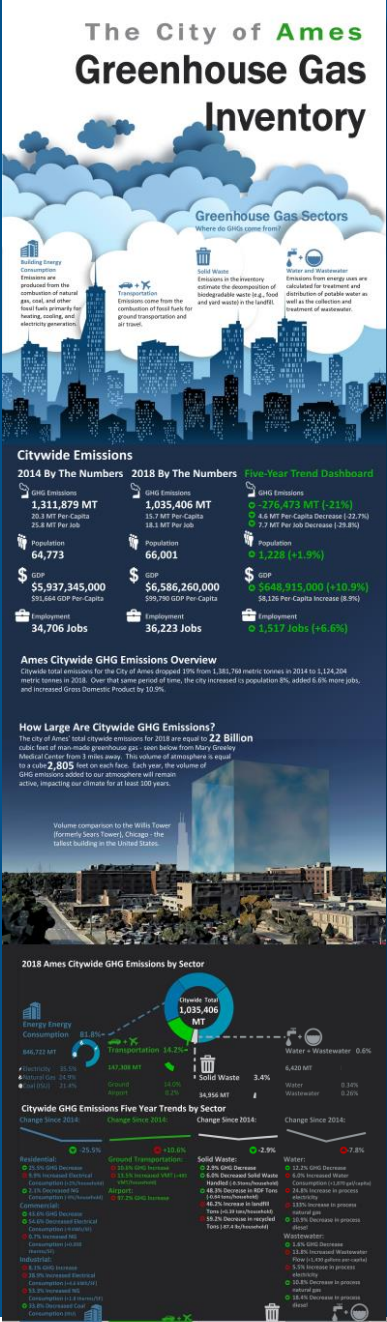
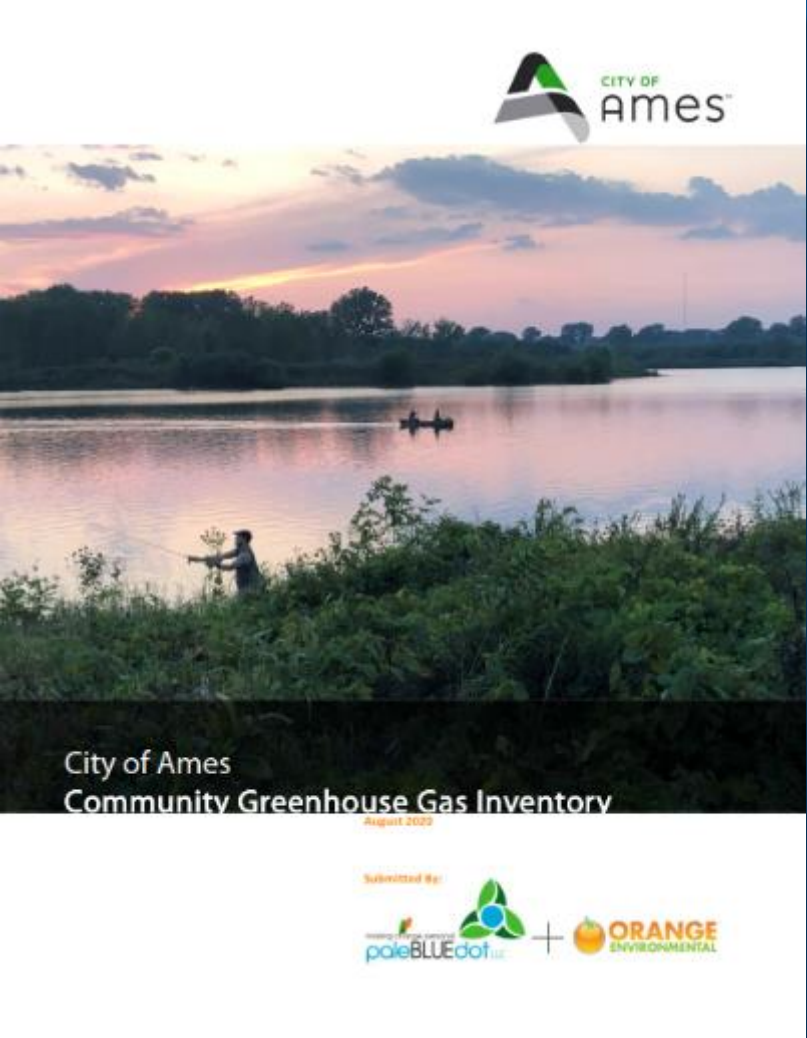
### Deliverables:

Custom Inventory Tools Enabling Future Efforts:

- Data Collection Tool
- GHG Calculator Tool
- User Manuals

Report with Supporting Appendices

Infographic



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City of Ames Climate Projections

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Vulnerable Populations Mapping

City of Ames Climate Hazards and Risks

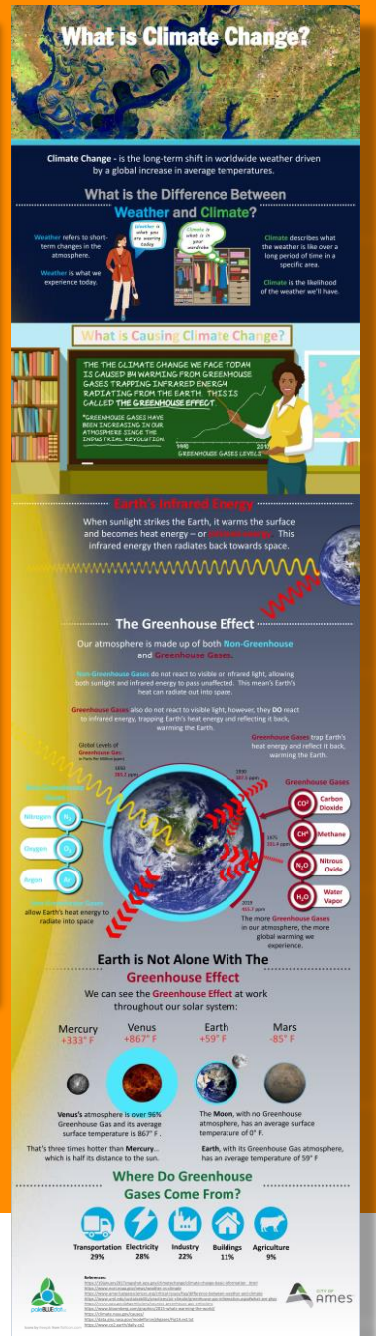
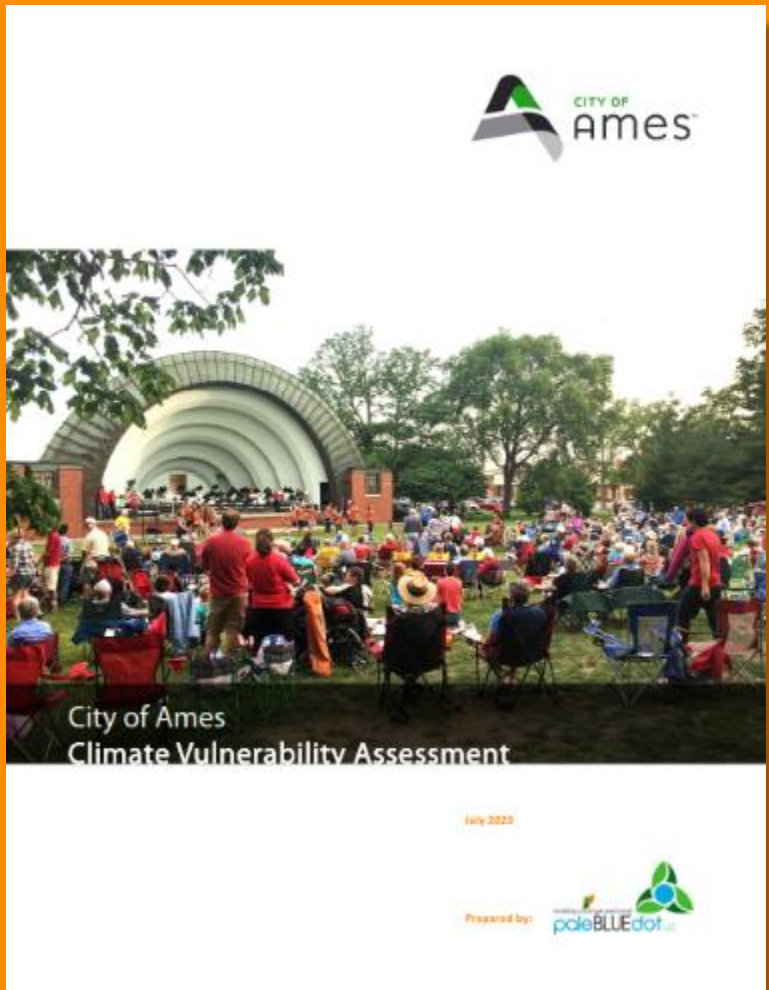
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Deliverables:

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## Citywide Solar PV Potentials Study

Overview of Solar Technology

Calculation of Citywide Rooftop Solar Capacity

Market Absorption Scenario Projections

Environmental and Economic Potential

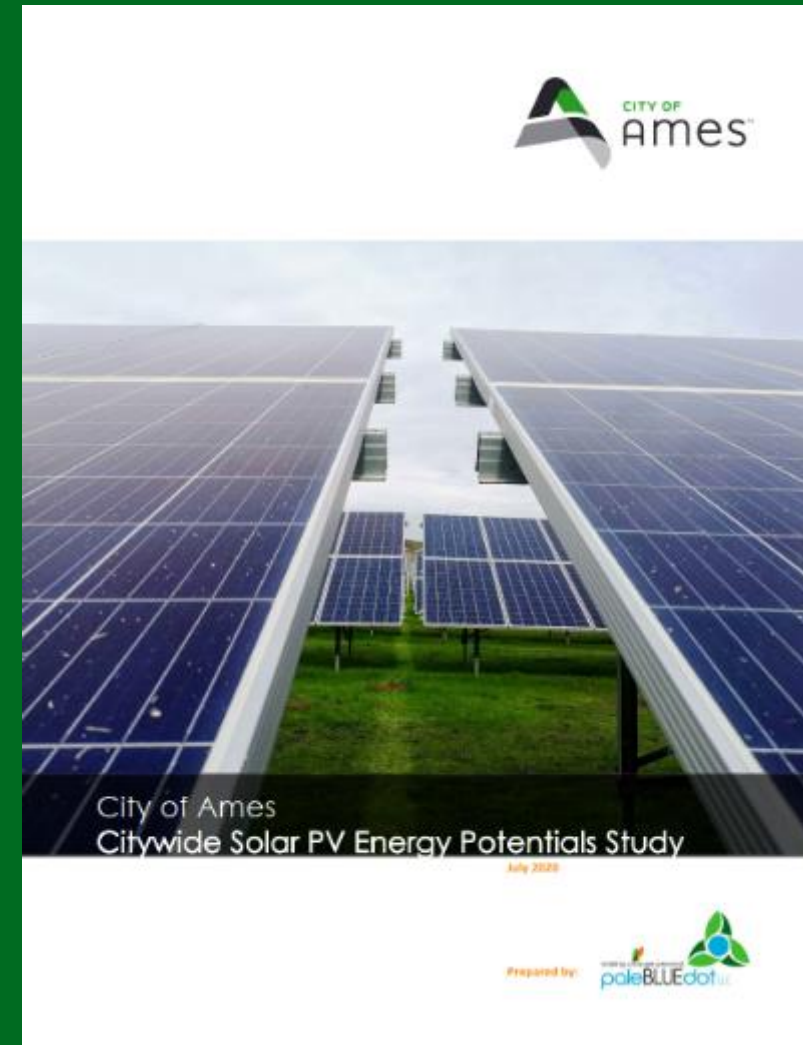
Menu of Potential Actions

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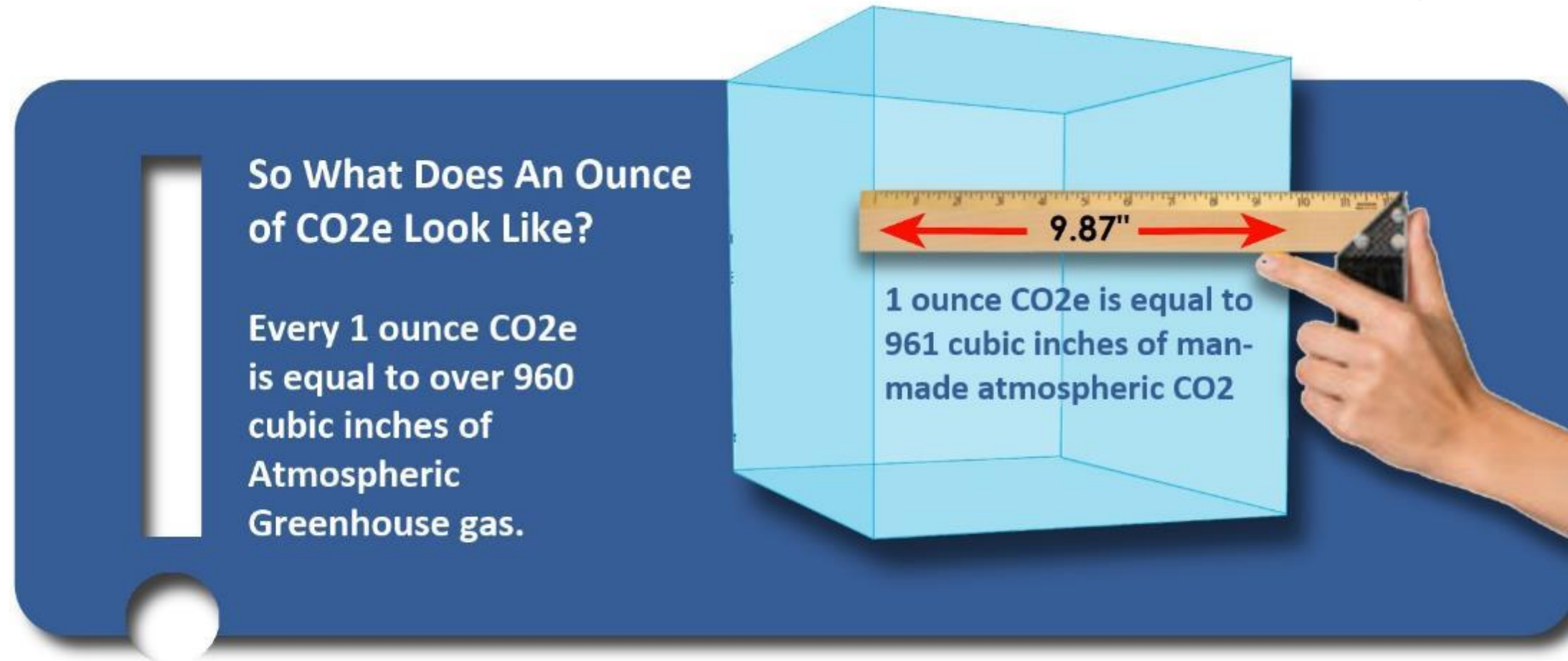
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# GHG Inventory – Why Emissions Matter

Greenhouse Gas emissions are human made additions to the make up of Earth's atmosphere.  
They will occupy a volume of that relatively thin coating for 100+ years.



So....What?





# The Greenhouse Effect

Our atmosphere is made up of both **Non-Greenhouse** and **Greenhouse Gases**.

Non-Greenhouse  
Gases

Nitrogen

$N_2$

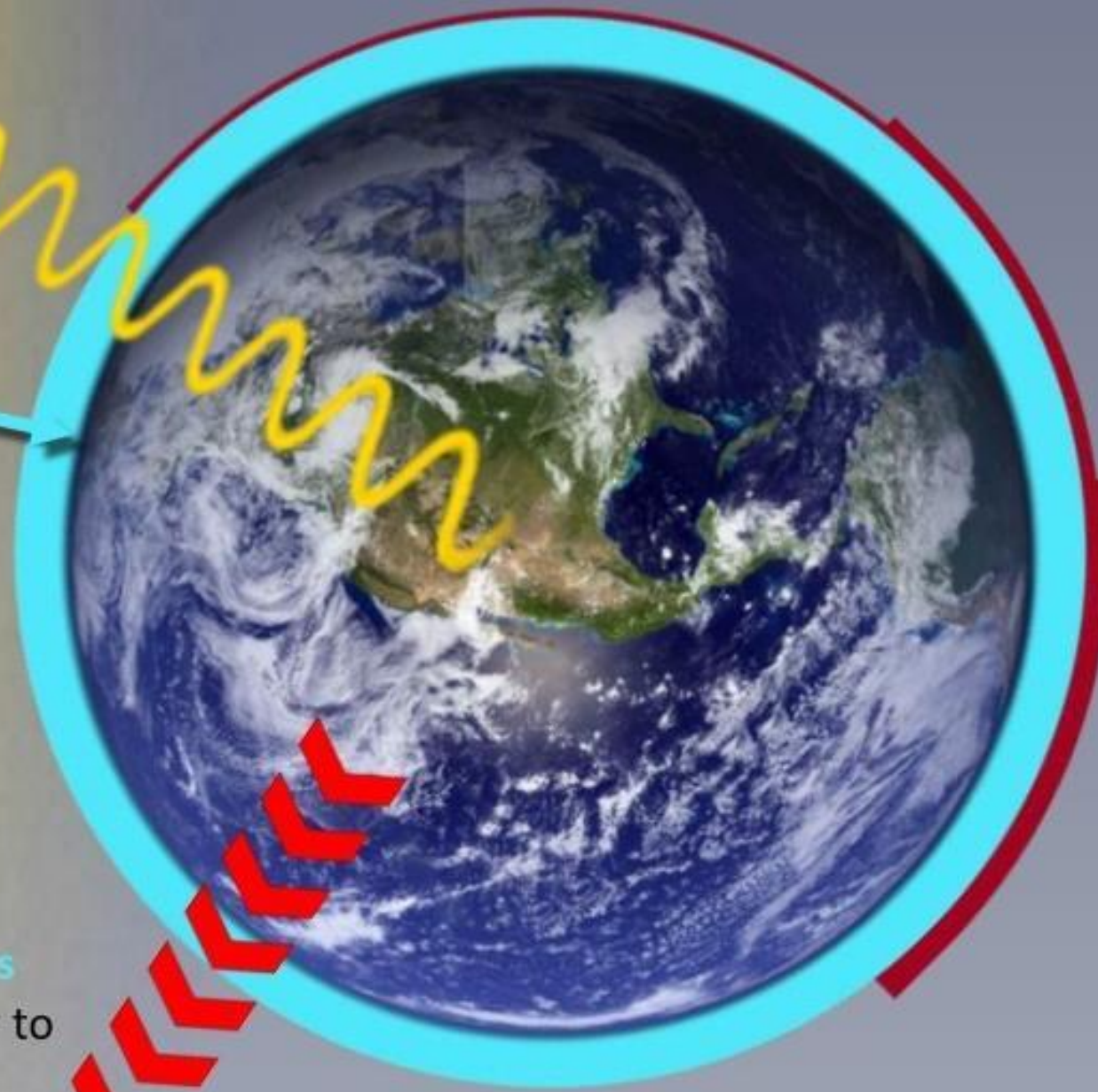
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Argon

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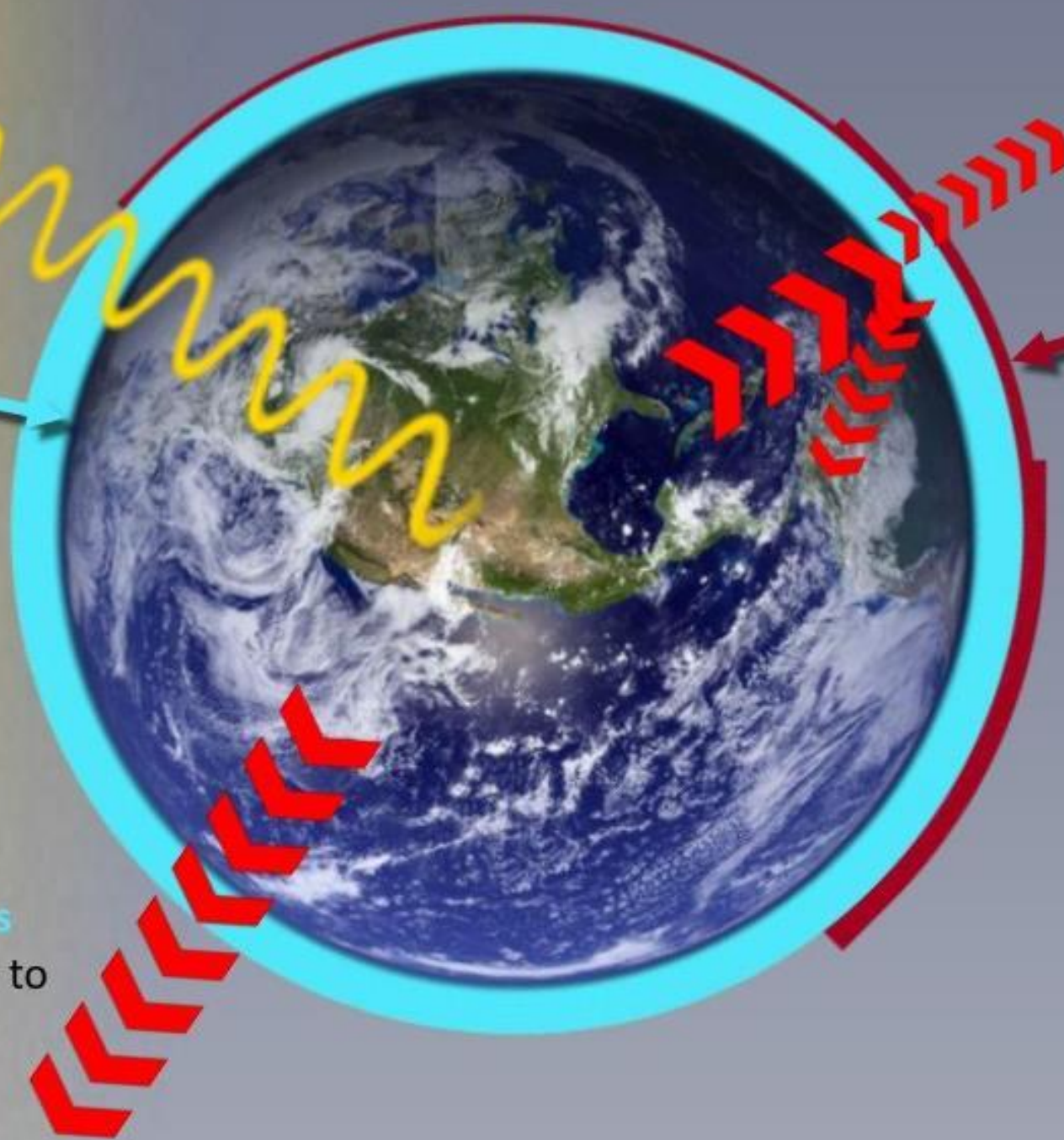
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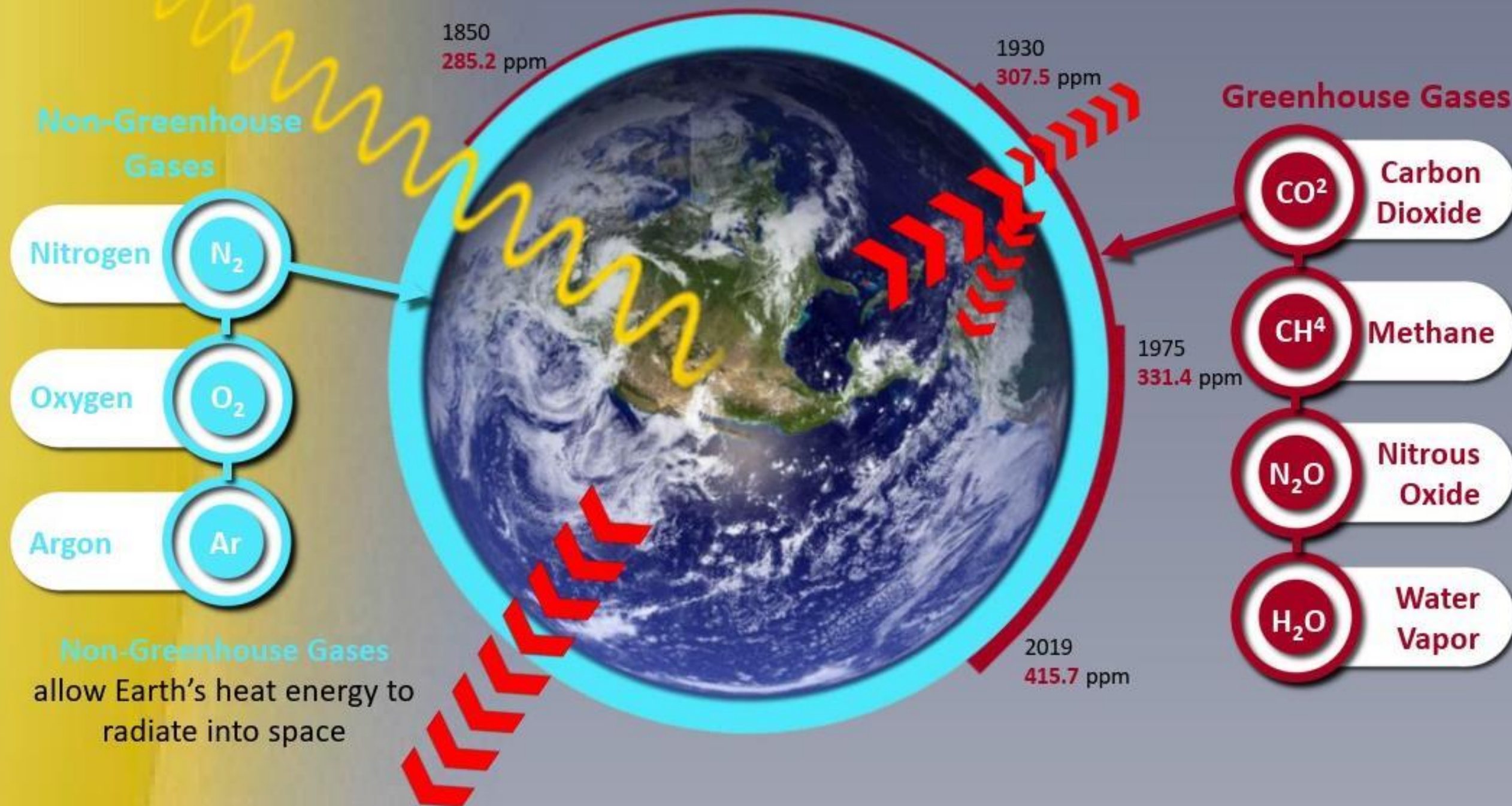
## Greenhouse Gases

- CO<sub>2</sub> Carbon Dioxide
- CH<sub>4</sub> Methane
- N<sub>2</sub>O Nitrous Oxide
- H<sub>2</sub>O Water Vapor



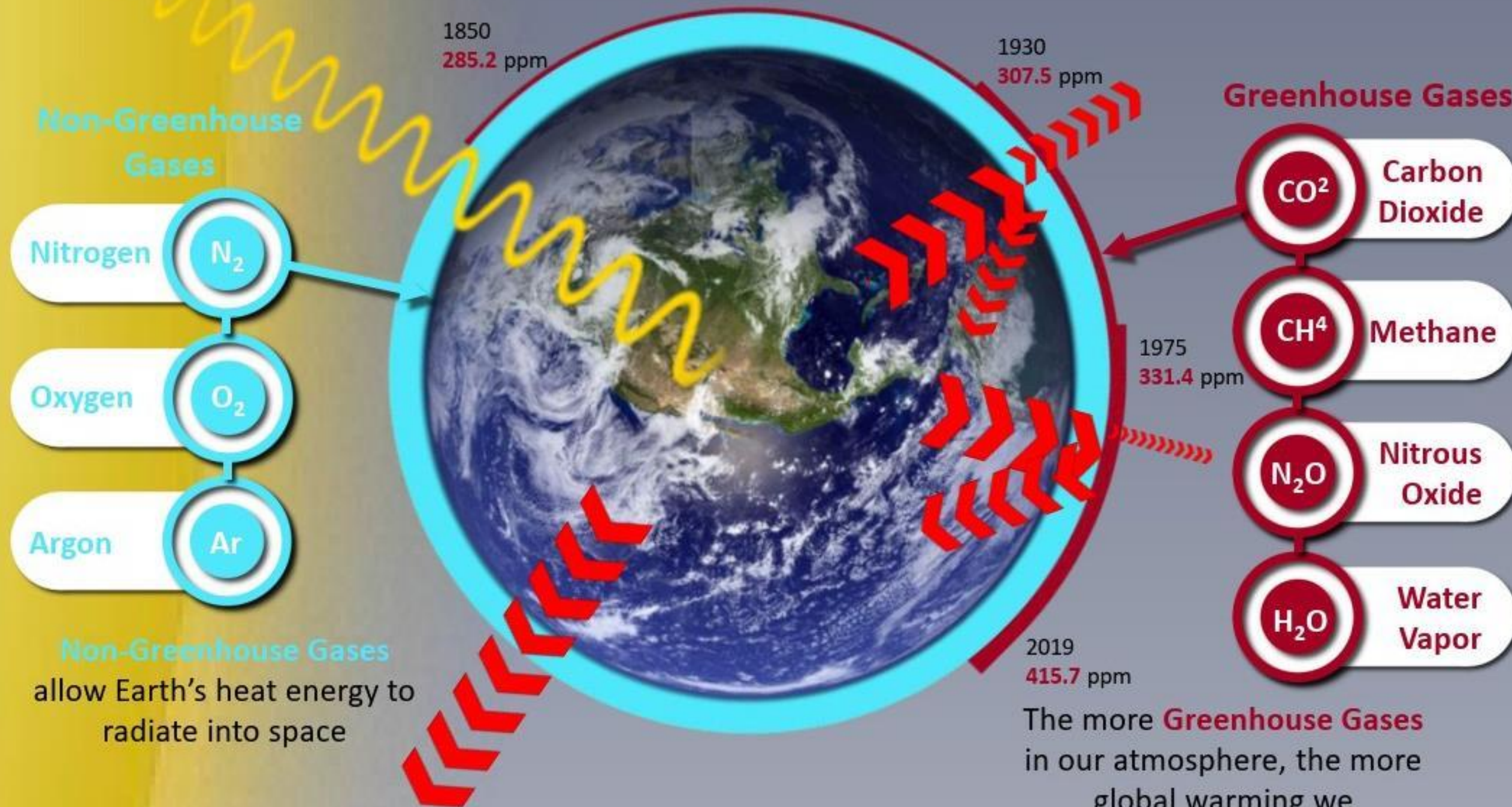
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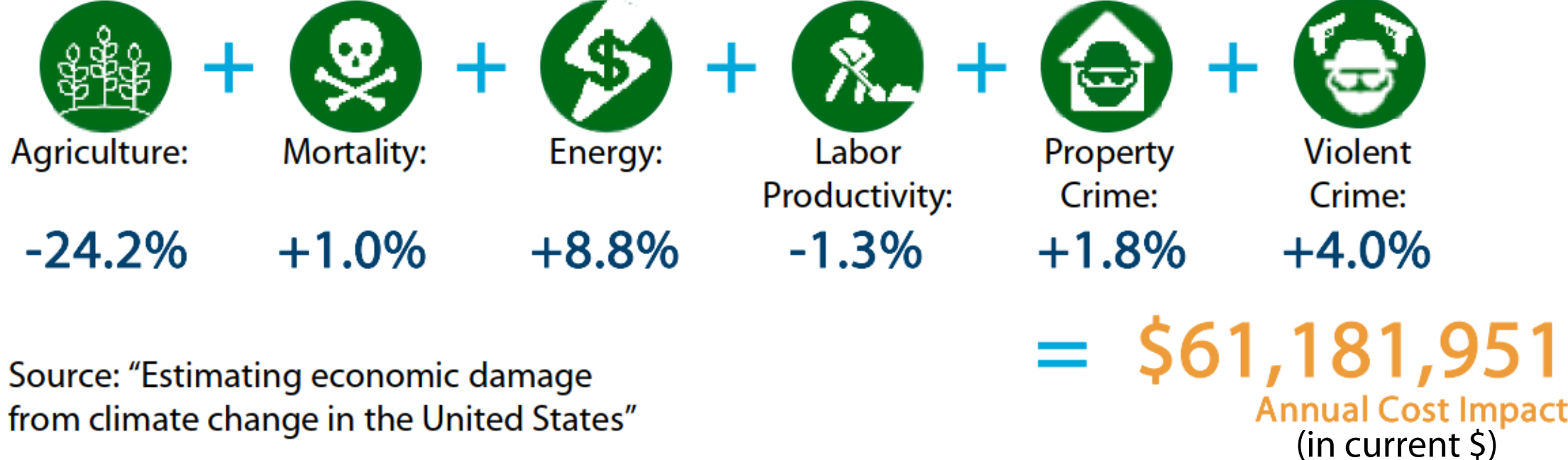


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These impacts will become greater in the coming decades. For Ames, a conservative projection through 2100 anticipates:

Annual % Change to GDP by Category:



We can still reduce future impacts of Climate Change by decreasing our GHG emissions.

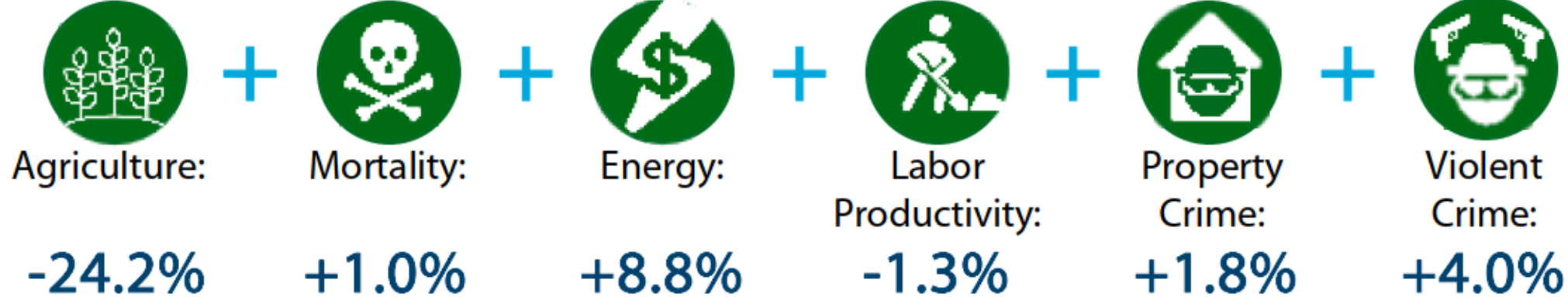


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Source: "Estimating economic damage from climate change in the United States"


= **\$61,181,951**  
Annual Cost Impact




# GHG Inventory – Findings in Brief

Figure H: Findings In Brief - Citywide

## 2014 By The Numbers

 GHG Emissions  
**1,311,879 MT**  
 20.3 MT Per-Capita  
 25.8 MT Per Job

 Population  
**64,773**

 GDP  
**\$5,937,345,000**  
 \$91,664 GDP Per-Capita

 Employment  
**34,706 Jobs**

## 2018 By The Numbers





 GHG Emissions  
**1,089,662 MT**  
 16.5 MT Per-Capita  
 19.6 MT Per Job



 Population  
**66,001**

 GDP  
**\$6,586,260,000**  
 \$99,790 GDP Per-Capita

 Employment  
**36,223 Jobs**

## Five-Year Trend Dashboard

 GHG Emissions  
 **-222,217 MT (-16.9%)**  
 **3.8 MT Per-Capita Decrease (-18.7%)**  
 **6.2 MT Per Job Decrease (-24.0%)**

 Population  
 **1,228 (+1.9%)**

 GDP  
 **\$648,915,000 (+10.9%)**  
 **\$8,126 Per-Capita Increase (8.9%)**

 Employment  
 **1,517 Jobs (+6.6%)**



# GHG Inventory – Findings in Brief

## Ames Citywide GHG Emissions Overview

Citywide total emissions for the City of Ames dropped 16.9% from 1,311,879 metric tonnes in 2014 to 1,089,662 metric tonnes in 2018. Over that same period of time, the city increased its population 1.9%, added 6.6% more jobs, and increased Gross Domestic Product by 10.9%.





# GHG Inventory – Findings in Brief

## Figure I: How Large Are Citywide GHG Emissions?

The city of Ames' total citywide emissions for 2018 are equal to **21.4 Billion** cubic feet of man-made greenhouse gas - seen below from Mary Greeley Medical Center from 3 miles away. This volume of atmosphere is equal to a cube **2,775** feet on each face. Each year, the volume of GHG emissions added to our atmosphere will remain active, impacting our climate for at least 100 years


Volume comparison to the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower), Chicago - the tallest building in the Midwest.




# GHG Inventory – Findings in Brief

Figure L: Findings In Brief - City of Ames Operations


### 2014 By The Numbers

 City Operations GHG (net)  
**76,018 MT**  
 0.144 MT Per Building SF  
 127.4 MT Per Staff (FTE)  
 1.17 MT Per-Capita  
 3.2 MT Per Household


 Ames Municipal Energy System GHG  
**313,692 MT**

 City Operations Grand Total  
**389,710 MT**  
 0.74 MT Per Building SF  
 653.8 MT Per Staff (FTE)  
 6.0 MT Per-Capita  
 16.5 MT Per Household


### 2018 By The Numbers

 City Operations GHG (net)  
**72,056 MT**  
 0.136 MT Per Building SF  
 120.8 MT Per Staff (FTE)  
 1.09 MT Per-Capita  
 2.8 MT Per Household







 Ames Municipal Energy System GHG  
**112,873 MT**

 City Operations Grand Total  
**184,929 MT**  
 0.35 MT Per Building SF  
 309.9 MT Per Staff (FTE)  
 2.8 MT Per-Capita  
 7.3 MT Per Household

### Five-Year Trend Dashboard

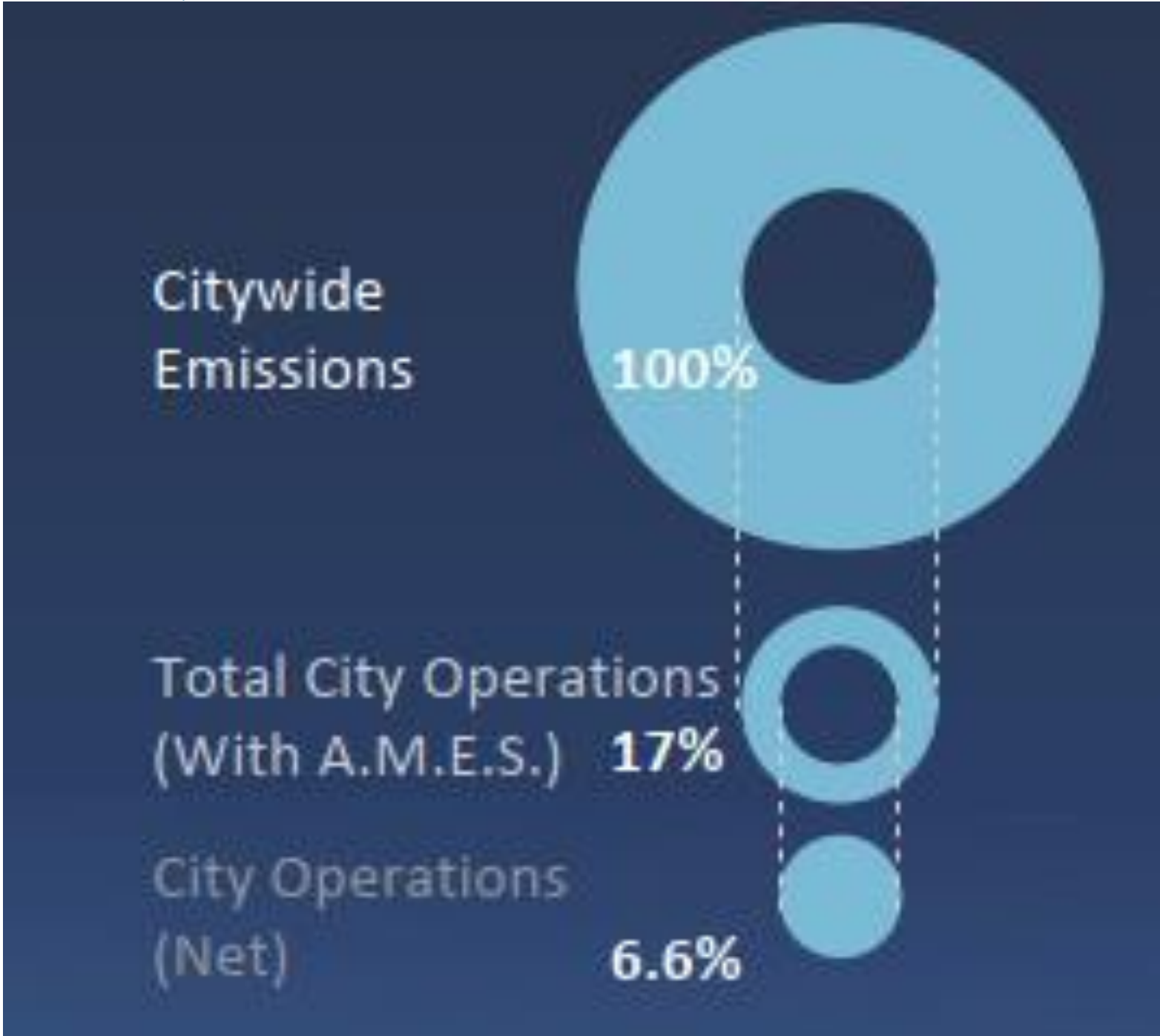
 City Operations GHG (net)  
 **-3,962 MT (-5.2%)**  
 0.01 MT Per SF Decrease  
 6.6 MT Per Staff Decrease  
 0.01 MT Per-Capita Decrease  
 0.4 MT Per House Decrease

 Ames Municipal Energy System GHG  
 **-200,819 MT (-64.0%)**

 City Operations Grand Total  
 **-204,781 MT (-52.5%)**  
 0.39 MT Per SF Decrease  
 343.9 MT Per Staff Decrease  
 3.2 MT Per-Capita Decrease  
 9.2 MT Per House Decrease



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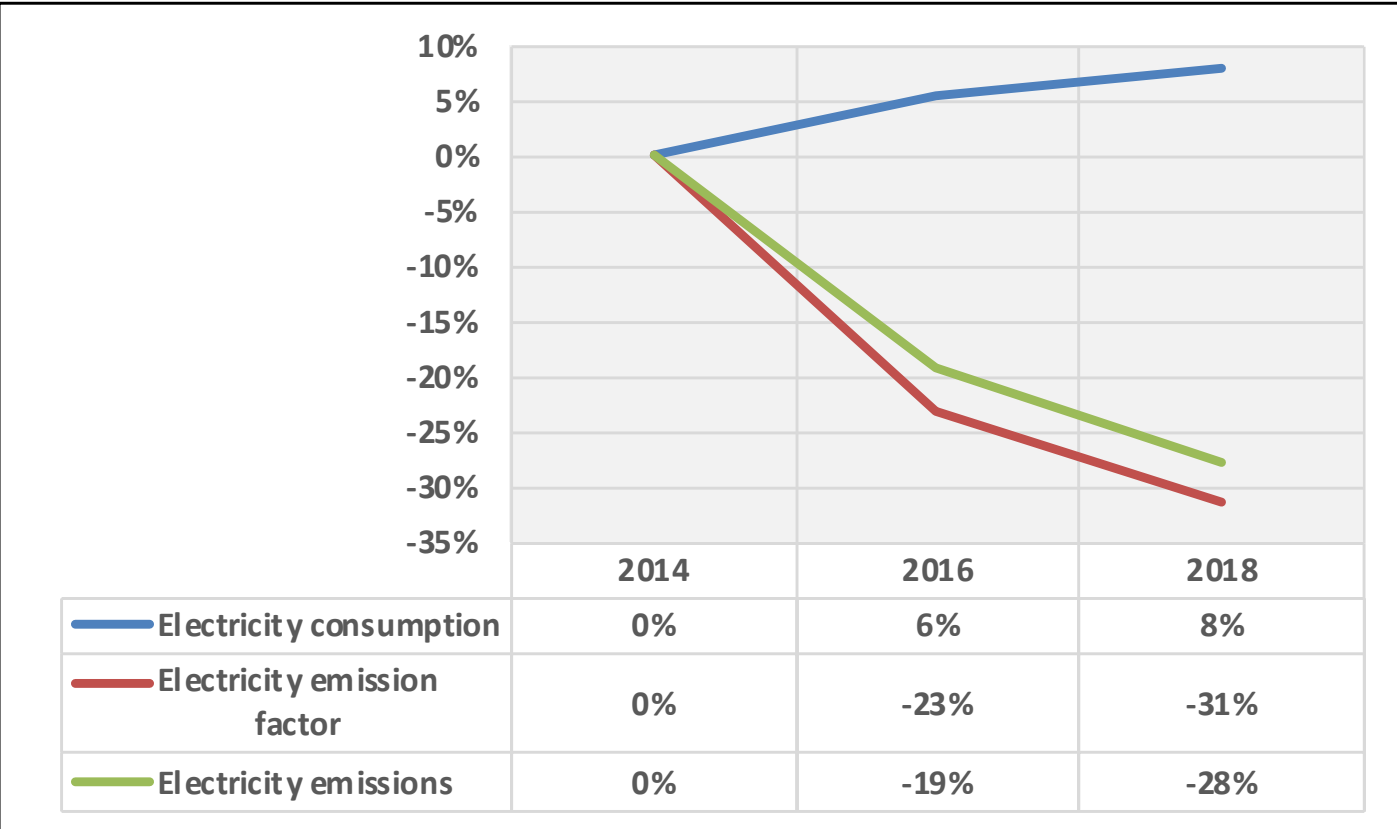
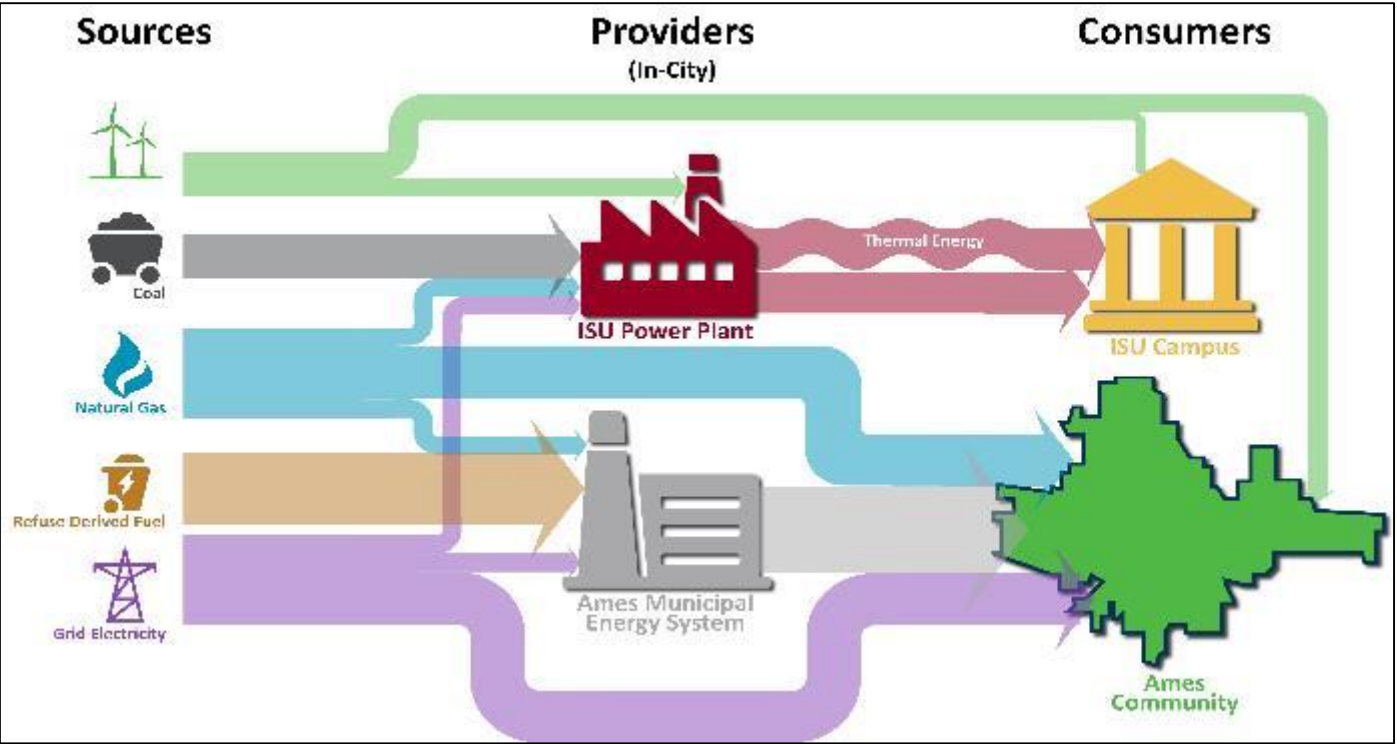
# GHG Inventory – Trends By Sector

## Citywide Inventory

### Electricity data:

- Alliant Energy
- Consumers Electric
- Midland Power Cooperative
- Central Iowa Power Cooperative
- Ames Municipal Electric System (AMES)

### Emission factors (GHG tonnes per MWh)

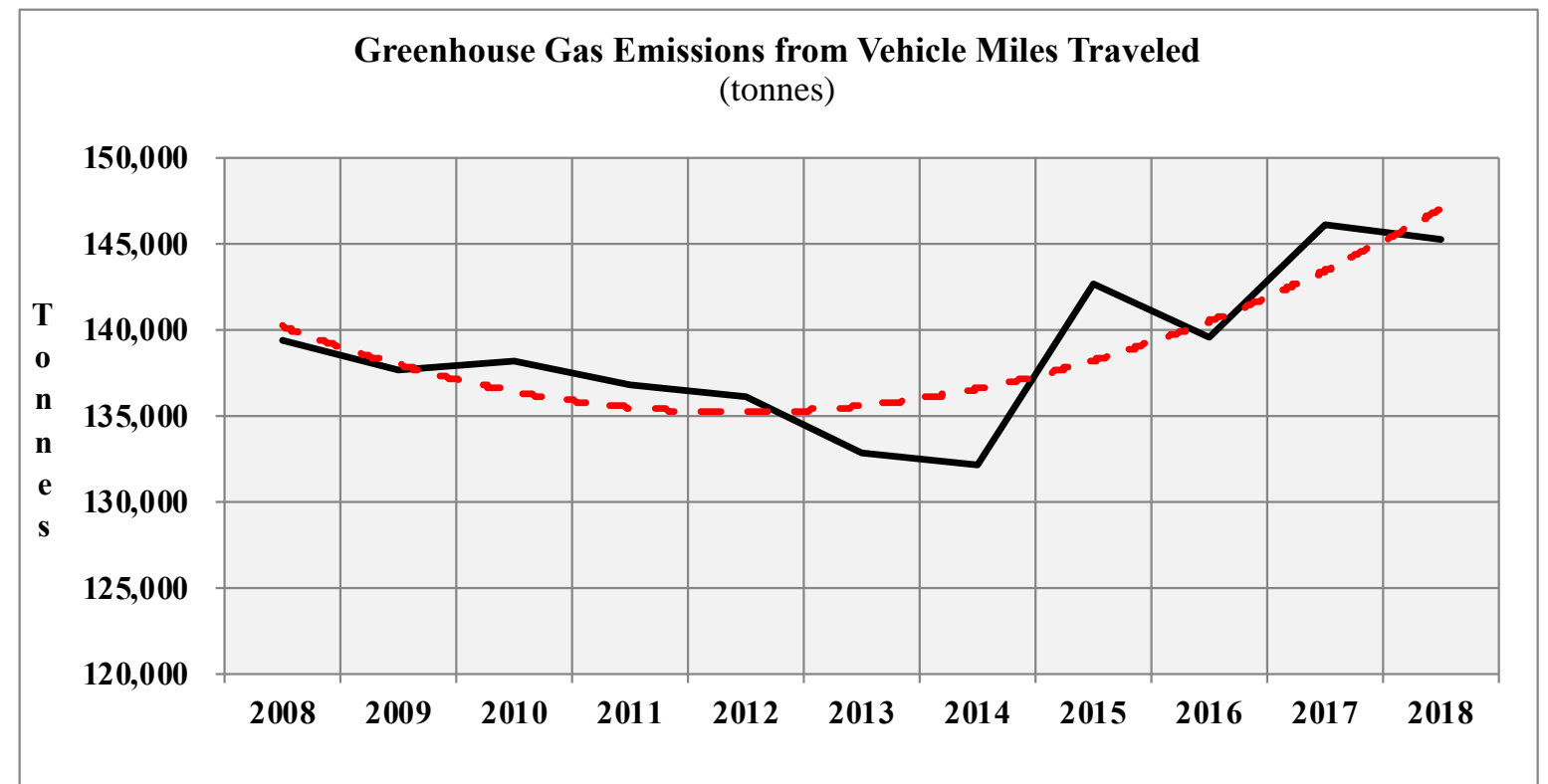
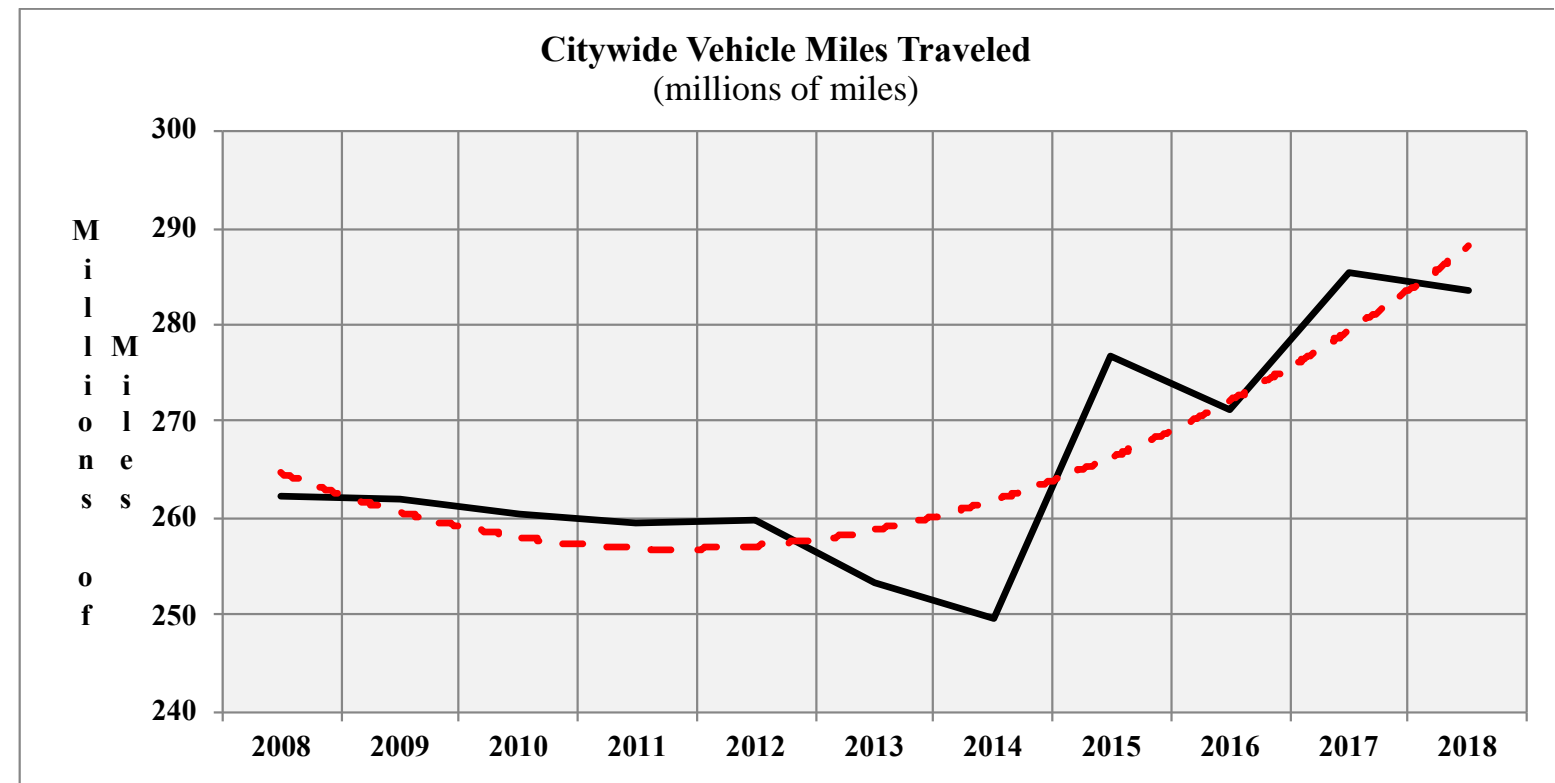


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### Transportation:

- Vehicle miles traveled (VMT) data from IADOT
- Fuel consumption data from Federal Highway Administration
- Energy consumed and GHG emitted within City boundaries

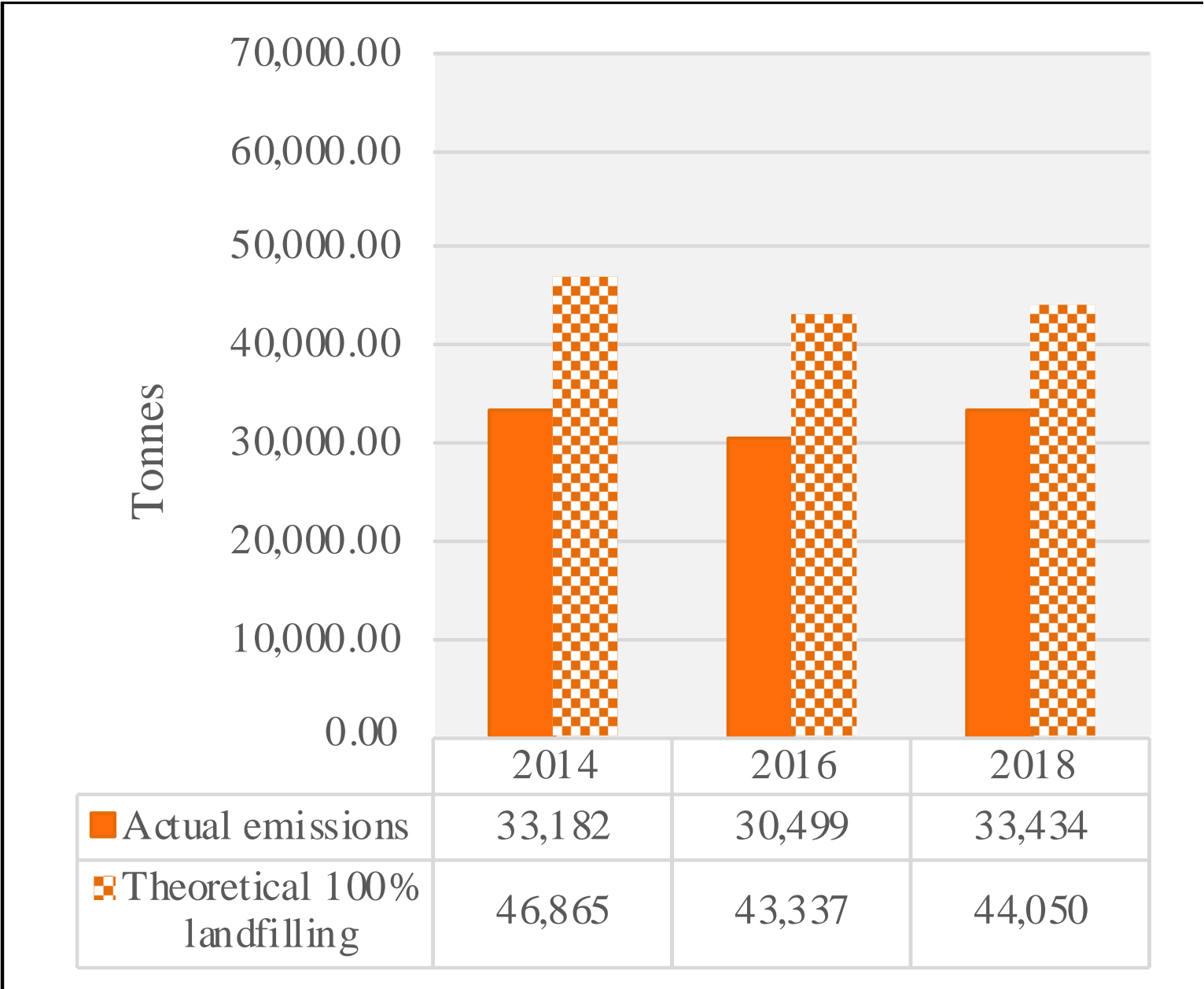


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### Solid Waste:

- About half of waste to Chantland refuse derived fuel (RDF) facility
- RDF to electricity at the AMES (0.8 GHG tonnes per ton)
- About half of waste to landfill (fugitive methane emissions, 1.3 GHG tonnes per ton)
- If 100% landfilled, result in average of 38% more tonnes

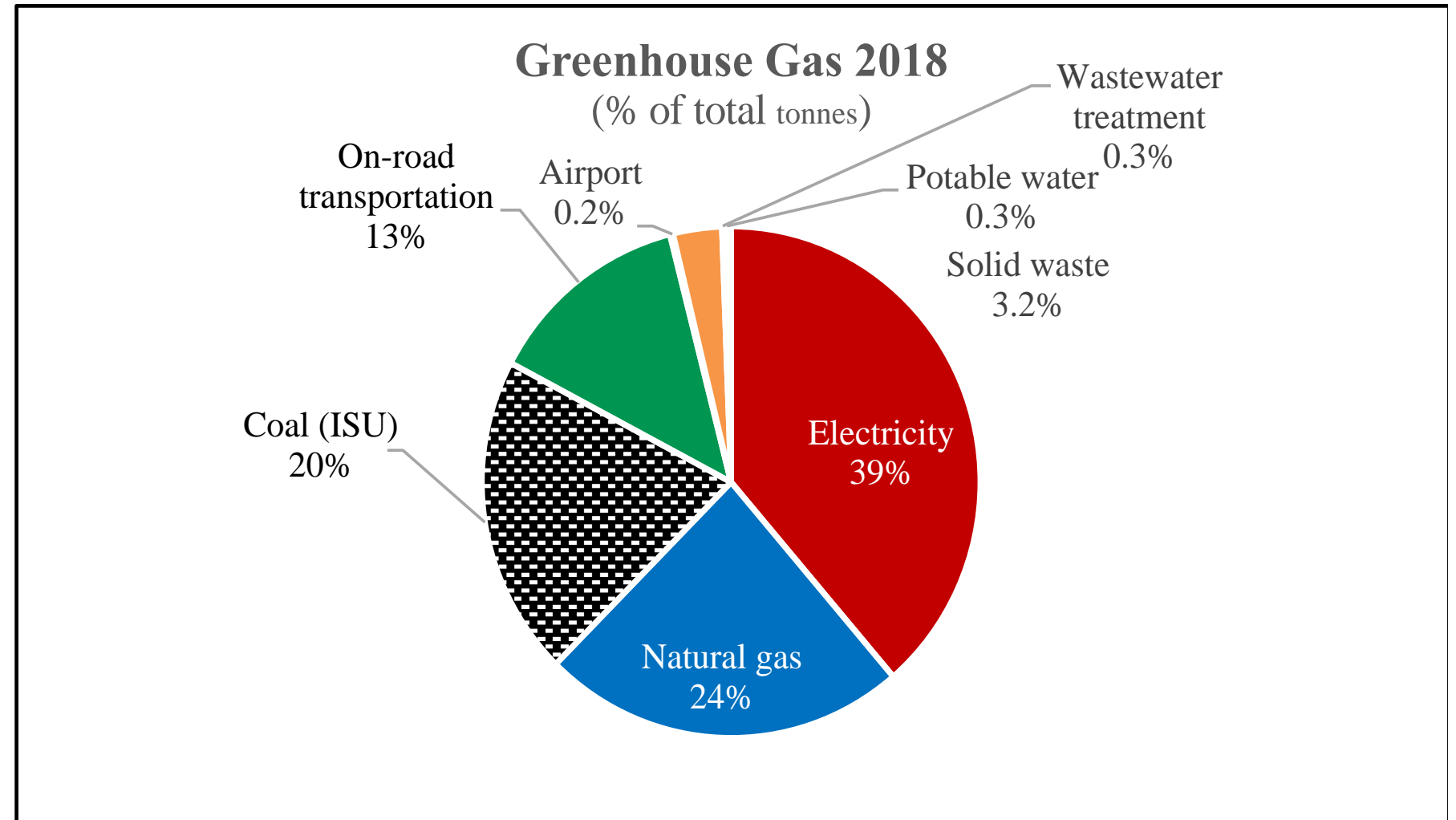


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## Citywide Inventory

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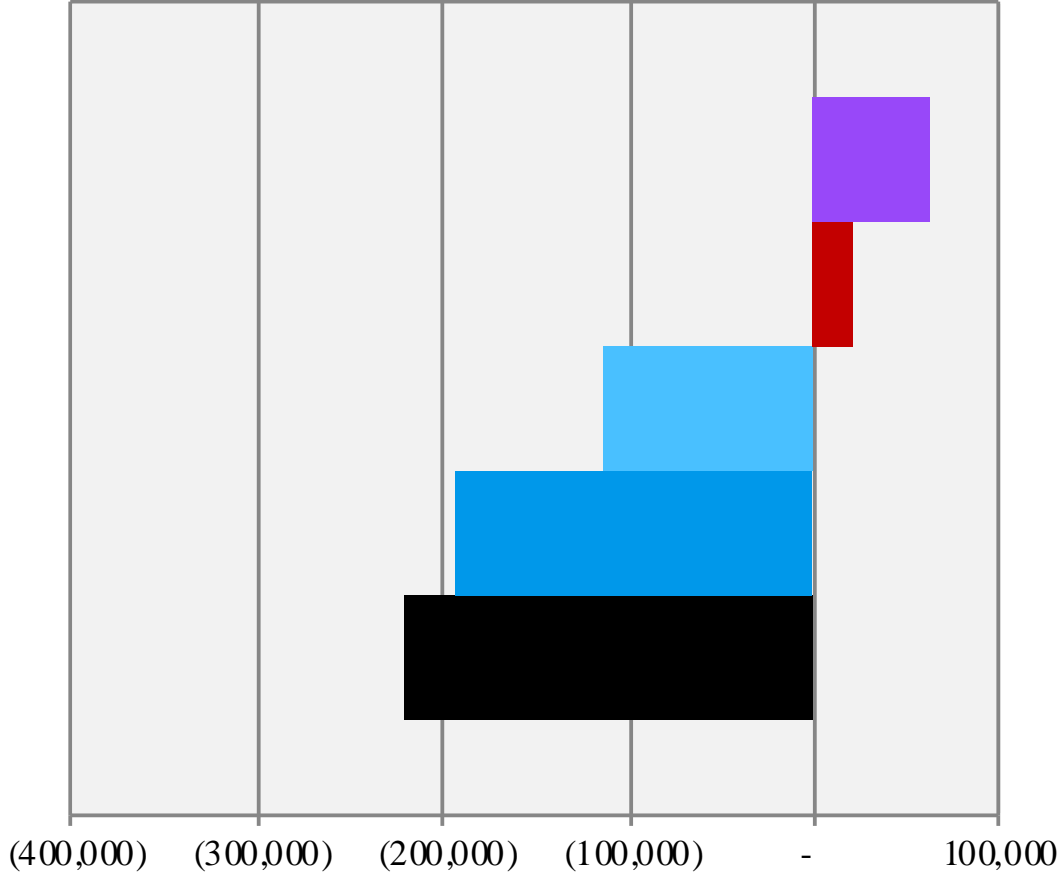
Citywide Inventory, Change in GHG Emissions, 2014-2018	
Category	Change from 2014
Electricity	-28%
Natural gas	19%
Coal	-34%
Transportation	11%
Solid waste	-5%
Wastewater treatment	-2%
Potable water	-12%
<b>Total</b>	<b>-17%</b>
Normalized total (2014 electricity emission factor)	-2%



# GHG Inventory – Trends By Sector

## Citywide Inventory

### Primary Change Factors:



	<b>Tonnes</b>
■ Net increased emissions in other categories	61,944
■ Increased electricity consumption	20,931
■ Reduced coal at ISU CHP plant	(112,791)
■ Gas replaced coal at AMES	(192,302)
■ <b>Total</b>	<b>(222,218)</b>



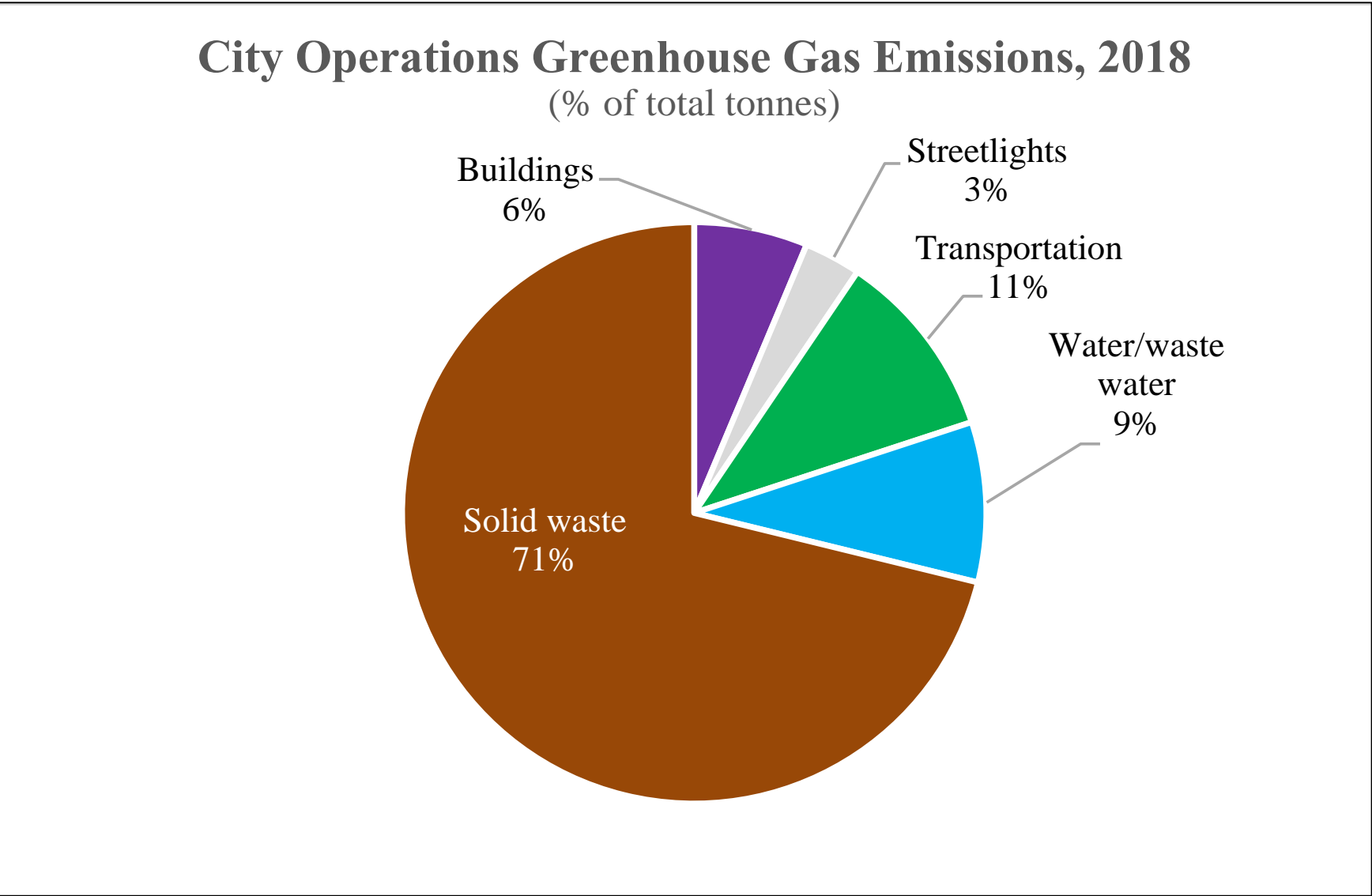


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## City Operations Assessment

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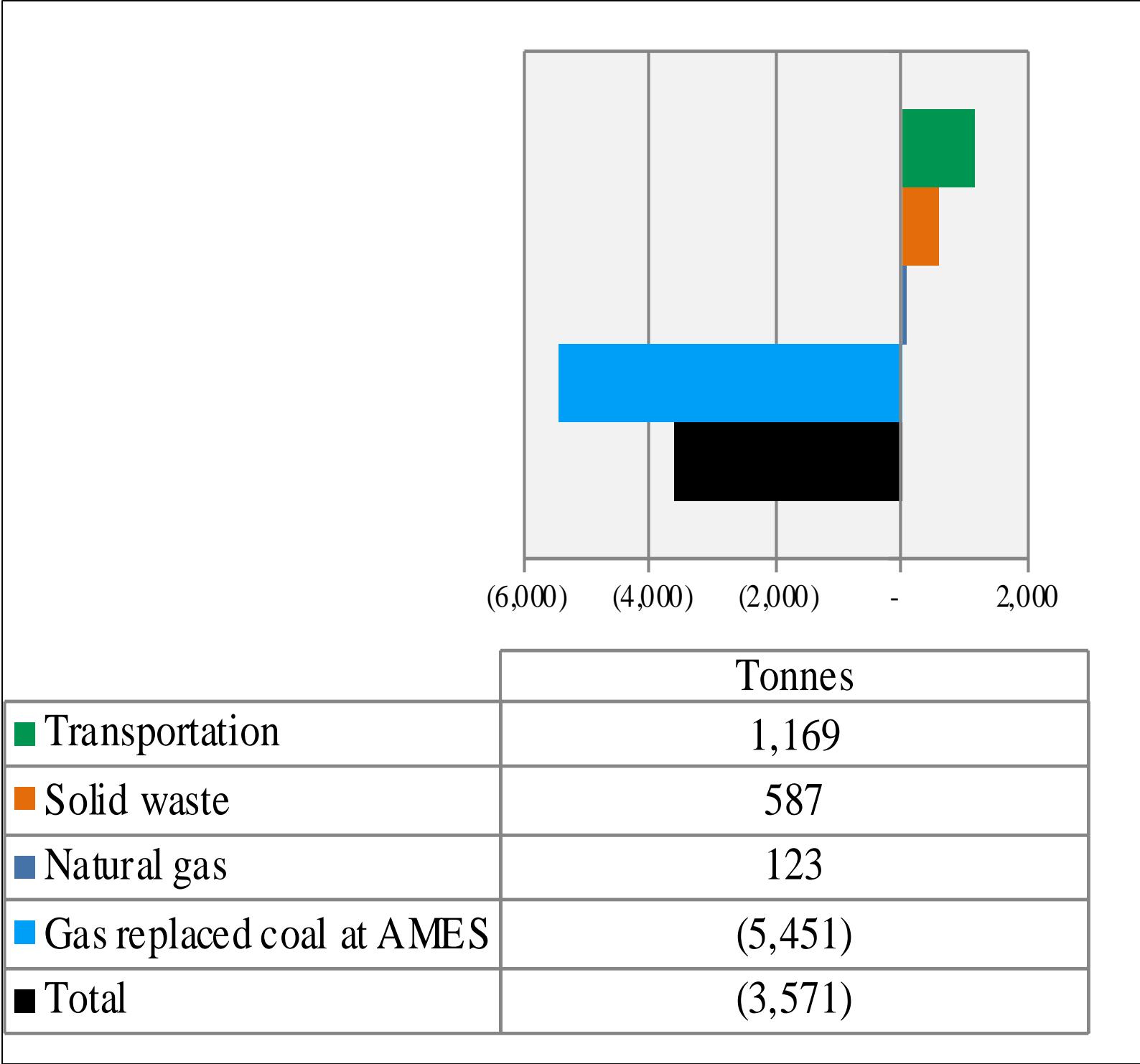
City Operations Assessment, Change in GHG Emissions, 2014-2018	
Category	Change from 2014
Buildings and facilities	-27%
Streetlights and signals	-43%
Transportation	18%
Water	-12%
Wastewater	-2%
Solid waste	-2%
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>-5%</b>
Ames Municipal Electric System	-43%
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>-53%</b>



# GHG Inventory – Trends By Sector

## City Operations Assessment

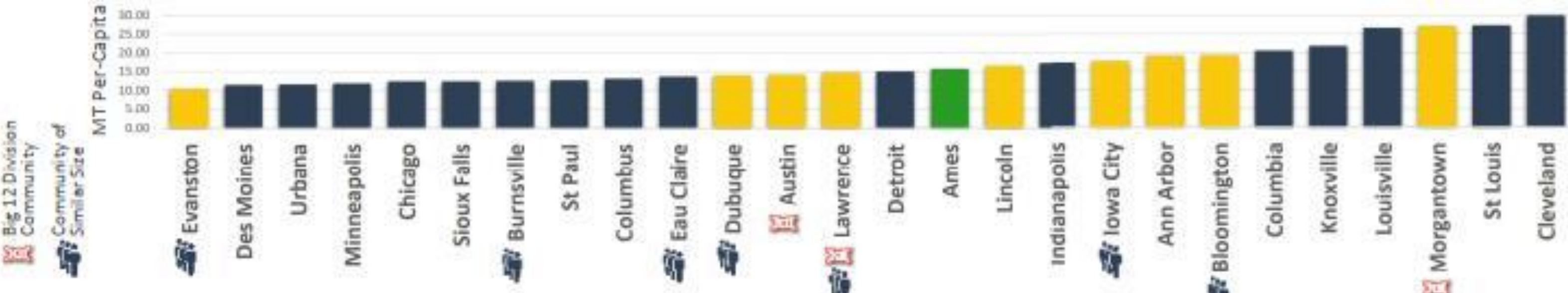
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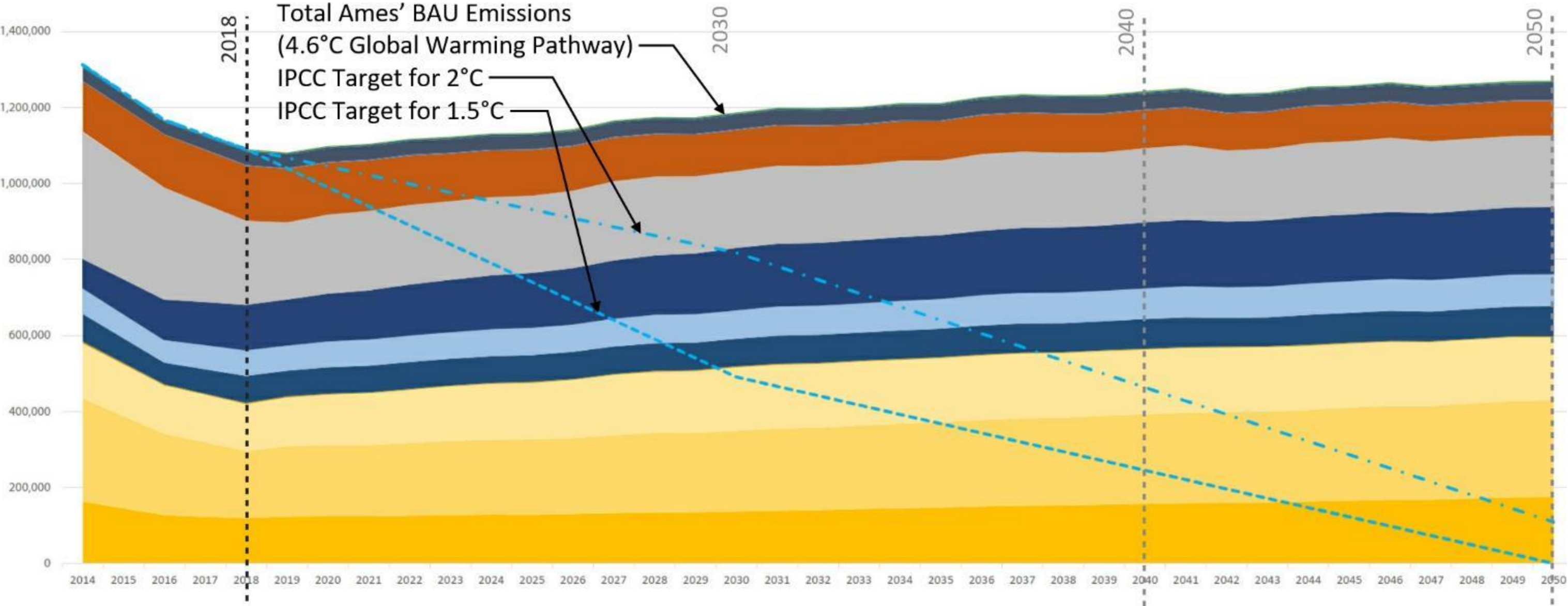


City of Ames: **16.5**

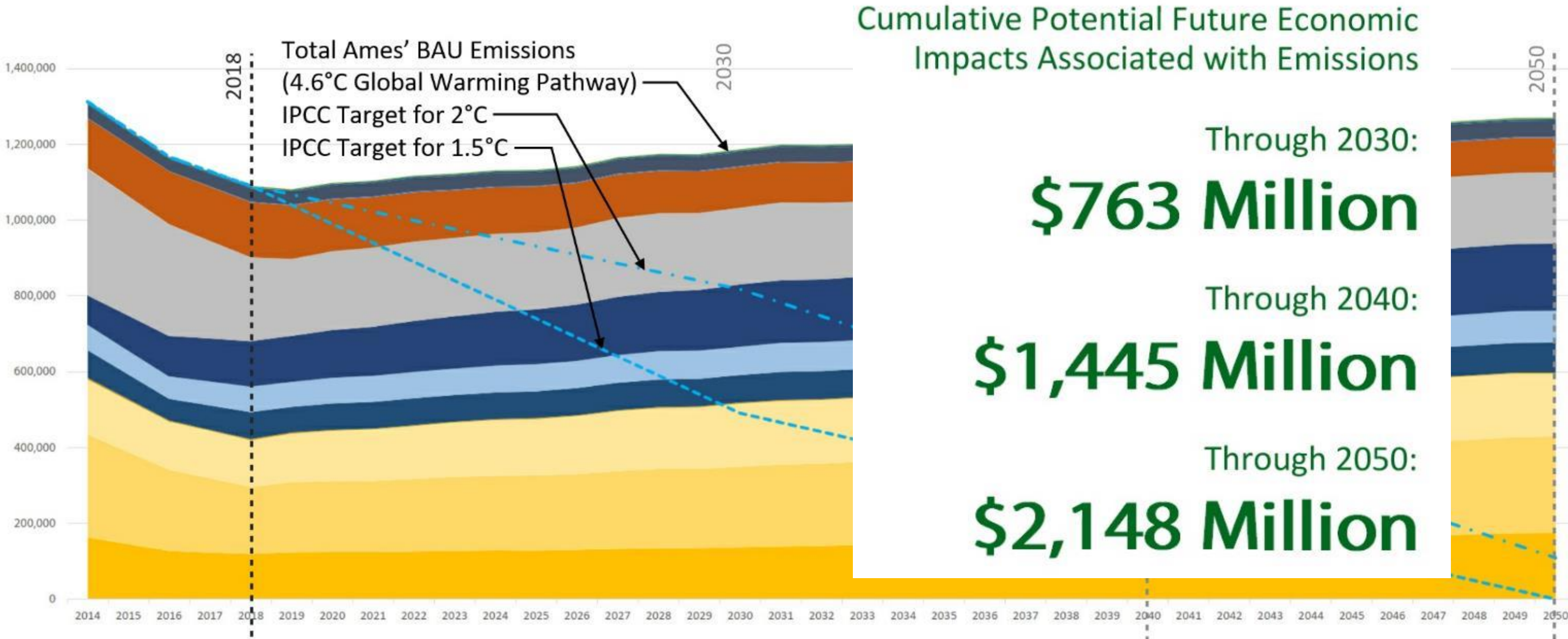
Big 12 Division Community  
Community of Similar Size



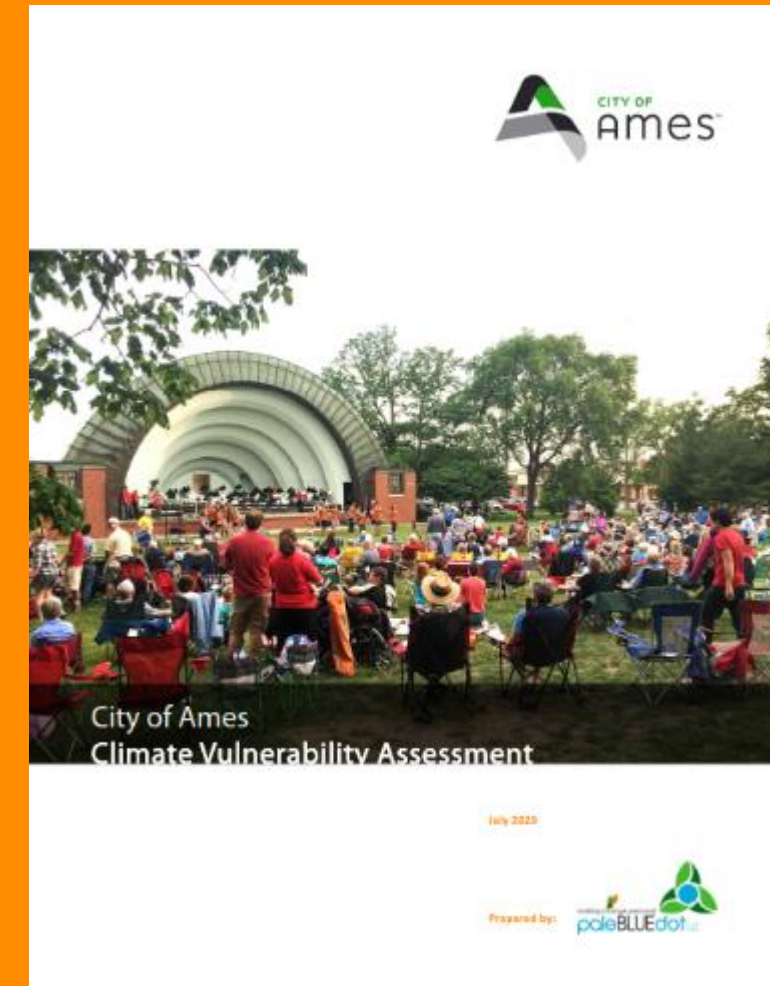
# GHG Inventory – GHG Emissions Forecast



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# Climate Vulnerability Assessment



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## What is Climate Change Vulnerability?

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC):

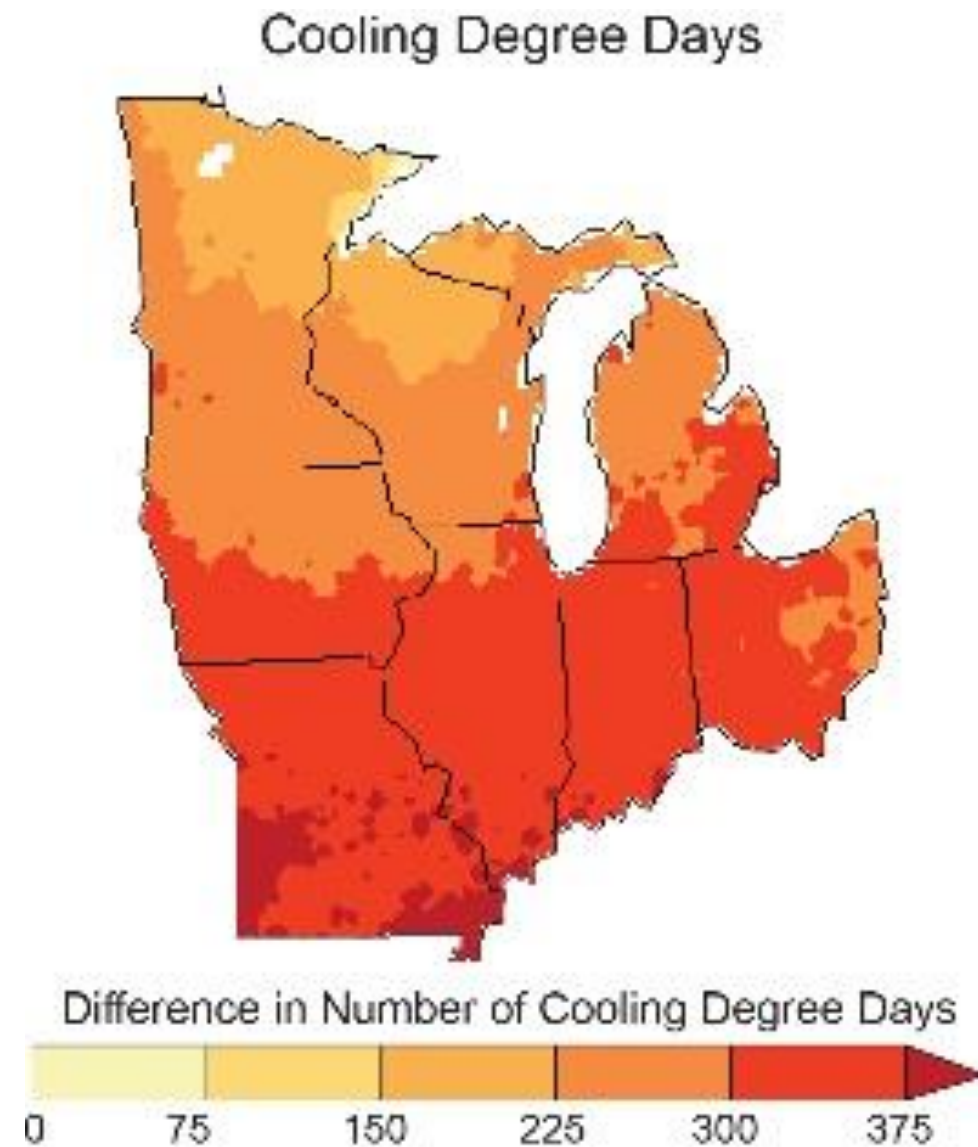
Vulnerability is “the degree to which a system is susceptible to, or unable to cope with, adverse effects of climate change, including climate variability and extremes”





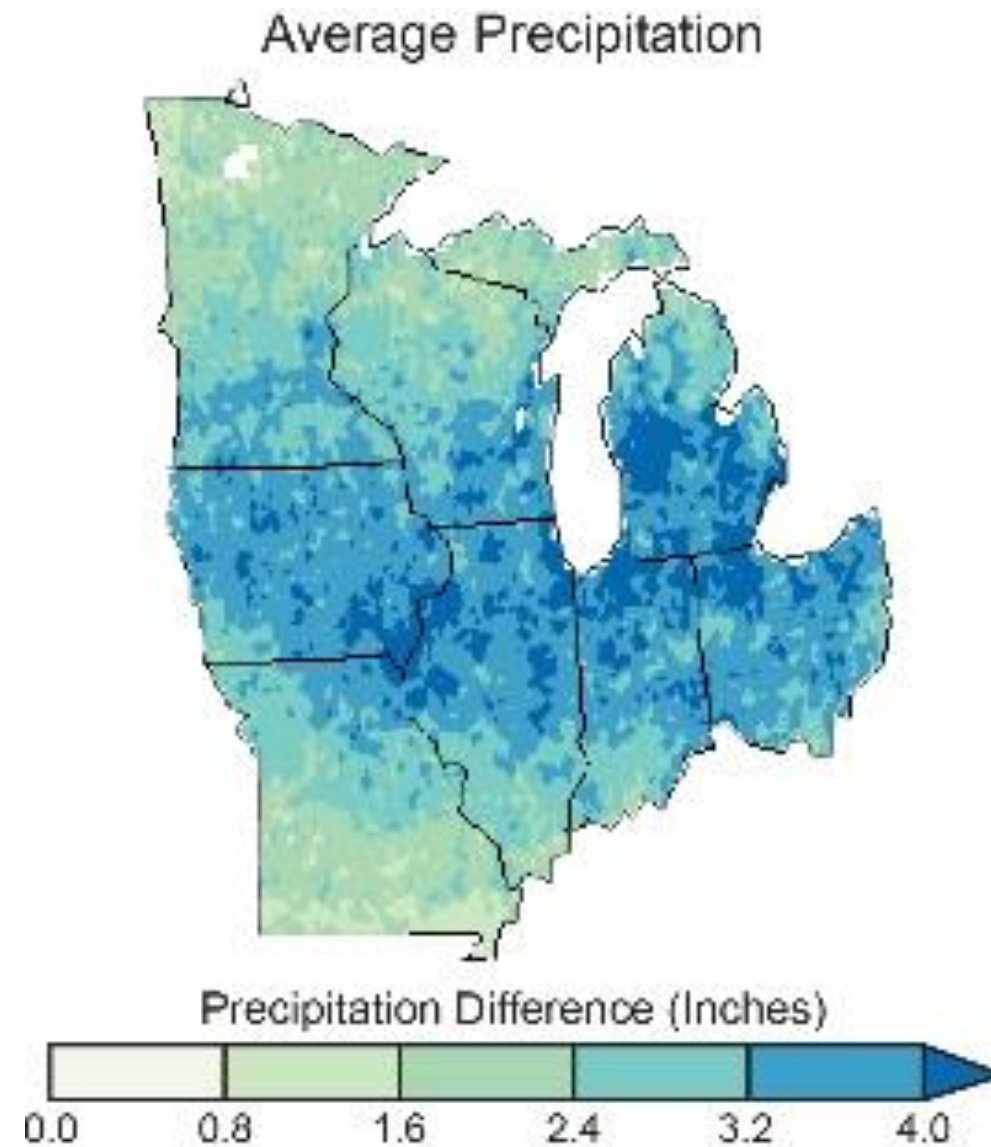
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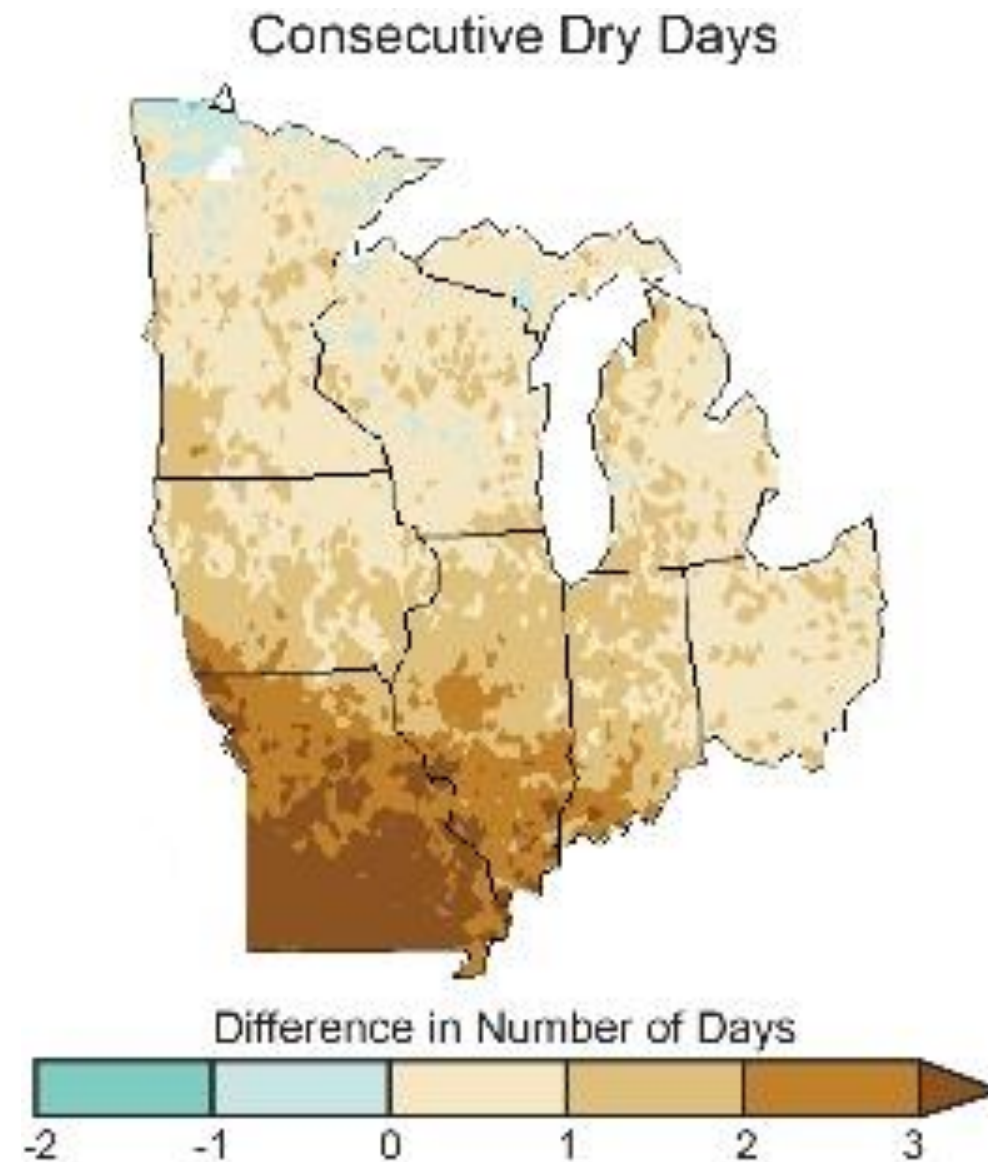


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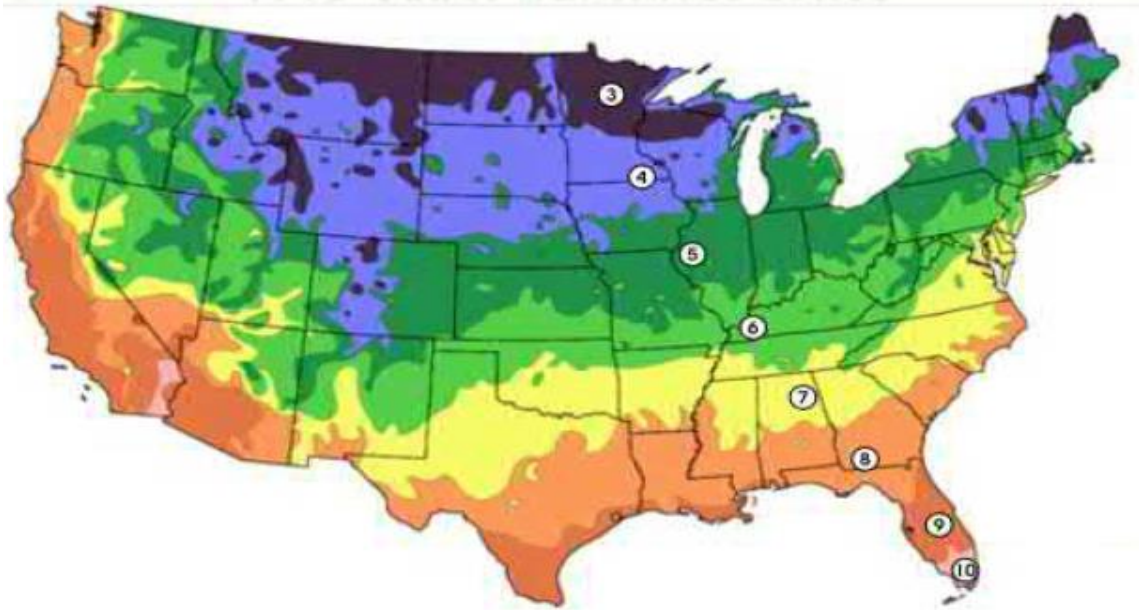
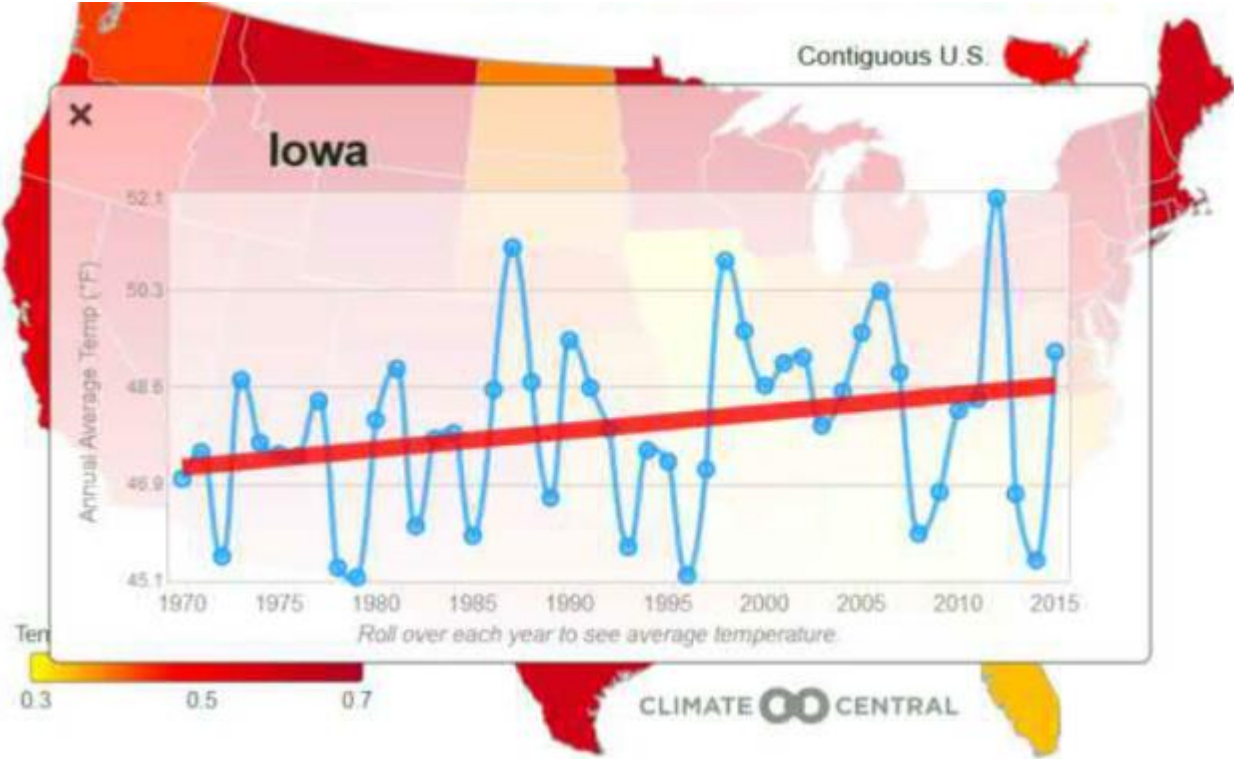
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...and drought potential

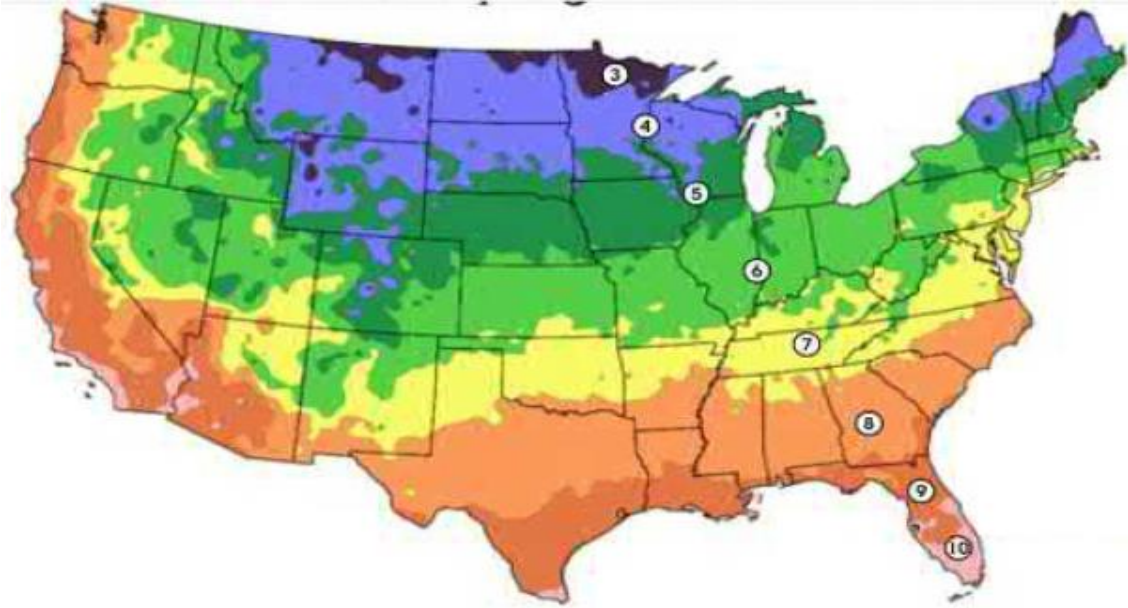


# Climate Change in Iowa

- Iowa has already experienced
- Increase in temperature
- Decrease in spring snow cover
- Change in USDA hardiness zones



1990

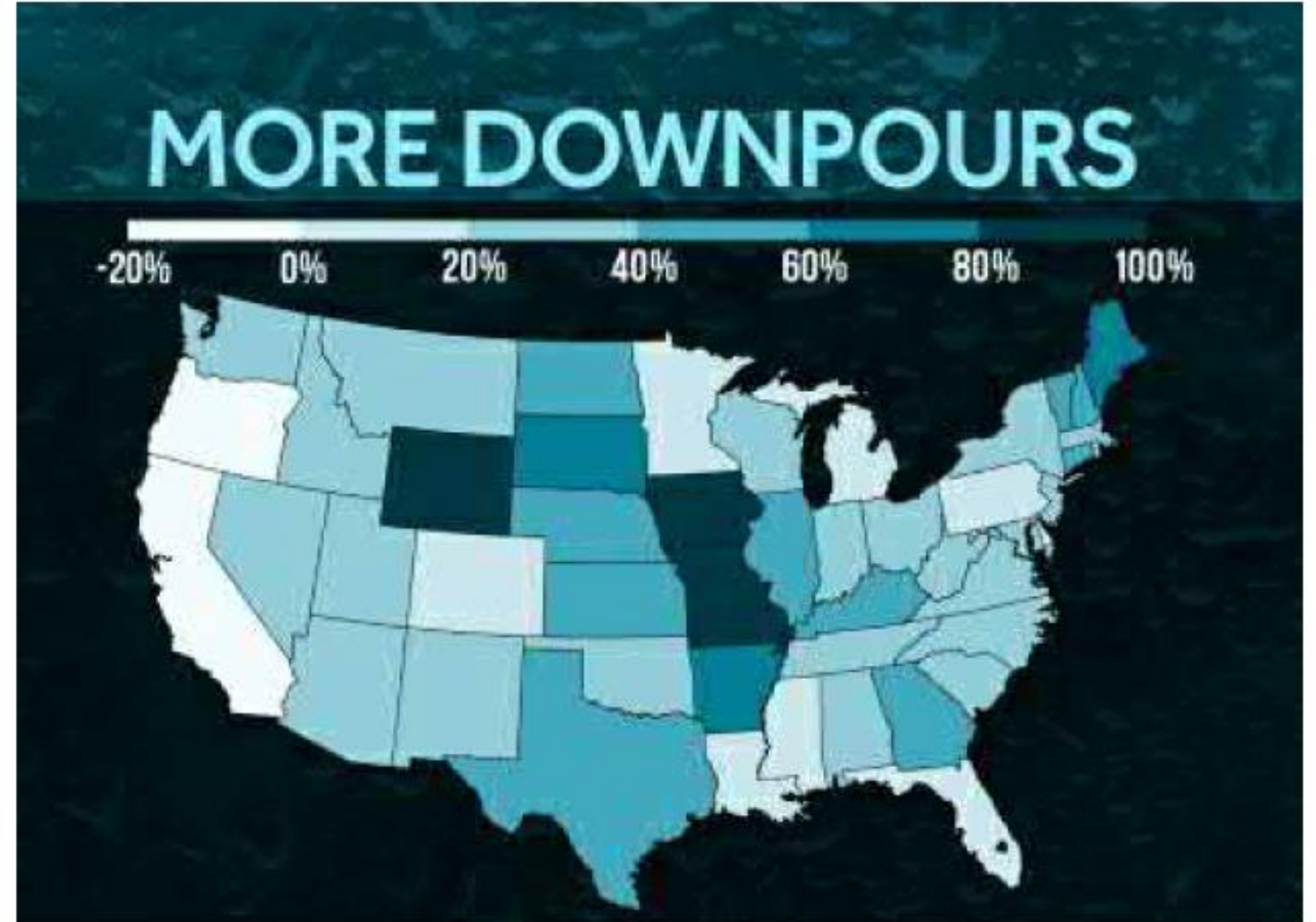
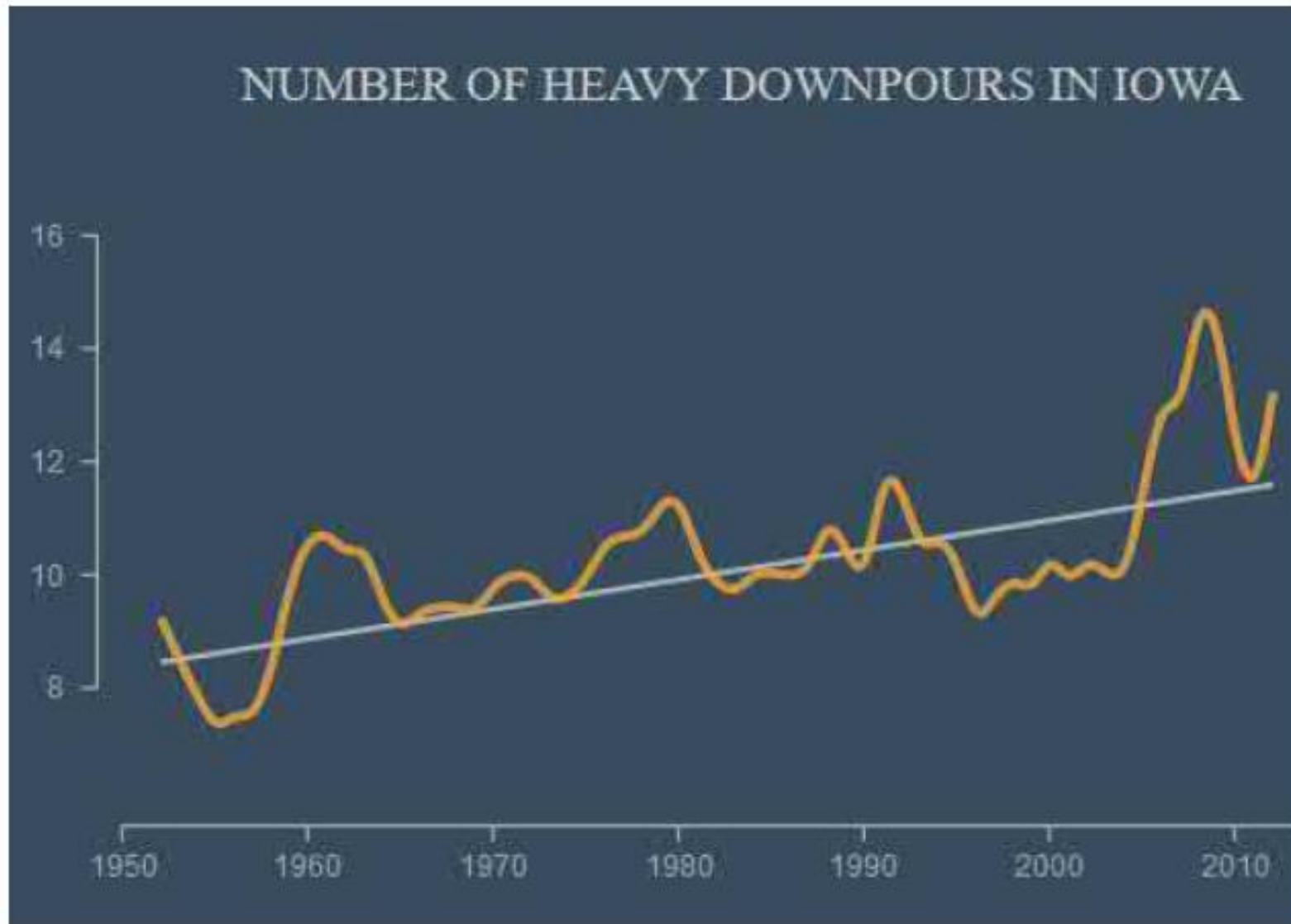


2015



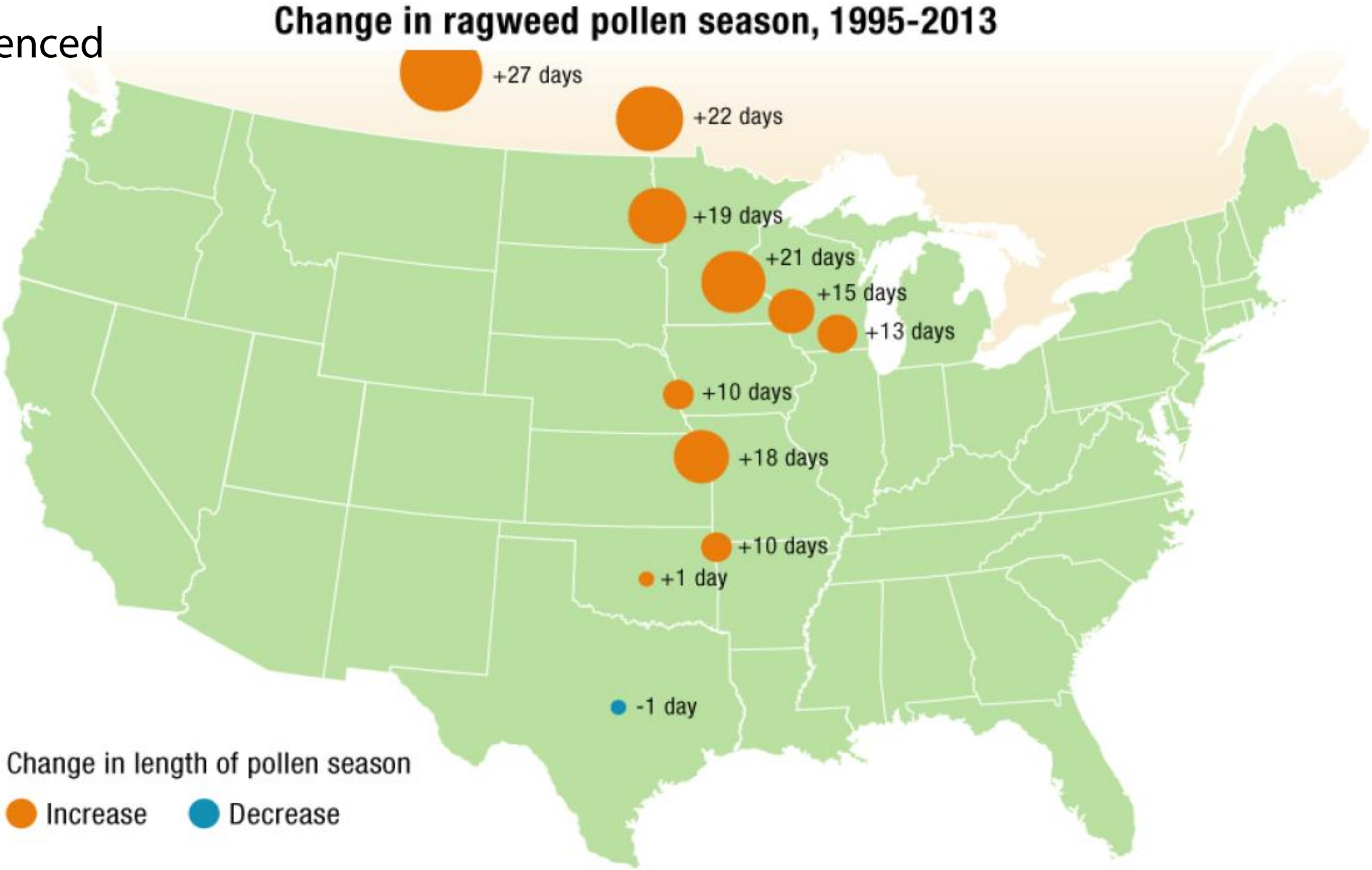
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Iowa has already experienced  
Increase in rainfall



# Climate Change in Iowa

Iowa has already experienced  
Increase in allergy an  
insect vector seasons



# Climate Change in Ames

## Looking Back

From 1980 through 2018, Ames has experienced:

Increase in annual average temperature:

1.7°

Increase in annual precipitation:

15%

Increase in heavy precipitation

42%

Increase in Days above 95:

2 days

Decrease in Days below 32:

-9 days

Increase in growing season:

10 days



# Climate Change in Ames

## Looking Back

From 1980 through 2018, Ames has experienced:

### Storm Weather Events

Number of Events Reported In Story County:

From March 1999 to March 2009: **370** events

From March 2009 to March 2019: **502** events - an increase of **36%**

Average Annual Storm Weather Economic Damage 1999-2019: **\$4,908,700**  
(source: NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information)

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## Looking Forward

By 2100, Ames Can Expect:

Increase in annual average temperature:

**6-11°F**

Increase in annual precipitation:

**-9 to 15%**  
With Significant Seasonal Variation

Increase in heavy precipitation events:

**30%**

Increase in Days above 95:

**+55 days**

Decrease in Days below 32:

**-45 days**

Increase in growing season:

**48 days**

Increase in Air Conditioning Demand:

**245%**



# Climate Change in Ames

## City on The Move

**11**  
miles

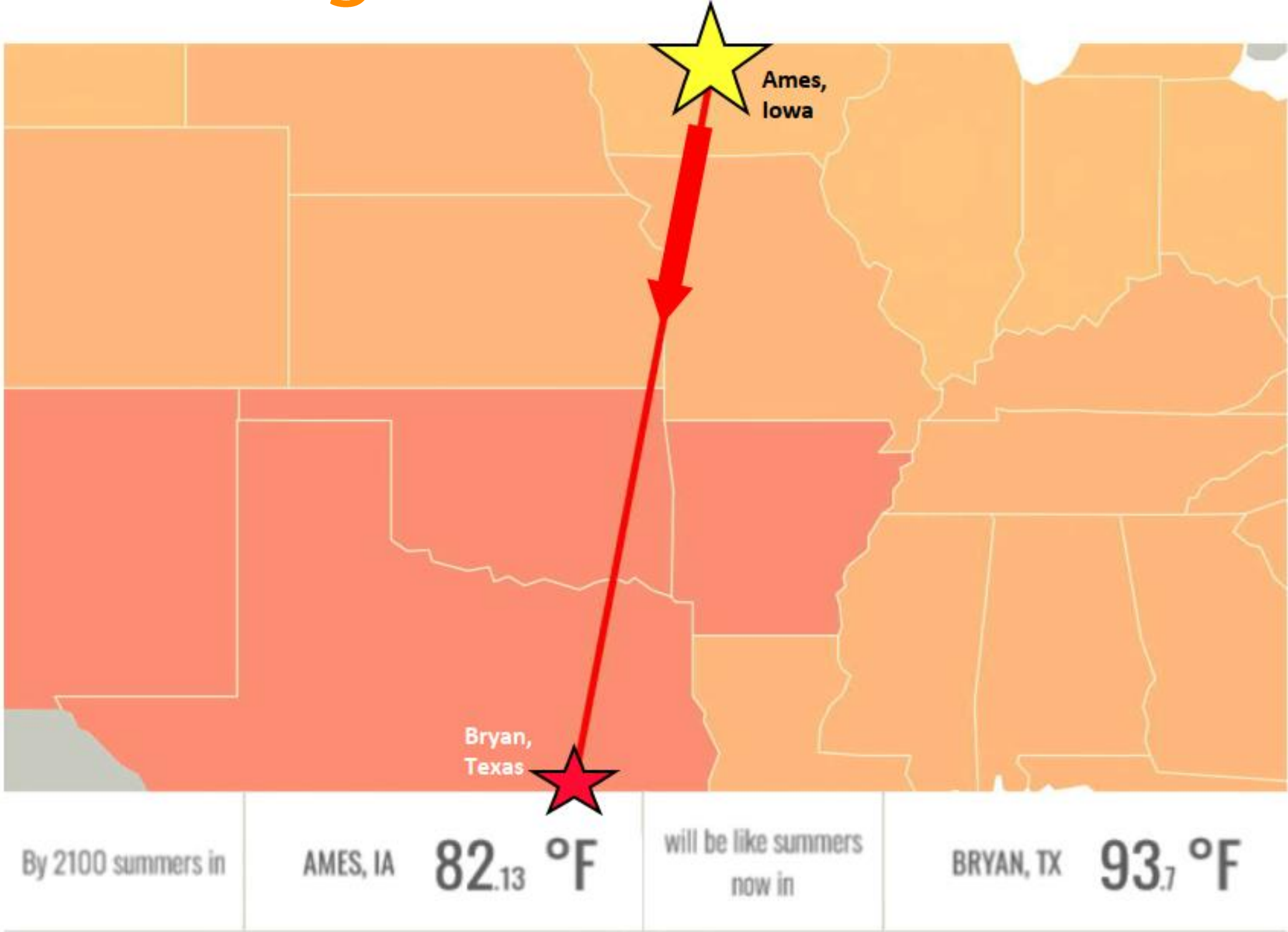
Distance southward the City of Ames' climate experience moves every year.

Which is equal to moving

**159**  
feet every day.



# Climate Change in Ames



# Climate Risks to Ames' Population



Extreme Weather / Temperature



Flood Vulnerability



Air Quality Impacts



Vector-Borne Diseases



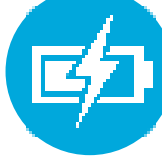
Food Insecurity and Foodborne Diseases



Water Quality/Quantity



Waterborne Illness



Power Outage



# Climate Risks to Ames' Population

## Who is Most Vulnerable?

Across the United States, people and communities differ in their exposures, their inherent sensitivity, and their capacity to respond to and cope with climate change related threats.

Community members who are most vulnerable include:



Children



Older Adults



Individuals with Disabilities



Those in Economic Stress



People of Color



At Risk Workers



Food Insecure Individuals



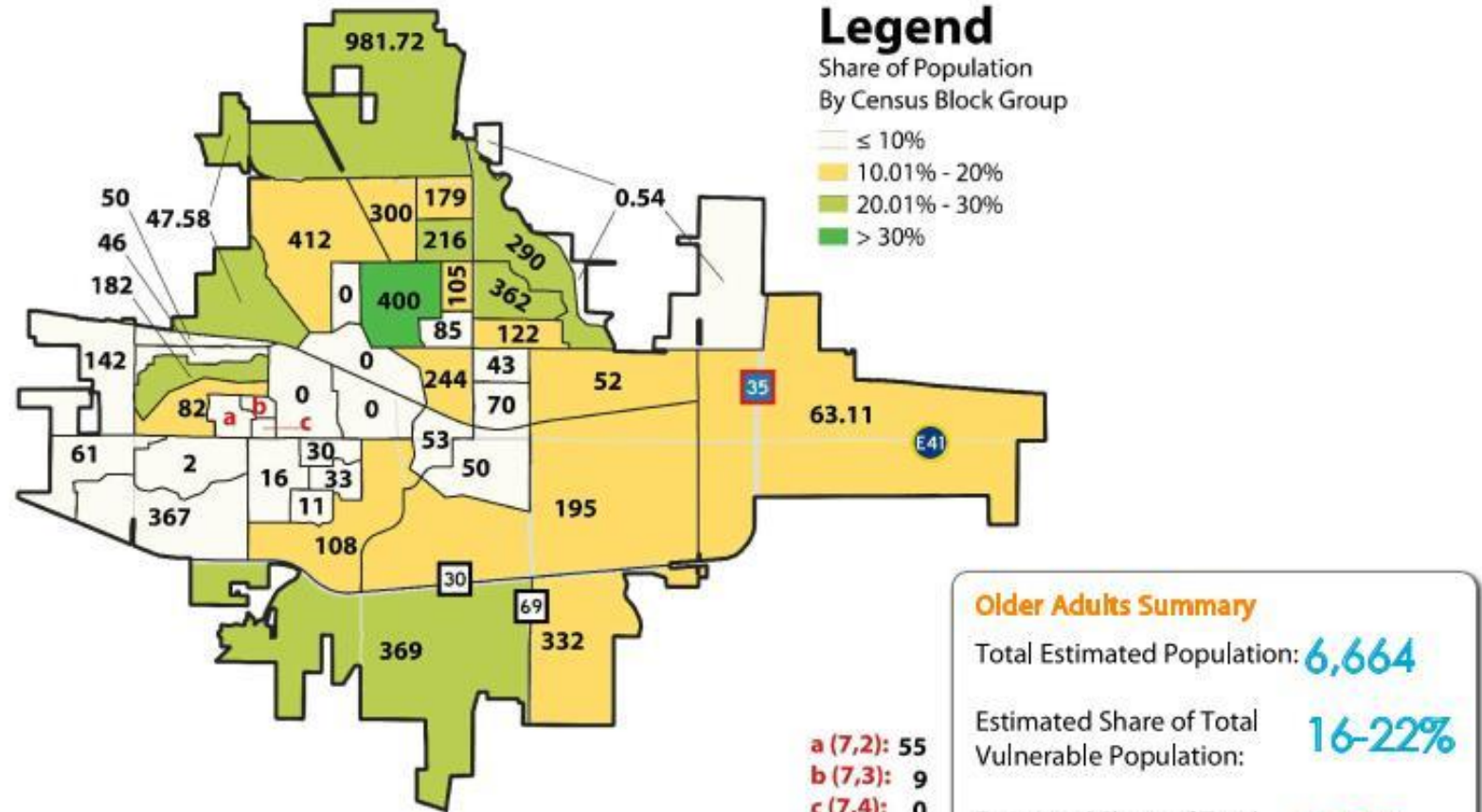
Individuals w/out Vehicle Access

# Climate Risks to Ames' Population

Older Adults are particularly sensitive to the following Climate Risks (see Section 6 for Climate Risk information):

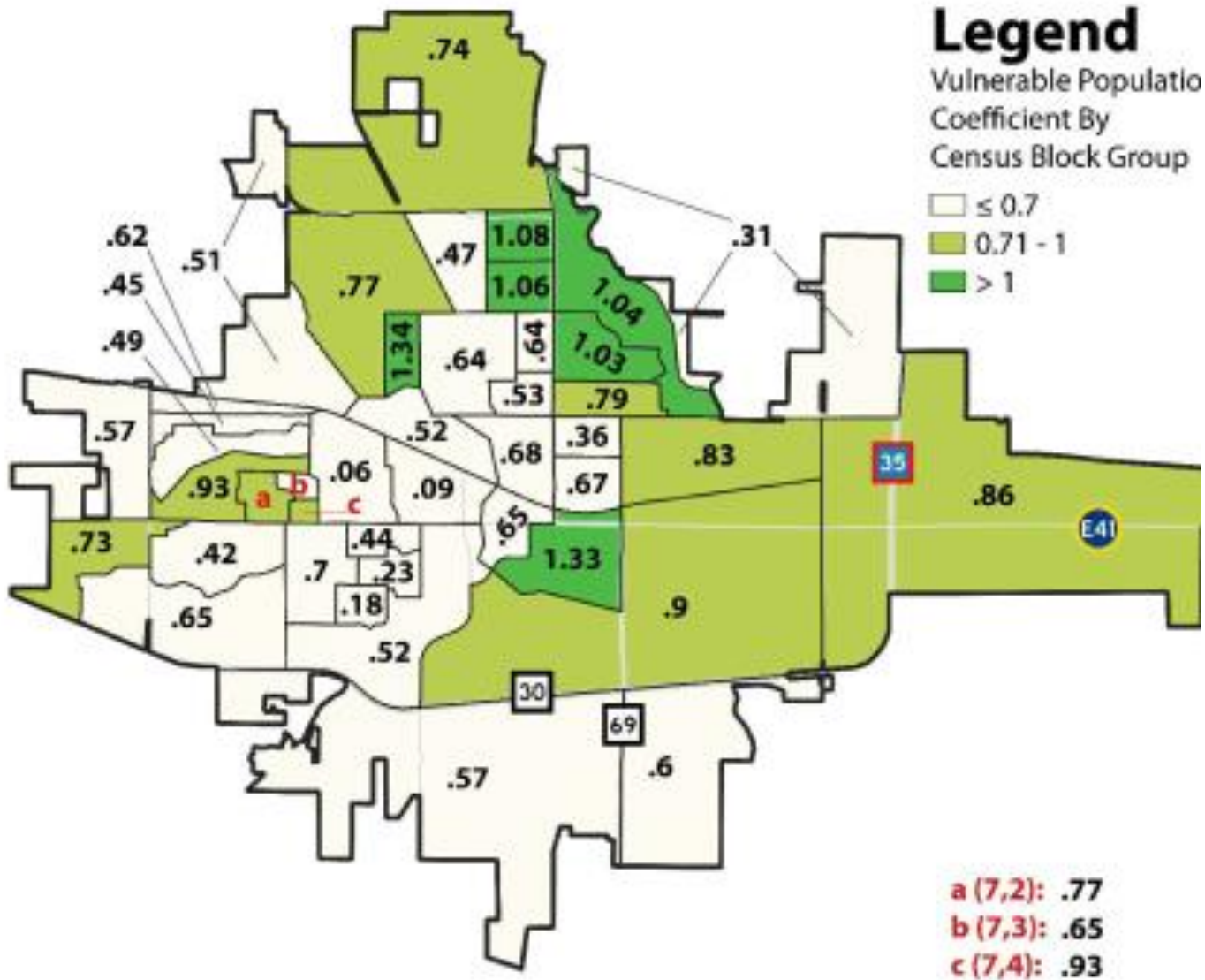


Map of Vulnerable Population Distribution Within Community



# Climate Risks to Ames' Population

Map of Total Vulnerable Population Distribution Within Community



## Composite Vulnerabilities

Estimated Composite Population Count

Source: Census 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



# Prioritizing Climate Risks and Hazards

## Climate Hazards

Climate Hazard Type	Current hazard risk level	Expected change in intensity	Expected change in frequency	Timeframe	Number of Events 1999-2009 vs 2009-2019 (NOAA)	% Change	Statewide Annualized Property Loss Value (NOAA)
<b>Extreme Heat</b>	Low	Increase	Increase	Medium-term	0 events to 3 events	N/A	\$300K
<b>Extreme Cold</b>	Moderate	Increase	Decrease	Medium-term	0 events to 8 events	N/A	\$23,100K
<b>Extreme Precipitation</b>	Not Known	Increase	Increase	Short-term	20 events to 152 events	760%	See Flood
<b>Floods</b>	High	Increase	Increase	Short-term	43 events to 76 events	176%	\$125,300K
<b>Droughts</b>	Low	Increase	Increase	Medium-term	4 events to 5 events	125%	\$302,900K
<b>Storms</b>	High	Increase	Increase	Short-term	210 events to 303 events	144%	\$55,700K
<b>Forest/Wild Fires</b>	Low	Not known	Not known	Not known	0 events to 0 events	N/A	N/A
<b>Air Quality Impacts</b>	Low	Increase	Increase	Long-term	N/A	N/A	N/A





# Prioritizing Climate Risks and Hazards

## Climate Risks to Population

Health Impacts	Expected Impact(s)	Likelihood of Occurrence	Impact Level (Population Vulnerability)	Timeframe	Risk (Likelihood x Impact)	Impact-related indicators
<b>Extreme Heat</b>	Increased demand for cooling; heat stress and emergency visits, heat related health	Possible	High	Medium-term	High	Cooling Degree Days, days above 95
<b>Flooding</b>	damage to property; flood related health impacts; infrastructure impacts	Likely	High	Short-term	Very High	Flood events, flash flood occurrences, wettest 5-day periods, number of heavy rain events, disaster declarations, change in NOAA storm
<b>Drought</b>	Damage to crop/tree/ecosystem, reduced drinking water source, increased flash flood potential due to decreased soil permeability	Possible	Moderate	Medium-term	Moderate	Consecutive days without rain, aquifer level, surface water condition, river flow
<b>Air Quality Impacts</b>	Increased particulate matter, increased ozone impacts, increased instances of asthma	Possible	High	Medium-term	High	Air quality index
<b>Vector-Borne Diseases</b>	Increased instances of lyme disease, encephalitis, heart worm, malaria, zika virus,	Likely	Moderate	Long-term	Moderate	Disease records
<b>Nutrition Insecurity</b>	Food price volatility/change, fluctuation in availability	Possible	Moderate	Medium-term	Moderate	Food price index, Foodshelf demand, % of school children qualifying for free and reduced lunch
<b>Water Quantity/Quality Impacts</b>	Water shortage, surface water quality impacts due to heat and stormwater runoff	Possible	Low	Long-term	Low	Aquifer health; Water quality test results
<b>Water Borne Disease</b>	Bacteria exposure at infected surface water locations, contamination of drinking water due to flood	Unlikely	High	Medium-term	Low	flood events; algae blooms



# Prioritizing Climate Risks and Hazards

## Climate Risks to Infrastructure and Institutions

Impacted Policy Sector	Expected Impact(s)	Likelihood of Occurrence	Potential Impact Level	Timeframe	Risk (Likelihood x Impact)	Impact-related Indicators
<b>Buildings</b>	Increased demand for cooling, need for weatherization	Likely	Moderate	Short-term	High	Low income housing units, % of residents with housing burden, housing stock age, % of units without weatherization improvements
<b>Transport / Roads</b>	Increased freeze/thaw damage, increased salt/sand use and maintenance budgets	Likely	High	Short-term	Very High	% of flooded or flood damaged roads and bridges, City road maintenance budget
<b>Energy</b>	Increased power outages, increased demand and cost expenditure	Likely	High	Medium-term	High	Energy outage occurrences, number of customers without power, cooling degree day increases
<b>Water</b>	Increased scarcity, water quality impacts	Possible	High	Long-term	Moderate	Water infrastructure damage, aquifer health, flood contamination
<b>Waste</b>	Damage to waste infrastructure and processing, particularly wastewater	Unlikely	Moderate	Long-term	Low	Flood impacts at wastewater facilities, sewage release, flooding at landfill/RDF sites
<b>Land Use Planning</b>	Stormwater management impacts, heat island impacts, flood management,	Likely	High	Short-term	Very High	Heat Island co-efficient; stormwater runoff projections, citywide tree canopy coverage, citywide impervious surface coverage, % of complete streets
<b>Agriculture &amp; Forestry</b>	Reduction in crop yield, forest + tree species loss due to changes in hardiness zone and pests	Likely	Moderate	Medium-term	High	% change in crop yield, impacts to crop planting and harvesting; tree canopy loss to pests, tree canopy loss to hardiness zone changes
<b>Environment &amp; Biodiversity</b>	Insect infestation, increased disease vectors, ecosystem degradation	Likely	Moderate	Medium-term	Moderate	% of habitat loss, invasive species
<b>Law Enforcement and Emergency Response</b>	Increased property and violent crime, increased emergency response demand and mortality rate	Likely	Moderate	Long-term	Low	Property and violent crime statistics (particularly during extreme heat), instances of mental health need, calls for emergency response (particularly during extreme heat and weather)
<b>Tourism</b>	Decline in tourism demand	Not known	Not Known	Not known	Not Known	Tourism statistics, hotel occupancy levels
<b>Economic Impact</b>	Impacts on regional Ag business, energy expenditures, labor impacts	Likely	Moderate	Medium-term	Moderate	Disaster declarations, economic indicators, employment rates



# Menu of Climate Adaptation Strategies

## Climate Adaptation and Resilience Goals

The following are potential Climate Adaptation Goals for the City of Ames provided for consideration. The goals are organized based on the primary anticipated climate change impacts they address.

### **C** Goals To Build Capacity For Preparing For And Responding To Population Risks Of Climate Change Impacts

- Goal C1 - Incorporate climate change preparedness activities into existing local government plans and programs as a means to increase resilience while minimizing costs.
- Goal C2 - Improve effectiveness of on-going adaptation measures.
- Goal C3 - Strengthen emergency management capacity to respond to weather-related emergencies.
- Goal C4 - Improve the capacity of the community, especially populations most vulnerable to climate change risks, to understand, prepare for and respond to climate impacts.
- Goal C5 - Enhance resilience of critical city operations.
- Goal C6 - Enhance city's capacity for adaptation implementation.
- Goal C7 - Secure funding to support City's adaptation efforts.

### **H** Goals Responding to Heat Stress And Extreme Weather

- Goal H1 - Strengthen emergency management capacity to respond to heat stress and extreme weather.
- Goal H2 - Minimize health issues caused by extreme heat days, especially for populations most vulnerable to heat.
- Goal H3 - Improve the capacity of the community, especially populations most vulnerable to climate change risks, to understand, prepare for and respond to high heat and extreme weather.
- Goal H4 - Decrease the urban heat island effect, especially in areas with populations most vulnerable to heat.
- Goal H5 - Enhance resilience of community tree canopy and park/forest land (strategies may include planting climate adaptive trees and native prairie grasses, wild flowers, and landscaping).
- Goal H6 - Enhance the resilience of buildings within the community to extreme heat, weather, and energy and fuel disruptions.
- Goal H7 - Improve the energy efficiency and weatherization of homes and businesses to reduce energy costs and carbon pollution.
- Goal H8 - Expand access to distributed solar energy in low-income communities in order to lower energy bills, increase access to air conditioning, and decrease carbon pollution levels.
- Goal H9 - Enhance resilience of local businesses to extreme weather.
- Goal H10 - Strengthen social cohesion and networks to increase support during extreme weather events.
- Goal H11 - Increase the resilience of natural and built systems to adapt to increased timeframes between precipitation and increased drought conditions.
- Goal H12 - Enhance the reliability of the grid during high heat events to minimize fires, brownouts and blackouts.

## Climate Adaptation and Resilience Goals (continued)

### **A** Goals Responding to Air Quality Impacts

- Goal A1 - Reduce auto-generated particulate matter, tailpipe pollutants, waste heat, and ozone formation.
- Goal A2 - Increase and maintain air quality for residents and businesses.

### **F** Goals Responding To Flood Vulnerability

- Goal F1 - Strengthen emergency management capacity to respond to flood-related emergencies.
- Goal F2 - Increase the resilience of the natural and built environment to more intense rain events and associated flooding.
- Goal F3 - Enhance resilience to fuel disruptions in transportation and mobility.

### **V** Goals Responding To Vector-Borne Disease Risks

- Goal V1 - Manage the increased risk of disease due to changes in vector populations.

### **FI** Goals Responding To Food Insecurity And Food-borne Disease Risks

- Goal FI-1 - Increase food security for residents, especially those most vulnerable to food environment.

(Rural communities) Goal A3 - Increase resilience of croplands, farms, and farmers within community.

### **W** Goals Responding To Water Quality and Quantity Risks

- Goal W1 - Increase the resilience of City's water supply in drier summers.

### **WB** Goals Responding To Waterborne Illness Risks

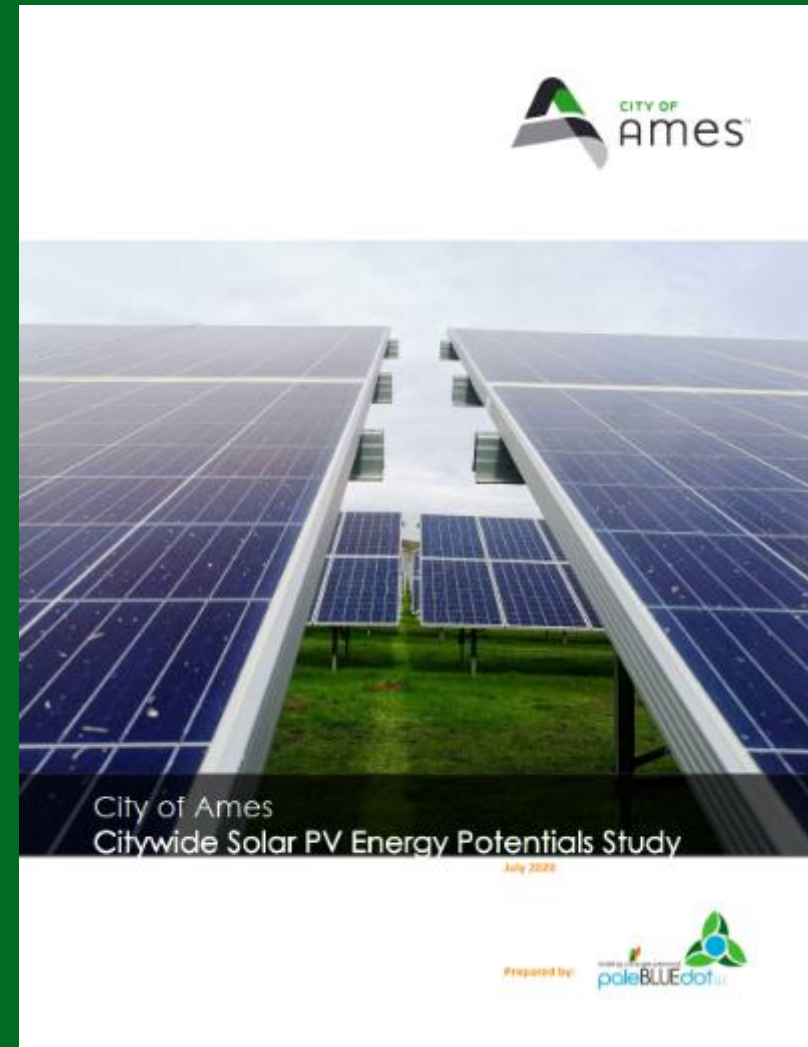
- Goal WB1 - Enhance protection of surface water quality damage from severe storms
- Goal WB2 - Enhance public protection from exposure to surface water pathogen contamination

### **E** Goals Enhancing Economic Resilience In Support of Climate Resilience

- Goal E1 - Leverage the economic development opportunities of the Green Economy
- Goal E2 - Enhance community resilience through economic resilience
- Goal E3 - Including Economic Resilience in Emergency Response Planning



# Citywide Solar PV Potentials Study



# Citywide Solar PV Potentials Study

## City-Wide Solar Potentials

### Solar In Iowa

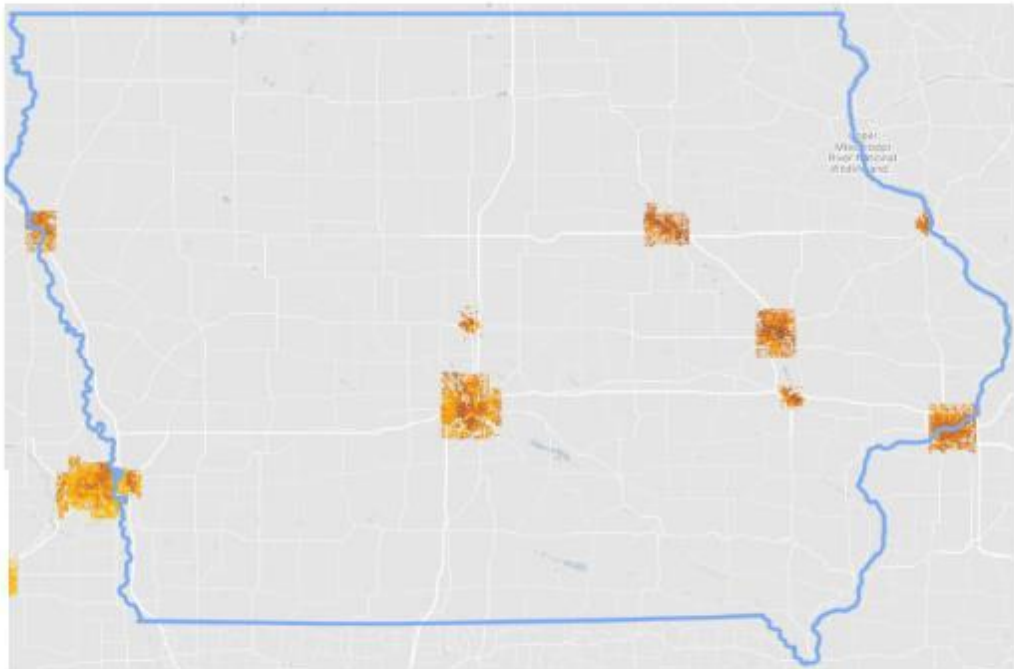
As of March, 2020, Iowa has a total of 139.6 megawatts (139,600,000 watts) of solar capacity installed statewide. There are a total of 5,462 solar installations in the State. The State of Iowa ranks 39<sup>th</sup> nationally for total solar energy production capacity.

The State's solar installation total is enough to power 17,300 homes. The share of the State's total electricity use that comes from solar power, however, is less than 0.3%. This indicates great potential for growth throughout the State. Current solar growth projections for the State equal an additional 374 MW over the next 5 years - a growth rate that ranks 38<sup>th</sup> nationally.

Costs for Solar PV installation in the State have declined 36% since 2015. Price declines have been accompanied with increasing rate of investment in solar energy. A total of \$223,860,000 has been invested in Solar PV installations. The industry currently employs 844 people in 72 companies Statewide.

(source: Solar Energy Industries Association SEIA)

Buildings 74% solar-viable	Roof space 528M sq ft	Roofs 350K	Based on 35% data coverage over buildings in this geographic area. All estimates are based on buildings viable for solar panels. Included panels receive at least 75% of the maximum annual sun in the county. For Iowa, the average value of the threshold is 1,012 kWh/kW (source: Project Sunroof, SEIA)
4,015 existing solar installations	Capacity 7.5K MW DC	Electricity 8.8M MWh AC per yr	



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## City-Wide Solar Potentials

**STATE SOLAR JOBS: 844**

**39 STATE RANKING FOR SOLAR JOBS**

**45 STATE RANKING FOR SOLAR JOBS PER CAPITA**

**29** New Solar Jobs, 2018

**3.6%** Solar Jobs Growth, 2018

**27** State Rank by Net Solar Jobs Added, 2018

**11.5%** Projected Jobs Growth, 2019

**15.4%** Percentage of State Solar Workers Who Are Veterans

**SOLAR JOBS BY SECTOR**

<b>INSTALLATION</b> 545 (7% increase)	<b>MANUFACTURING</b> 143 (7% decrease)
<b>WHOLESALE TRADE &amp; DISTRIBUTION</b> 69 (12% decrease)	<b>OPERATIONS &amp; MAINTENANCE</b> 54
<b>OTHER</b> 34 (25% decrease)	

**SOLAR POLICY CONTEXT**

**B** Net Metering Policy Grade<sup>9</sup>

**A** Interconnection Policy Grade<sup>12</sup>

Solar installations up to 1 MW receive compensation for solar sent back to the grid credited at the retail rate, though utilities can reduce compensation based on customer demand. There is no limit to the number of systems covered under net metering.

**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD<sup>11</sup>**  
**105 MW** by no specified date

**RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD CARVEOUTS<sup>11</sup>**  
N/A Solar  
N/A Distributed Generation

**COMMUNITY SOLAR<sup>13</sup>**  
N/A

**COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION STATUS<sup>14</sup>**  
CCA Not Available

**LEGAL STATUS OF THIRD PARTY OWNERSHIP<sup>10</sup>**  
Authorized by state, at least in certain jurisdictions

**PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY FINANCING (PACE) STATUS<sup>11</sup>**  
N/A

**STATE INSTALLER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>**  
Electrician's License

**33%** Employers Reporting It Was "Very Difficult" to Hire Qualified Employees

**36** STATE RANKING FOR AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE<sup>8</sup> (Highest to Lowest)

**9.35 CENTS/kWh** AVERAGE ELECTRICITY PRICE<sup>8</sup>

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# Determining Citywide Potentials

## Methodology:

### 1) Input Data:

Roof plane survey (NREL)

lidar data obtained from U.S. (DHS)

### 2) Roof plan classification by orientation and tilt

Flat ( $0^{\circ}$  -  $9.5^{\circ}$ )

Low ( $9.5^{\circ}$  -  $21.5^{\circ}$ )

Mid-Low ( $21.5^{\circ}$  -  $34.5^{\circ}$ )

Mid-High ( $34.5^{\circ}$  -  $47.5^{\circ}$ )

High ( $47.5^{\circ}$  and higher)

### 3) Calculated solar PV energy generation potential Based on Roof Classifications

350 watt panels

Estimated installed capacity based on roof plane type

Calculated system losses based on orientation, tilt

Included average general system losses (22%)



# Determining Citywide Potentials

## Generation Capacity In Ames By Roof Slope and Orientation

Breakdown by Roof Tilt		Flat		Low Tilt		Mid-Low Tilt		Mid-High Tilt		High Tilt	
Breakdown by Roof Orientation (Azimuth)	<b>Flat</b>										
	Suitable Buildings	2,111	20.98%	2,111							
	Suitable Roof Planes	3,884	20.98%	3,884							
	Square Footage	1,227,774	21.01%	1,227,774							
	Capacity (KW dc)	19,582	21.01%	19,582							
	Generation (KWH)	24,438,600	24.14%	24,438,600							
	<b>Subtotal South Facing</b>										
	Suitable Buildings	2,624	26.08%	0	5						
	Suitable Roof Planes	4,829	26.08%	0	1,0						
	Square Footage	1,526,668	26.12%	0	326,5						
	Capacity (KW dc)	24,349	26.12%	0	5,208	15,615	3,515				
	Generation (KWH)	27,087,904	26.76%	0	5,595,235	17,329,902	4,149,610				
	<b>West + Southwest</b>										
	Suitable Buildings	2,640	26.24%	0	480	1,711	447				
	Suitable Roof Planes	4,858	26.24%	0	883	3,149	822				
	Square Footage	1,536,070	26.28%	0	279,158	995,568	259,889				
	Capacity (KW dc)	24,499	26.28%	0	4,452	15,879	4,145				
	Generation (KWH)	24,960,281	24.66%	0	4,369,453	16,096,615	4,470,177				
	<b>East + Southeast</b>										
Suitable Buildings	2,687	26.71%	0	490	1,749	447					
Suitable Roof Planes	4,945	26.71%	0	901	3,218	822					
Square Footage	1,554,611	26.60%	0	284,766	1,017,328	251,060					
Capacity (KW dc)	24,795	26.60%	0	4,542	16,226	4,004					
Generation (KWH)	24,730,796	24.43%	0	4,365,925	16,111,479	4,229,848					
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>Subtotal: Flat Roof</b>	<b>Subtotal: Low Tilt</b>	<b>Subtotal: Mid-Low Tilt</b>	<b>Subtotal: Mid-High Tilt</b>	<b>Subtotal: High Tilt</b>				
Suitable Buildings	10,061		2,111	1,531	5,143	1,272	5				
Suitable Roof Planes	18,516		3,884	2,817	9,464	2,341	10				
Square Footage	5,845,123		1,227,774	890,447	2,991,947	731,316	3,639				
Capacity (KW dc)	93,226		19,582	14,202	47,720	11,664	58				
Generation (KWH)	101,217,582		24,438,600	14,330,612	49,537,996	12,849,634	60,739				

**Total Potential**

**101,217,582 KWh Annually**

**14% of Citywide Consumption**



# Determining Citywide Potentials

## Optimized Generation Capacity In Ames By Roof Slope and Orientation

Breakdown by Roof Tilt			Flat		Low Tilt		Mid-Low Tilt		Mid-High Tilt		High Tilt		
Breakdown by Roof Orientation (Azimuth)	<b>Flat</b>												
	Suitable Buildings	2,111	28.46%	<b>2,111</b>									
	Suitable Roof Planes	3,884	28.46%	<b>3,884</b>									
	Square Footage	1,227,774	28.46%	<b>1,227,774</b>									
	Capacity (KW dc)	19,582	28.46%	<b>19,582</b>									
	Generation (KWH)	24,438,600	32.01%	<b>24,438,600</b>									
	<b>Subtotal South Facing</b>												
	Suitable Buildings	2,624	35.39%	0	5								
	Suitable Roof Planes	4,829	35.39%	0	1,0								
	Square Footage	1,526,668	35.39%	0	326,5								
	Capacity (KW dc)	24,349	35.39%	0	5,208	15,615	3,515	12					
	Generation (KWH)	27,087,904	35.47%	0	5,595,235	17,329,902	4,149,610	13,157					
	<b>West + Southwest</b>												
	Suitable Buildings	2,191	29.55%	0	480	1,711	0	0					
	Suitable Roof Planes	4,032	29.55%	0	883	3,149	0	0					
	Square Footage	1,274,725	29.55%	0	279,158	995,568	0	0					
	Capacity (KW dc)	20,331	29.55%	0	4,452	15,879	0	0					
	Generation (KWH)	20,466,067	26.80%	0	4,369,453	16,096,615	0	0					
	<b>East + Southeast</b>												
	Suitable Buildings	490	6.60%	0	490	0	0	0					
Suitable Roof Planes	901	6.60%	0	901	0	0	0						
Square Footage	284,766	6.60%	0	284,766	0	0	0						
Capacity (KW dc)	4,542	6.60%	0	4,542	0	0	0						
Generation (KWH)	4,365,925	5.72%	0	4,365,925	0	0	0						
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>Subtotal: Flat Roof</b>	<b>Subtotal: Low Tilt</b>	<b>Subtotal: Mid-Low Tilt</b>	<b>Subtotal: Mid-High Tilt</b>	<b>Subtotal: High Tilt</b>						
Suitable Buildings	7,415		2,111 28.46%	1,531 20.64%	3,394 45.77%	379 5.11%	1 0.01%						
Suitable Roof Planes	13,646		3,884 28.46%	2,817 20.64%	6,246 45.77%	697 5.11%	2 0.01%						
Square Footage	4,313,933		1,227,774 28.46%	890,447 20.64%	1,974,619 45.77%	220,366 5.11%	728 0.02%						
Capacity (KW dc)	68,805		19,582 28.46%	14,202 20.64%	31,494 45.77%	3,515 5.11%	12 0.02%						
Generation (KWH)	76,358,497		24,438,600 32.01%	14,330,612 18.77%	33,426,517 43.78%	4,149,610 5.43%	13,157 0.02%						

**Total Potential**

**76,358,497 KWh Annually**

**10% of Citywide Consumption**





# Projecting Market Absorption

## Methodology:

5) Using 5 and 10 year Statewide solar install projections for State of Minnesota, Project “Market Absorption” Scenarios to Determine *likely* solar array installs in city:

**Scenario A:** Based on current city share of Statewide install trends (higher than average number of arrays, lower than average KW installed per-capita)

**For Climate Action Planning, this could be seen as the baseline condition**

**Scenario B:** Increasing city share in terms of KW installed to match Statewide install trends per-capita



# Projecting Market Absorption

Scenario A: Maintaining Current City Adoption Rate and Average Array Size (7.3 KW)

## Ames Solar PV Projection

Based Maintaining Existing Share of Installed Capacity x Potential Market Absorption

Year	Cumulative Installed (KW)	Annual Generation (KWH)	% of City Electric Consumption
2025	3,793	4,118,292	0.67%
2030	6,685	7,257,837	1.19%
2040	9,857	10,702,123	1.75%

Scenario B: Based on Potential Market Absorption and Increasing City Adoption Rate to Population Share

## Ames Solar PV Projection

Based Population Share of Potential Market Absorption

Year	Cumulative Installed (KW)	Annual Generation (KWH)	% of City Electric Consumption
2025	8,911	9,675,208	1.58%
2030	15,705	17,051,022	2.78%
2040	23,158	25,142,769	4.11%

NOTE: This projection does not include distributed ground-mounted solar pv potentials nor utility scale solar pv installation potential.



# Projecting Potential Economic Impact

## Ames Local Economic Impacts - Summary Results

Based Scenario B Projection

	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Value Added</b>
		<b>Million\$ 2020</b>	<b>Million\$ 2020</b>	<b>Million\$ 2020</b>
<b>During construction period</b>				
Project Development and Onsite Labor Impacts	24	\$3.38	\$4.61	\$3.76
Construction and Interconnection Labor	16	\$2.91		
Construction Related Services	9	\$0.47		
Equipment and Supply Chain Impacts	24	\$1.59	\$6.50	\$3.20
Induced Impacts	21	\$1.26	\$3.50	\$1.91
<b>Total Impacts</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>\$6.24</b>	<b>\$14.60</b>	<b>\$8.87</b>
	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Annual</b>
	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Earnings</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Value Added</b>
		<b>Million\$ 2020</b>	<b>Million\$ 2020</b>	<b>Million\$ 2020</b>
<b>During operating years (annual)</b>				
Onsite Labor Impacts	10	\$0.68	\$0.68	\$0.68
Local Revenue and Supply Chain Impacts	2	\$0.12	\$0.35	\$0.24
Induced Impacts	2	\$0.14	\$0.38	\$0.20
<b>Total Impacts</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$0.94</b>	<b>\$1.41</b>	<b>\$1.12</b>



# Projecting Potential Environmental Impact

## Carbon and Water Footprint Reduction Potential - Scenario A

Year	Annual Generation (GWH)	GHG Emission Reduction (mTons)	GHG Emission Reduction (Cubic Feet of Atmosphere)	Water Footprint Reduction (Mgallons)
2025	4.12	2,578	51,152,133	21.85
2030	7.26	4,543	90,147,536	38.50
2040	10.70	6,700	132,928,030	56.77

## Carbon and Water Footprint Reduction Potential - Scenario B

Year	Annual Generation (GWH)	GHG Emission Reduction (mTons)	GHG Emission Reduction (Cubic Feet of Atmosphere)	Water Footprint Reduction (Mgallons)
2025	9.68	6,057	120,173,009	51.32
2030	17.05	10,674	211,785,904	90.45
2040	25.14	15,739	312,291,209	133.37



# Menu of Renewable Energy Strategies

## City-Wide Solar Potentials

### Community-Wide Solar Menu of Potential Actions

In support of the City's interest in Greenhouse Gas emissions reductions and increase in renewable energy generation, the following are a menu of potential actions for the City's consideration and exploration. Note, final actions should be established through a detailed Climate Action Planning effort:

- 1) Maximize new installations in years 2020 and 2021 for both Residential and Commercial scale projects in order to leverage the greatest potential for local cost savings from the Federal Solar Investment Tax Credit. Actions to support this include:
  - a) Develop and distribute information on the advantages of solar with a particular focus on the current tax incentive savings available for both homeowners and businesses. Information should also include detailed information on incentives and opportunities for financing.
  - b) Develop and provide a solar benefits educational seminar for residents and businesses, content to include information on the tax incentive savings potential as well as tools and resources for solar procurement and financing.
  - c) Conduct a "Solar Top 50" study to identify the top 50 commercial and industrial properties for on-site solar generation. Develop feasibility assessments for each property illustrating energy generation potential and estimated return on investment. Combine feasibility information with information developed in item a above and provide to each subject property owner.
  - d) Organize and lead a Commercial Group Purchasing campaign in 2020 and 2021 to competitively bid contractors to offer maximum cost savings based on power of quantity buying. This program could focus on the Solar Top 50 sites identified in item c above as well as combined with City facilities. Program should explore the inclusion of cash purchase as well as third party purchase options.
  - e) Organize and lead a Residential Group Purchasing campaign in 2020 and 2021 to competitively bid contractors to offer maximum cost savings based on power of quantity buying.
  - f) Develop and distribute a "Solar Ready Guide" outlining steps building owners can take for new construction and renovation projects to make buildings solar ready and decrease the cost of future installations.
  - g) Establish a requirement that all City owned new construction projects and significant renovation projects as well as any projects which receive City funding are to be Solar Ready.
  - h) Establish a requirement that all City owned new construction projects and significant renovation projects as well as any projects which receive City funding are to include a detailed solar feasibility assessment with projected financial payback (cash purchase and 3<sup>rd</sup> party ownership options) to be included at time of building permit application. (Strategy encourages awareness of solar potential and potential long-term economic savings)



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City of Ames Solar PV Energy Potentials

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## City-Wide Solar Potentials

### Community-Wide Solar Menu of Potential Actions (continued)

- 2) Maximize new installations in years 2022 and beyond. Actions to support this include:
  - i) Continue the City's SolSmart designation efforts and advance to Gold level
  - j) Establish an incentive for all privately owned new construction projects and significant renovation projects that are designed to City's Solar Ready Guidelines developed in item f above (incentive may include credit on building permit application and/or expedited permit processing)
  - k) Establish a requirement that all new construction projects requiring a Conditional Use Permit or Planned Unit Development be designed to the City's Solar Ready Guidelines developed in item f above.
  - l) Establish a requirement that new construction projects and significant renovation projects within the City (private and publicly owned) are to include a detailed solar feasibility assessment with projected financial payback (cash purchase and 3<sup>rd</sup> party ownership options) to be included at time of building permit application. (Strategy encourages awareness of solar potential and potential long-term economic savings)
  - m) Establish a requirement that all private or public projects receiving City of Ames funding be constructed as fully solar ready and include an on-site solar pv array.
  - n) Coordinate with other Iowa municipalities and advocate for the establishment of Property Assisted Clean Energy (PACE) financing legislation. Coordinate with Story County to establish a Countywide PACE program.
  - o) Coordinate with County to explore the development of new incentive programs, particularly those aimed at low and moderate income residents. Program opportunities may include development of LIHEAP based funding sources.
  - p) Conduct a Green Economy Business and Economic Development Potentials study to identify strategies in leveraging economic opportunities in the Green Economy and emerging renewable energy field. Study should focus not only on national, state, and metro area trends, but should identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats unique to Ames. The goal of establishing a robust business atmosphere capable not only of serving Ames renewable energy and green economy needs but fulfilling a unique economic niche within the region.

### Municipal Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF)

- 3) Explore implementation of options which result from the pending the completion of the City's Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) study identifying opportunities to maximize energy production and reduce rejects sent to the landfill.



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City of Ames Solar PV Energy Potentials

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Thank You!

