



PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Virtual Meeting – Join Teams Meeting



12/07/2020 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members Present

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Brian Bloom (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Richard Conway |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Mark Cox | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Austin Kerr |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Ryan Martin | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Stephen Parsons |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Aurelia Yazzie | |

Councilmember / Liaison to the City Council

- Councilmember Salas

Staff Present

- Ramon Alatorre – Climate & Energy Coordinator, Sustainability
- Nicole Antonopoulos – Sustainability Director
- Andy Bertelsen – Public Works Director
- Stacy Fobar – Deputy City Clerk
- Cathy Guetschow -Admin Specialist
- Lalena Guider - Admin Specialist
- Amy Hagin - Parks Manager
- Jon Wilson - Recreation Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Chairperson Bloom.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Bloom, Commissioners Conway, Cox, Kerr, Parsons, and Yazzie were present for roll call.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 17, 2020 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bloom to approve the October 19, 2020 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yazzie. Motion passed unanimously with six (6) yeas.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public comments.

4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Climate Emergency Declaration – Sustainability presentation

Ramon Alatorre presented the Climate Emergency Declaration and draft plan to achieve the goals of the declaration. The plan declares a climate emergency and states necessary actions to move Flagstaff to a Carbon Neutral City (Net Zero Emissions) with a goal year of 2030. The final plan will be brought to the City Council for formal adoption in February 2021 (see attached).

B. Continued discussion of the Commission’s current and future work program

The Commission agreed to prioritize future work program topics by importance.

High Priority:

- Review and update the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan
 - o Amendments to the Master Plan are possible at no additional cost and may include updated language.
 - o A funding request is required to draft a new master plan
- Review the Strategic plan and update
- Review /update City Codes as related to Park Rules, Cemetery, and alcohol in parks

Medium Priority

- Volunteer opportunities with a look at current partners with Open Space
- Cost recovery policy and funding opportunities including grants

Low Priority

- Park assessments and quality checks - Tours are best scheduled for May or June 2021
- Land acquisition as related to the \$2.8 million available for Lake Mary and Christensen parcels
- Employee retention, recognition, and advancement

The Council Liaison recommended addressing the fiscal year 2021 Budget in upcoming agendas.

C. City Updates as needed

Jon Wilson reported that on the Tuesday, November 24 the Council discussed the surge in recent COVID cases and moved the City from Phase 3 back to Phase 2 of the Re-entry Plan, as of November 30. Parks amenities and Jay Lively were unaffected and will remain open with current safety measures in place. The city remains in the significant stage of the City of Flagstaff Recession Plan with no changes.

D. Update from Sustainability

Nicole Antonopoulos presented on the reorganization of the Open Space Program to move from Sustainability to Parks and Recreation. The new name of the section(s) will become Parks, Recreation, and Open Space. Programs within Open Space include Picture Canyon, Observatory Mesa, Schultz Creek, and the McMillan Mesa Natural Area and are community priorities that have been a success. On January 2, 2021, Open Space will be returning to Parks and Recreation with \$32,500 in program funding and over 4,000 acres to manage including many cultural sites. Current partnerships between Parks and Open Spaces that have already been successful, focus on maintenance and equipment use.

5. COUNCIL LIASON REPORTS, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER REGINA SALAS

Council member Salas expressed appreciation for the work of the Parks and Recreation Commission and noted that the City Council budget retreat is upcoming, and Parks and Recreation Commission plays a critical role in the budget.

6. REPORTS - Monthly highlights of Parks, Recreation and Open Space

Recreation Manager Jon Wilson reported that due to the city's move to stage 2 of the Re-entry Plan, the Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru event has been canceled.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS TO AND FROM COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The Parks and Recreation Commission will need a new elected Chairperson and Co-Chair in January.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY 11, 2021 MEETING (note the change in date due to the holiday on January 18, 2020)

- Election of a new Chair and Co-Chair
- Review of the 2018 Strategic Plan and updates
- Open space transition into Parks and Recreation

9. ADJOURNMENT 5:58 PM

Attachment:

Climate Emergency Declaration (following pages)



Climate Emergency Declaration

Nicole Antonopoulos, Sustainability Director
Ramon Alatorre, Climate and Energy Coordinator
City of Flagstaff

Events and reports
referenced in the
Climate Emergency
Declaration

December 2015: Paris Agreement

October 2018: IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming above 1.5 C

November 2018: Flagstaff Climate Action and Adaptation Plan

November 2019: UN Emissions Gap Report

Flagstaff's Climate Emergency Declaration

September 20, 2019: Flagstaff community members gathered signatures during the Global Climate Strike

September 24, 2019: Citizen Petition 2019-02 was submitted to City Council

January 28, 2020: Approved by City Council to move forward

June 23, 2020: Adopted by City Council, unanimously

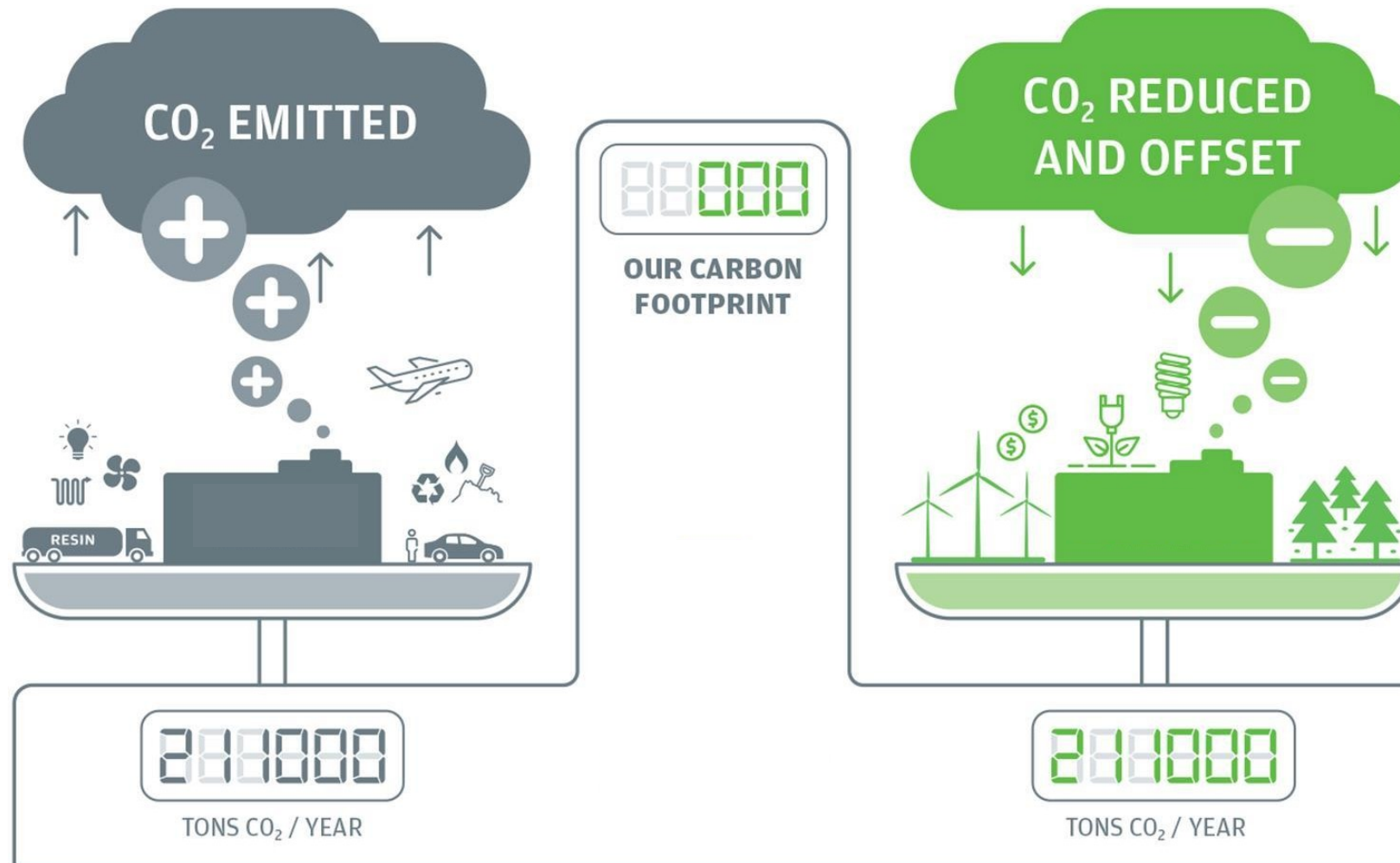
Flagstaff's Climate Emergency Declaration

1. Dramatic increase in ambition to combat climate change
2. Commits to City-wide transition and climate emergency mobilization effort
3. Commits to educating residents and especially youth
4. Underscores the need for full community participation
5. Commits to keeping vulnerable communities at the forefront of decision making
6. Joins a nationwide call for mobilization
7. **Advance goals of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)**
8. Calls on all governments to initiate a transition

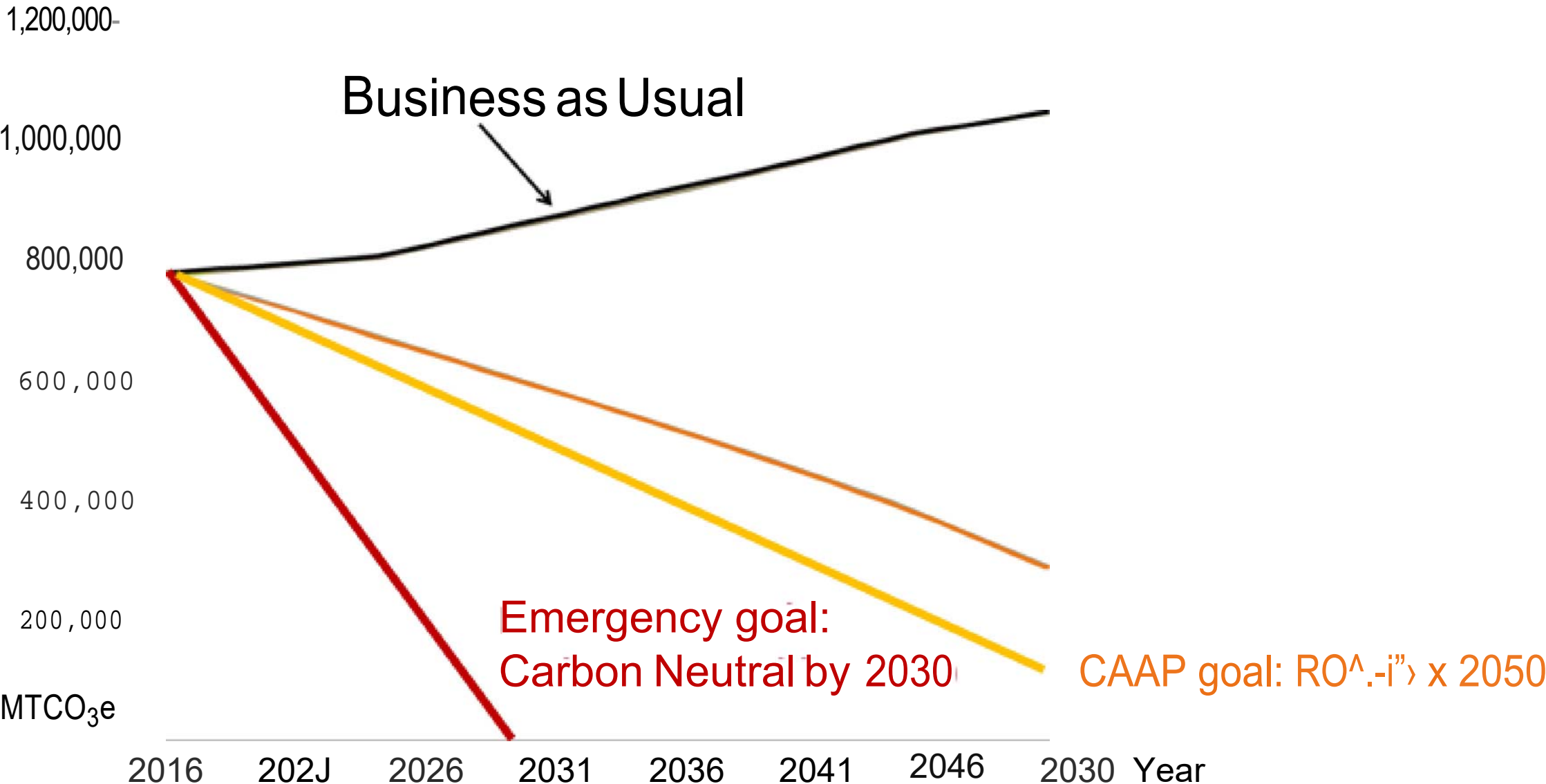
What We've Been Working On Since June 23, 2020

1. Revise Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) 80x50 goal to Carbon Neutrality
2. Reengage CAAP consultants to “crunch the numbers” and co-develop preliminary targets necessary for achieving carbon neutrality
3. Reinvigorate CAAP Steering Committee with additional representatives from the community and climate emergency effort
4. Based on targets, begin developing Flagstaff specific strategies and actions
5. Inform all sectors of the Flagstaff community about the new goals and request their input
6. Presented the Climate Emergency Update to City Council on October 27, 2020
 - **An emphasis on the need to commit attention and resources to equitable, systems-level solutions that will benefit and be accessible to the entire Flagstaff community.**
7. Return to the Flagstaff community for input on draft final plan of action during November and December 2020
8. Present updated plan of action to City Council for formal adoption in February 2021

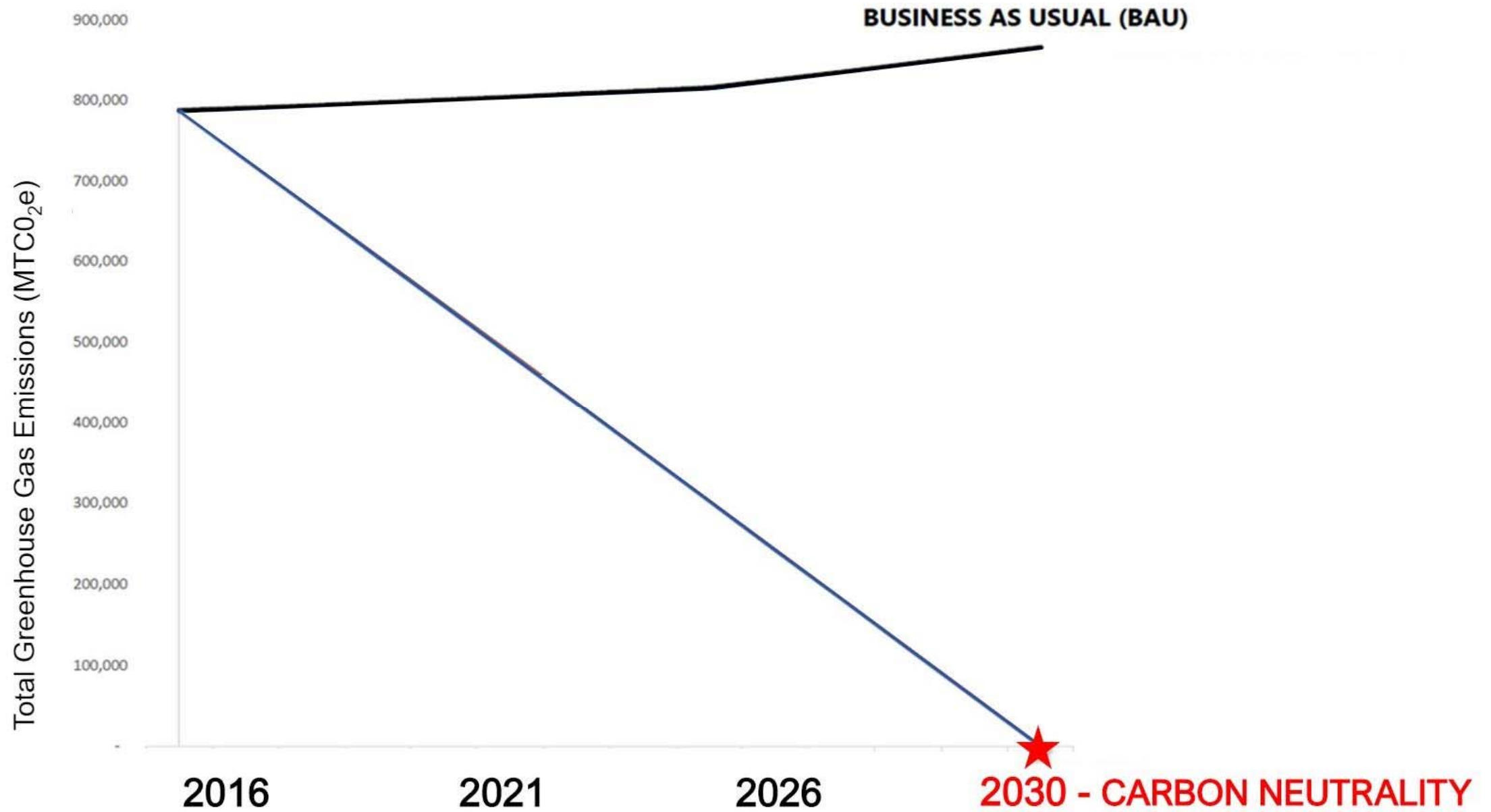
Carbon Neutrality = Net Zero Emissions



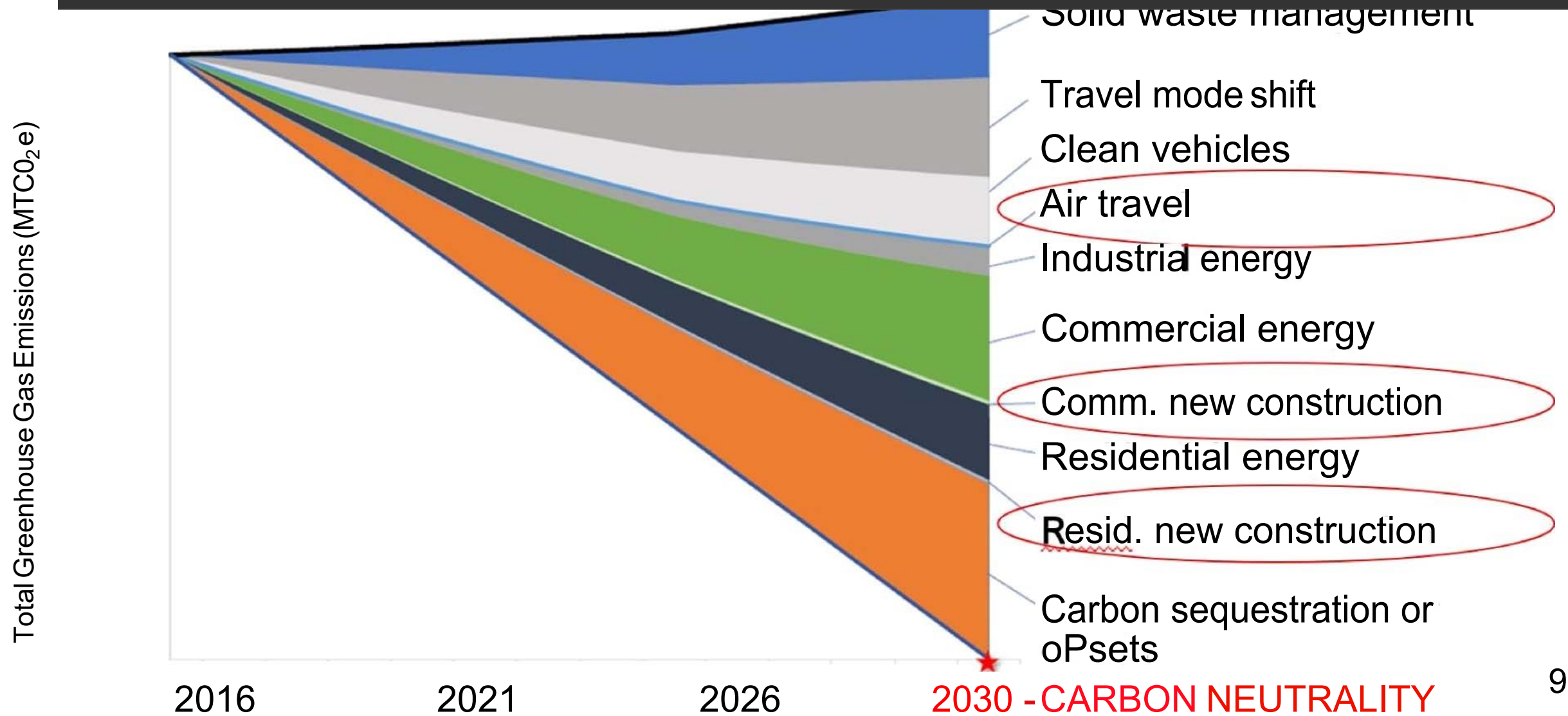
CAAP GHG Emissions Goals



The Carbon Neutrality Gap

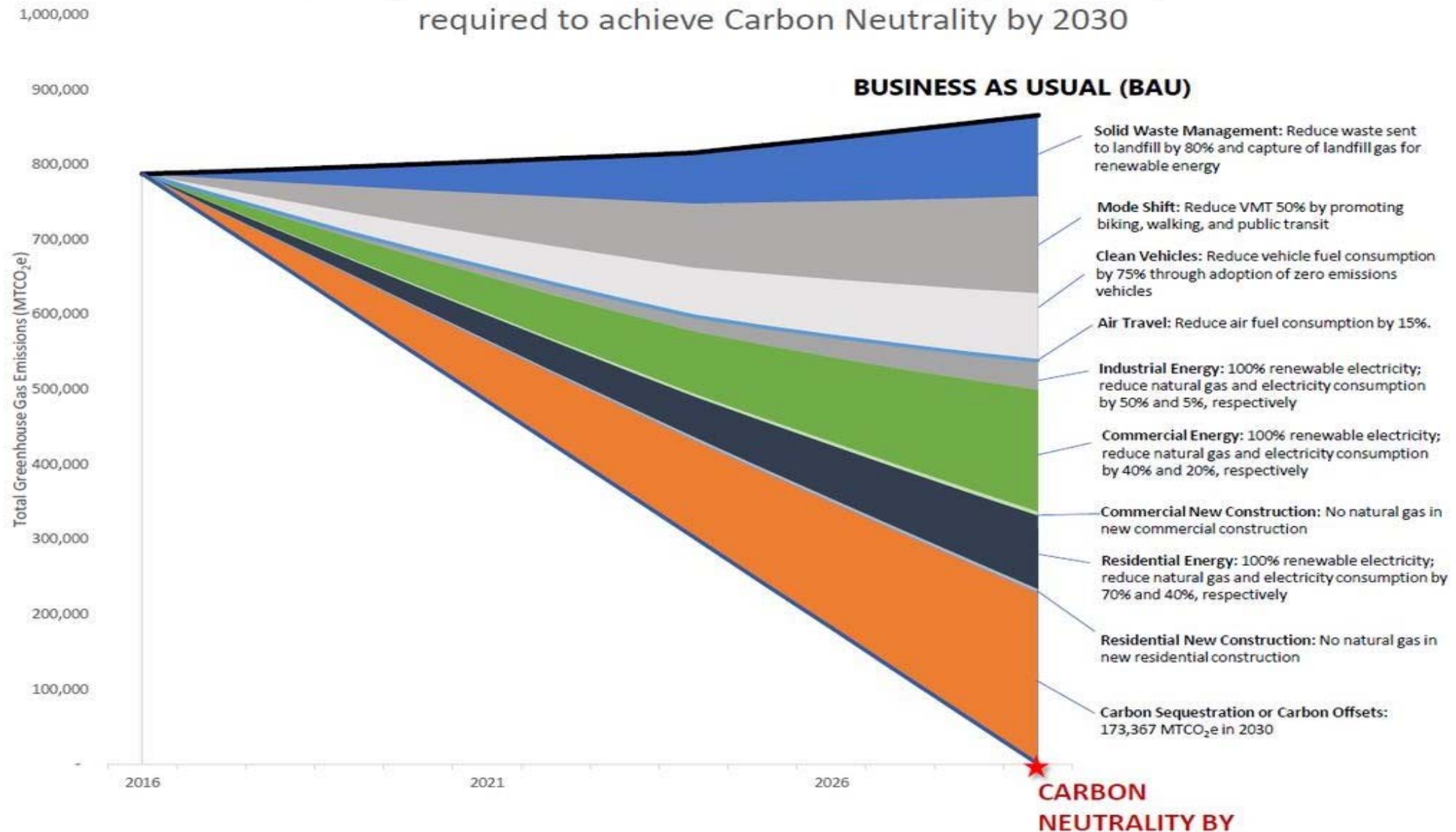


Closing the Gap - Preliminary Targets



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Preliminary sector-based emission reduction targets and sequestration required to achieve Carbon Neutrality by 2030



High Level - What Needs to Happen

How do we get to carbon neutrality?

The path to carbon neutrality can be visualized by sector (see image below) and organized by strategic 'bundles' that describe what needs to happen broadly, regardless of sector. We've identified 7 bundles that describe what needs to happen to achieve carbon neutrality.

Bundle 1: Cleaner Electricity

Bundle 2: Reduced Building Energy Demand

Bundle 3: Building Fuel Switching

Bundle 4: Reduced Vehicle Miles Traveled

Bundle 5: Low-emission/Zero-emission Vehicles

Bundle 6: Reduced Waste

Bundle 7: Carbon Sequestration

These bundles broadly describe what needs to happen to achieve carbon neutrality. How we achieve these 7 bundles is the conversation we are having with the community now - please complete the survey to make sure your voice is heard.

What's Next?

- Continue community engagement efforts
 - Host 2 Open Houses in January
- Continue to synthesize and incorporate feedback from community members
- Refine sector-based targets
- Lock-in the first iteration of specific actions intended to achieve these targets
 - Mix of accelerated CAAP actions and NEW strategies
- Submit preliminary set of actions for impact analysis
 - Do they forecast to align with the preliminary and refined reduction goals?
- Develop a 10-year investment scenario
- Develop funding scenarios
- Next Council Update: February 16
 - Refined targets and prioritized actions
- The 2030 carbon neutrality goal necessitates that this will be a living document

Taking Action

1. Take climate action every day. Need inspiration? Visit www.flagstaff.az.gov/climate
2. Do you have any groups that you would like Sustainability staff to present to?
3. Would you like to help us spread the word on the Climate Emergency Declaration? Contact Jillian Goulet at: Jillian.Goulet@flagstaffaz.gov



We need your help!



Thank you.