

Arlington County Community Energy & Sustainability Plan



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Project Timeline

- January 1, 2010 - Project Kick-Off (*Chairman's initiative*)
- Bi-monthly **Task Force** meetings
- Monthly **Technical Working Group** meetings with stakeholders
- Spring - Summer - Energy modeling efforts
- April & October - Community Energy **Town Hall** meetings
- September - Preliminary recommendations presented to Task Force
- Spring 2011 – Community Energy Plan brought before County Board
- Implementation Plan – 2011-2012

Economic, Energy and Environmental Future

Project Task Force – policy guidance

One representative from each

■ Businesses

- *JBG*
- *Little Diversified Architectural*
- *Lockheed Martin*
- *Marriott International*
- *SRA International*
- *Turner Construction*
- *Virginia Hospital Center*
- *Vornado*

■ Citizens

- *Arlington Civic Federation*
- *Commissions (three)*

■ Educational Institutions

- *Arlington Public Schools*
- *Virginia Tech*

■ Regional Authorities

- *Metro Wash. Airports Authority*
- *MWATA (metro)*

■ Energy and Energy Technology Industry

- *Dominion Virginia Power*
- *United Solar Ovonics (Uni-Solar)*
- *Washington Gas*
- *AES*

■ Local, State and Federal Governments

- *Arlington County Manager*
- *Arlington County Board Chairman*
- *The Pentagon*
- *US EPA*
- *Commonwealth of Virginia Senator*

■ Nonprofits/Associations

- *Apartment and Office Building Association*
- *Arlington Chamber of Commerce*
- *Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing*
- *Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment*
- *Pew Center on Global Climate Change*

■ Arlington County Staff

- *Laura Conant, energy & climate analyst*
- *Richard Dooley, AICP, community energy plan project manager*
- *Joan Kelsch, LEED-AP, green buildings program manager*
- *John Morrill, CEM, energy manager*

- *AIRE, Planning, G.I.S., Transportation agency staff -- as needed*
- *County Manager's office, County Attorney's office – frequently*

■ Consultants

- *Peter Garforth, Garforth International*
- *Tim Grether, Owens Corning*
- *MVV-Energie*
- *Northern Virginia Regional Commission*

- *John Palmisano, Carbon Positive (carbon registration)*
- *Ebert & Baumann Consulting Engineers (modeling)*
- *SAIC (climate inventory, modeling)*

Community Energy Plan – Why?

Competitiveness

- Energy cost
- Employment
- Investment



Security

- Supply security
- Supply quality
- Flexibility

Environment

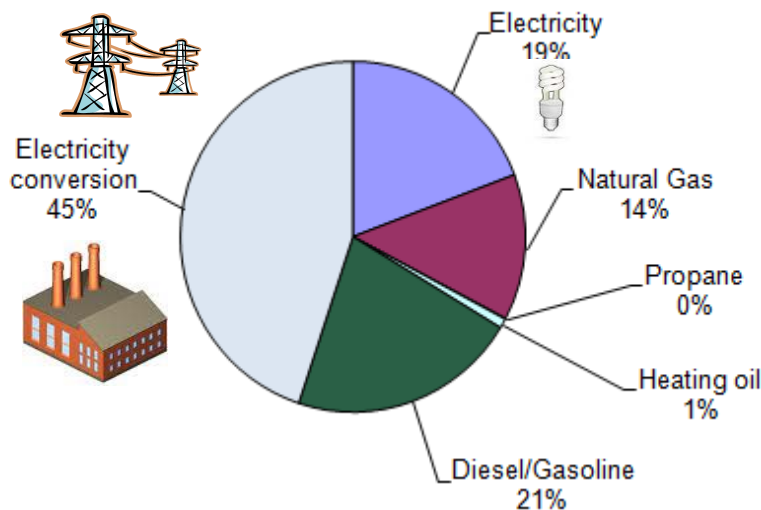
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction

Three Groups of Benefits

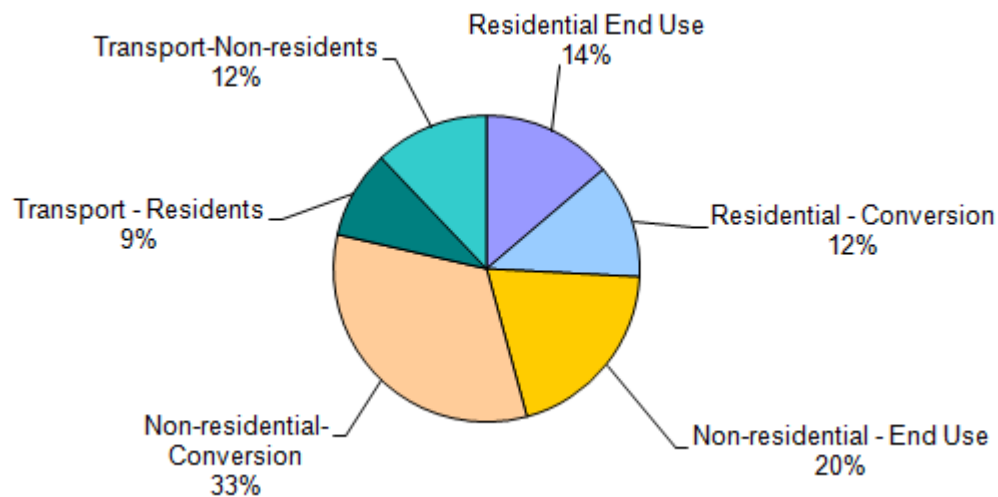
Arlington's Energy Use

These totals do not include Federal sites or DCA airport.

2007 Fuel Use
448,252,000 MMBtu_e / 14,141,000 MWh_e



by type



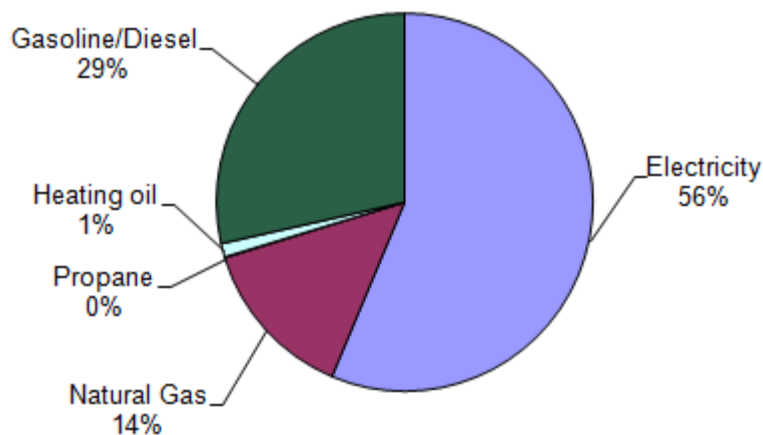
by sector

236 MMBtu_e / 69 MWh_e for each Resident

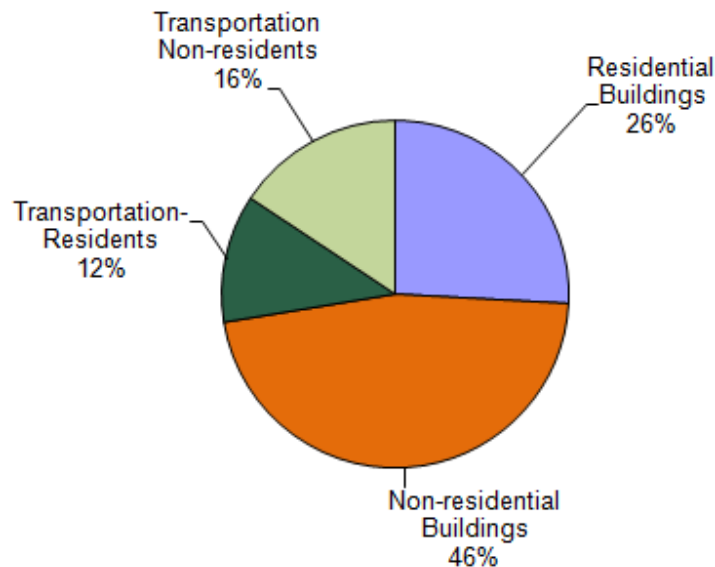
Arlington Community Carbon Footprint

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2007 Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 2,730,000 metric tons / 6,020,000,000 lbs CO_{2e}



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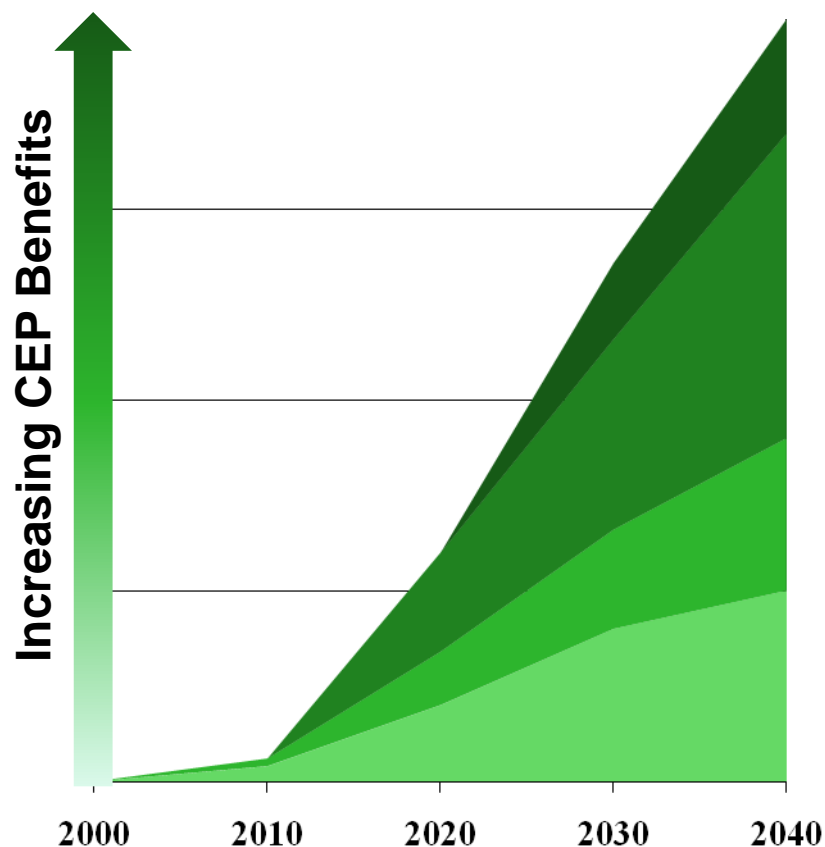
13.4 metric tons for each Resident

CEP Framework (“loading order”)

- Energy efficiency – **If you don’t need it, don’t use it**
 - *Efficient buildings and vehicles*
 - *Urban design for transportation efficiency*
 - *Local employment for commuting efficiency*
- Heat Recovery – **If it’s already there – use it**
 - *Use existing “waste” heat*
 - *Structure commercial sites to maximize “waste” heat use*
 - *Distributed combined heat and power*
- Renewable energy – **If it makes sense, go carbon free**
 - *Renewable electricity – Photovoltaic, wind, run-of-river hydro*
 - *Renewable heat - Solar thermal, biomass, geothermal*
 - *Renewable heat and power – waste-to-energy, biomass*
- Energy distribution – **Invest where it makes sense**
 - *Flexible distribution – electricity, gas, heating, cooling*
 - *Accept multiple fuels and energy conversion technologies*
 - *Optimize local / regional investment choices*

Integrated Solution – Tailored for the County

Goals: *Transformative or Incremental*



Integrated policy
County wide norms
• *New “business-as-usual”*

Scale Projects
• *Neighborhood size*
• *Local changes in “policy”*

Stand alone projects
• *Fewer larger initiatives*
• *Minor changes in policy*

Community Activity
• *Many initiatives*
• *No changes in policy*

Transformative

Incremental

Framing Goal Indicators Needed Early

Preliminary Recommendations

Built-environment - 1

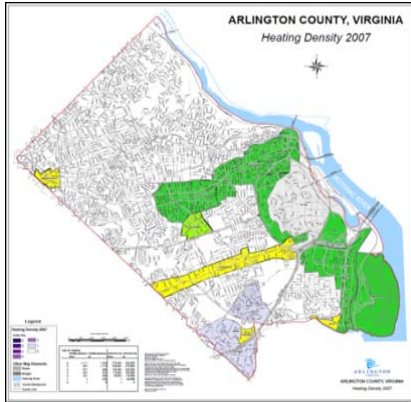
- 75% of all energy use in Arlington occurs in homes and other buildings.
- Buildings in Virginia are, by and large, very inefficient with huge potential savings

Recommendations –

- Renovation of existing homes and buildings
 - *Average renovation rate 2% to 3% per year*
 - *Renovate to operate 30%-50% more efficiently from 2015*
 - *Continue efficiency increases after 2015*
- New construction
 - *Build to operate 30% more efficiently than current code by 2015*
 - *Continue efficiency increases of about 1% per year from 2016*
 - *Include energy narratives in planning request*

Preliminary Recommendations

Built-environment - 3



- High-density neighborhoods
 - *Create legal frame for DE utility*
 - *Designate DE targets*
 - *Migrate to District Energy starting with 4 Scale Projects and Aquatic Center*
 - *Implement 10% renewable heat including possibly waste-to-energy*

- Lower-density neighborhoods
 - *Maximize individual solar, biomass, geothermal installations to supply 50% of DHW and 20% of space heating*
 - *Evaluate local-area energy solutions for building clusters*



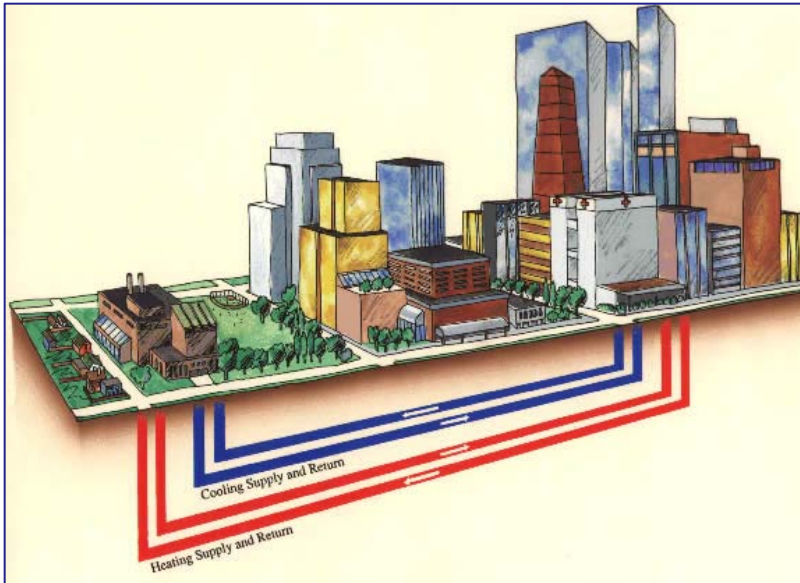
Preliminary Recommendations

Built-environment - 4

- Enhance energy supply security
 - *Reduced grid loads*
 - *146 MW Cogeneration*
 - *Install 160MW Solar PV to reduce summer peak demand and cut emissions*
 - *District cooling using absorption chillers for non-electric cooling*



What is District Energy?



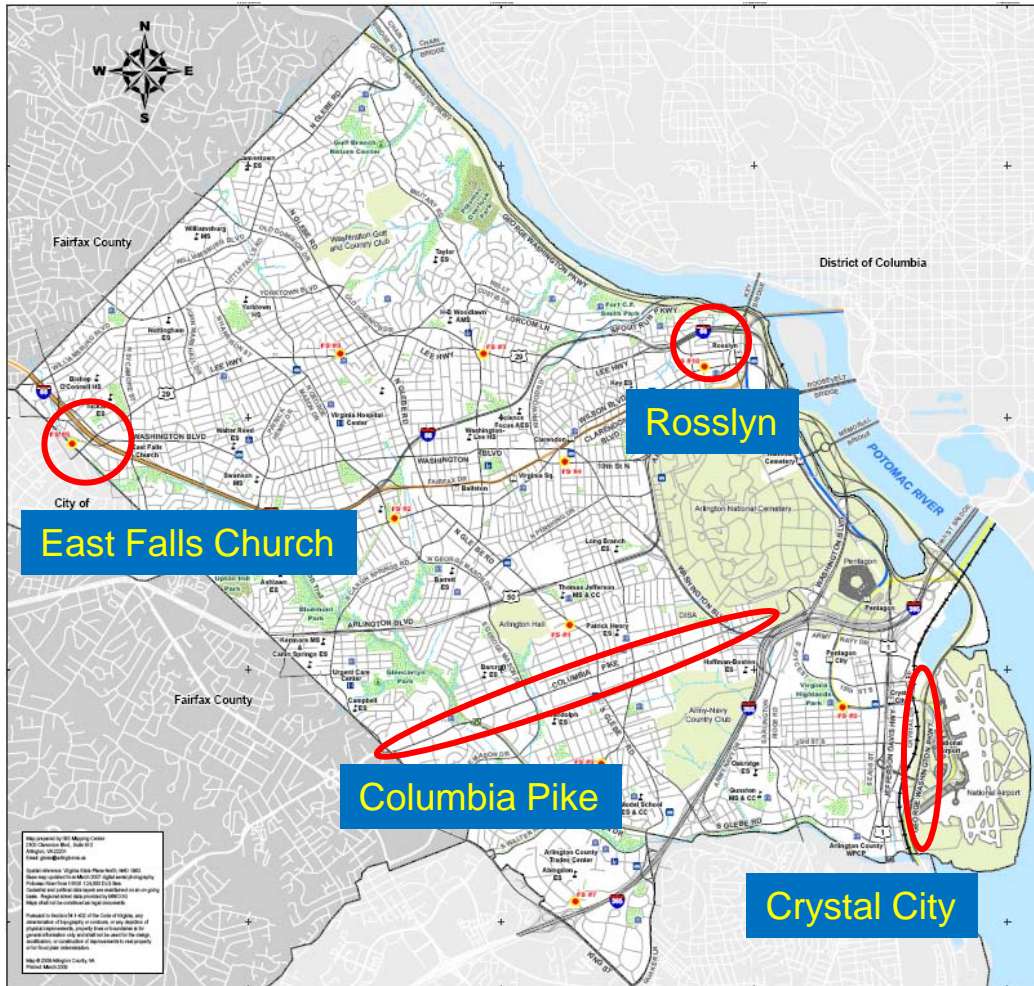
Centralized supply and delivery

- Heating
- Cooling
- Domestic hot water

- Distribution to many homes and buildings
- Closed network of highly insulated pipes
- Optimized energy supply from multiple sources
 - Combined Heat & Power
 - Boilers/Furnaces
 - Absorption Chillers
 - Electric Chillers
 - Solar and Biomass
 - Waste heat recovery
- Typically operated by dedicated DE-Utility

Widely deployed proven technology

Task Force Recommendations Strong Candidates for Scale Projects



Decision-Grade IEMPs Necessary*

Preliminary Recommendations *Transportation*

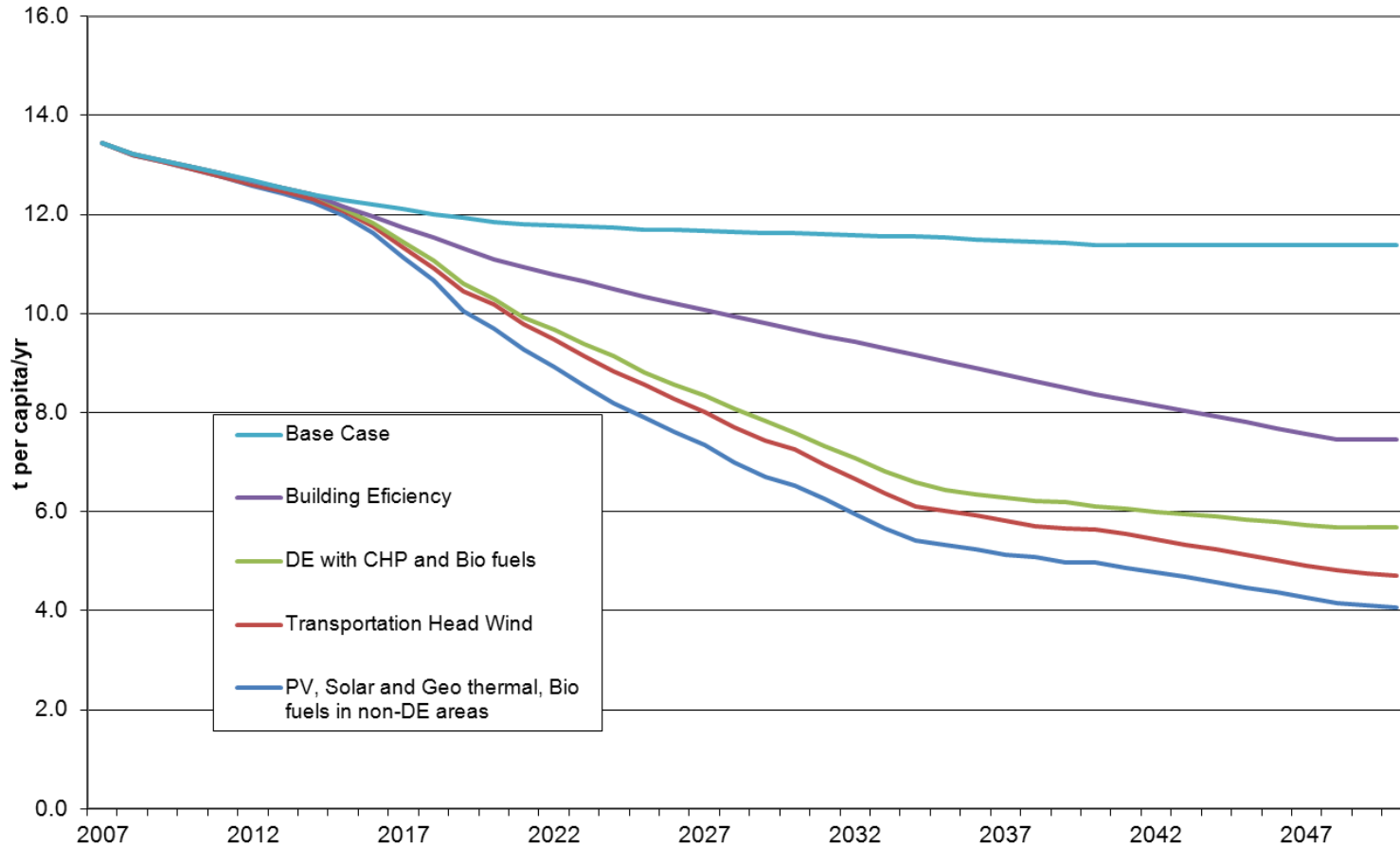


- Growth creates 15% “headwind”
- Build upon existing comprehensive transportation strategies
 - *Multi-modal nodes to increase transit usage*
 - *Urban design to reduce journeys*
- Industry and Market factors
 - *Materials, drive train, fuels evolution*
 - *Consumers choosing smaller vehicles*
- Additional measures for TF consideration - not yet recommended:
 - *Road pricing based on emissions rating*
 - *Parking fees based on emissions rating*
 - *Prioritize allocated road space*

Results 2007 to 2050

GHG emissions per capita

Development of GHG-Emissions per Capita- Arlington County (Energy and Transportation)



Benefits of Winning!



Resident

- Lower utility costs
- Resale value
- Employment
- Quality of life

- Environmental impact
- Competitive energy services
- New business investment

Commercial

- Reduced costs
- Rental values
- Low vacancy
- Productivity

Academic

- Sustainable curricula
- Lower costs
- Student magnet
- Global network

Developers

- Premium prices
- Low carrying time
- Reduced investment

Banks

- Collateral Value
- Credit worthiness

Utilities

- Higher returns
- Emissions credits
- Customer intimacy
- Diversification

New Relationships – New Rules

Community Energy Plan



***Project Updates & More Information:
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