



# Building Energy – Next Generation Policy

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# Goal for Climate Action Plan

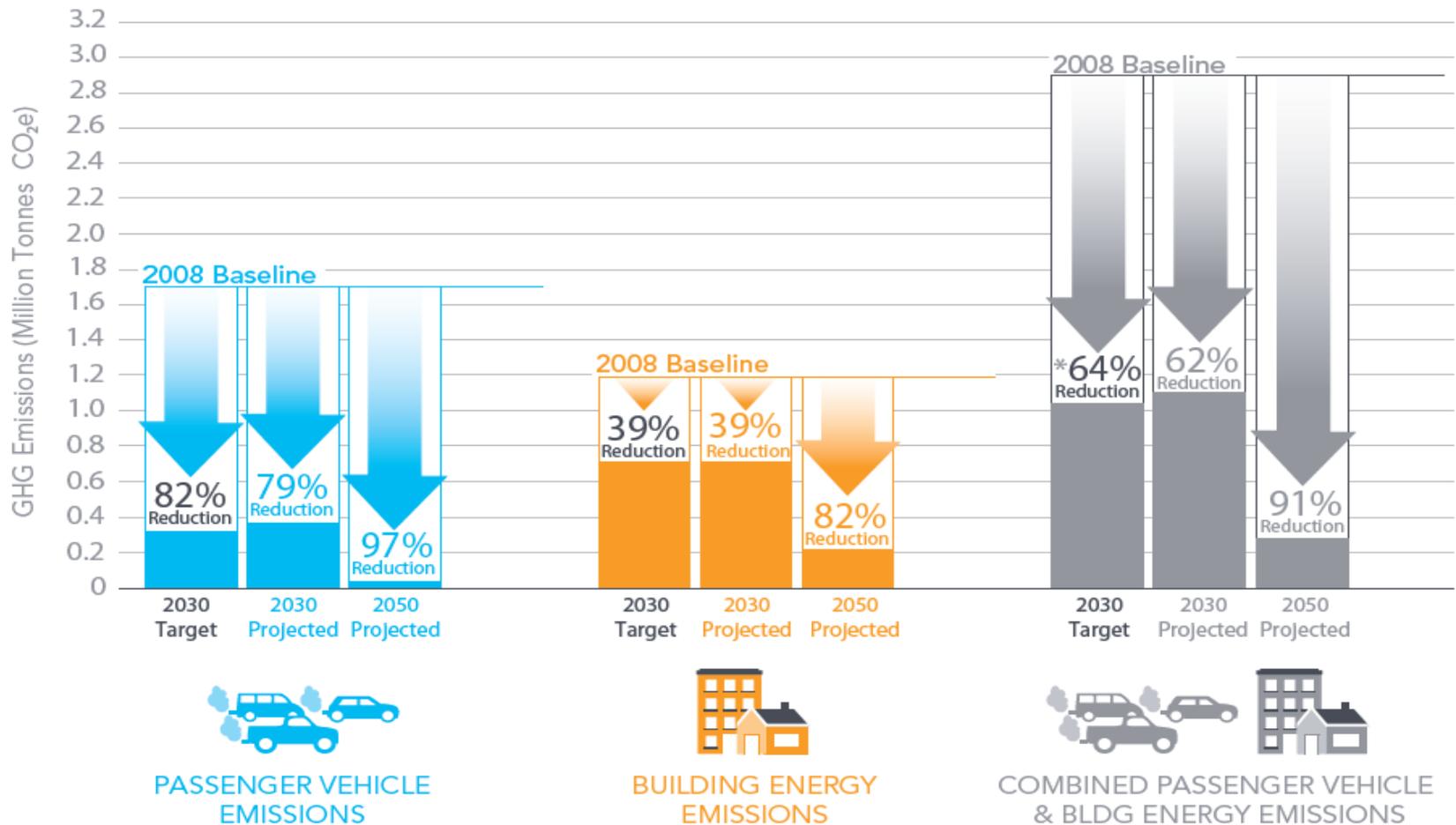
Reduce GHG emissions and prepare for climate impacts while building vibrant neighborhoods, fostering economic prosperity and enhancing social equity.





# CAP Emission Targets

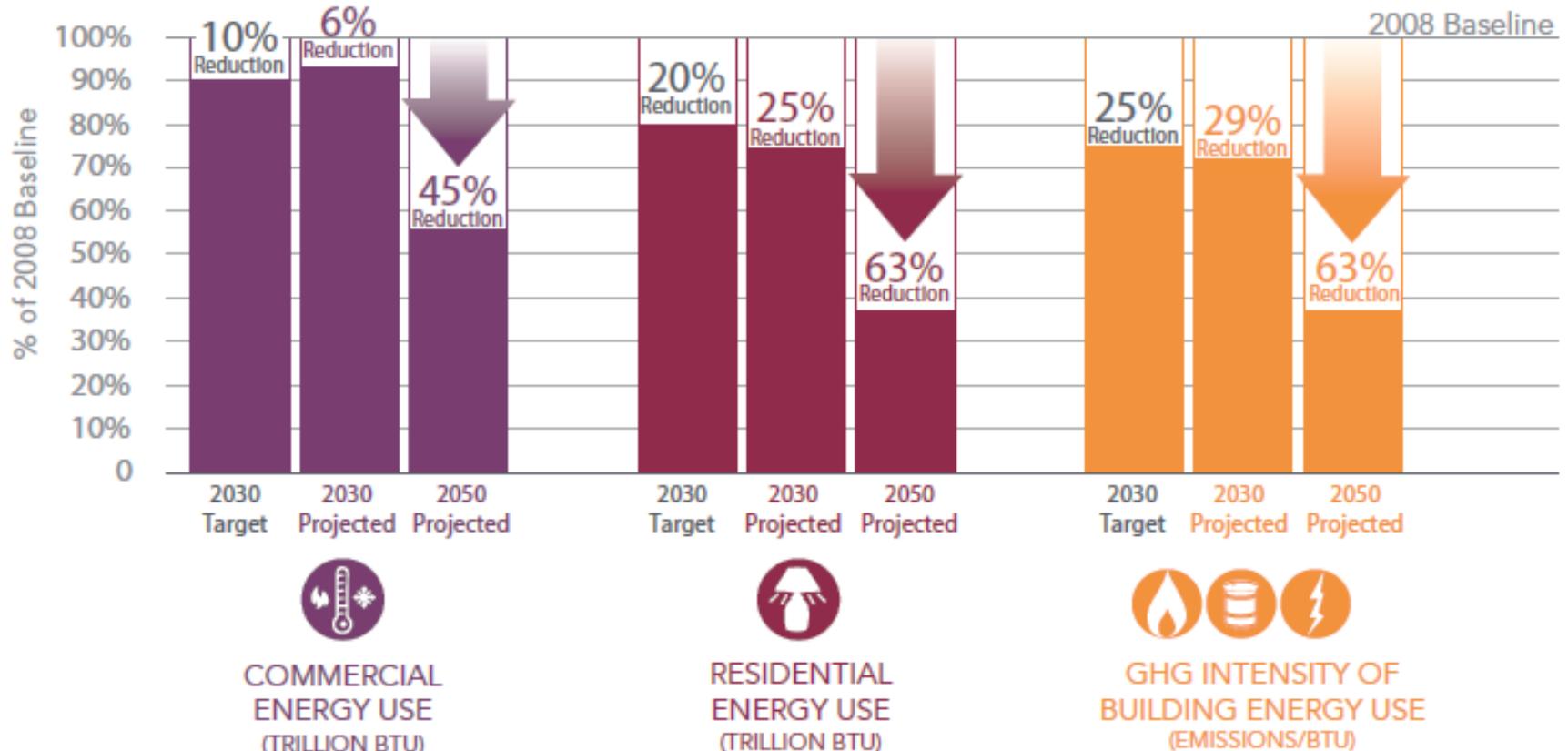
PASSENGER VEHICLE & BUILDING ENERGY EMISSIONS  
2030 TARGETS + PROJECTED REDUCTIONS FROM ACTIONS





# CAP Building Energy Targets

BUILDING ENERGY USE & GHG INTENSITY  
2030 TARGETS + PROJECTED REDUCTIONS FROM ACTIONS





# Measured Progress to Date

## *2012 Seattle Community GHG Inventory*

### Building Energy Use (2008-2050)

Target Reduction: 1.25% / year

**Actual 2008-2012: 0.75% / year**

### GHG Intensity of Fuels (2008-2050)

Target Reduction: 1.5% / year

**Actual 2008-2012: 1.75% / year**

### Overall Building Emissions (2008-2050)

Target Reduction: 2% / year

**Actual 2008-2012: 2.5% / year**



# Measured Progress to Date

## *2012 Seattle Community GHG Inventory*

### Commercial Building Energy Use (2008-2050)

Target Reduction: 1.10% / year

**Actual 2008-2012: 0.25% / year**

### Residential Building Energy Use (2008-2050)

Target Reduction: 1.5% / year

**Actual 2008-2012: 1.25% / year**

DRAFT 2013 Annual Energy Use Intensity (Normalized Site EUI in kBtu/sf) DRAFT									EPA ENERGY STAR (median)*
Building Type	Median	Lowest Use (1st Quartile)	Medium-low (2nd Quartile)	Medium-high (3rd Quartile)	Highest Use (4th Quartile)	# of Bldgs	Year Built (median)	Size (median sf)	
Low-rise MF (1-4)	30.3	≤24	25-30	31-47	≥48	918	1987	29,652	77*
Mid-rise MF (5-9)	34.3	≤27	28-34	35-45	≥46	445	1995	52,020	85*
High-rise MF (10+)	49.0	≤42	43-49	50-63	≥64	88	1980	139,684	47*
Office	58.0	≤43	44-58	59-72	≥73	431	1970	55,632	75
Hotel	85.8	≤55	56-86	87-106	≥107	67	1977	88,592	53
Medical Office	83.7	≤67	68-84	85-115	≥116	39	1984	63,909	49
Hospital	205.3	≤170	171-205	206-229	≥230	9	1959	607,780	46
Supermarket	277.4	≤221	222-277	278-299	≥300	35	1996	41,447	41
Restaurant	156.2	≤88	89-156	157-186	≥187	11	1919	33,600	NA

\*ENERGY STAR median only includes buildings that had a score available and therefore may not include all buildings with an EUI.  
 \*Multifamily ENERGY STAR scores are preliminary. Buildings with default unit density or incorrect building size classification have been excluded from the median ENERGY STAR score calculation.  
 \*\*Seattle Public Schools are reporting the academic year of September 2012 – August 2013.  
 #2013 university buildings only represent facilities that are separately metered and benchmarked as individual buildings. The majority of university buildings will be reported under the campus definition in 2014, the first year campuses are required to report to the City of Seattle.



# Commercial & Multifamily Buildings: Climate Action Plan Actions

**by 2015**

**by 2030**

## LEADERSHIP / City Facilities

- ✓ Develop Resource Conservation Management Plan
- ✓ Publically disclose energy benchmarking scores
- Pilot Living Building Challenge

- 20% reduction by 2020 (from 2008)

## INCENTIVES

- Pilot retro-commissioning
- Pilot pay for performance
- State legislation to authorize property tax exemption for rental housing retrofits
- Update Living Building pilot
  - Identify financing tools and develop plan to bring to market
  - Provide technical assistance to retrofit historic buildings

- If successful, implement pay for performance
- City property tax exemption
- Energy price structure tied to conservation
- Permitting fees tied to efficiency
- Land use incentives for deep efficiency
- Incentivize waste heat utilization
- Financing that remains with the building
- Identify new funding sources
- Allow alternative energy in right-of-way



# Commercial & Multifamily Buildings: Climate Action Plan Actions

## by 2015

### REGULATIONS

- ✓ Minimum energy requirements for substantial alterations
- ✓ Increase efficiency standards in each code cycle
- ✓ Outcome-based code option
- Energy audits for largest & least efficient buildings

## by 2030

- Minimum energy performance standard for all buildings
- Require waste heat recovery in new buildings
- Code focused on actual performance
- Periodic retro-commissioning of largest & least efficient buildings
- Public disclosure of benchmarking data



# Proposed Approach

## Performance Metrics / Tracking Progress

- Energy & GHG Targets by Building Type
- Benchmarking Performance Reports to Owners
- Building Energy Transparency

## Efficient Operations

- SCL Retro-Commissioning Pilot
- Develop Periodic Tune-Ups Program

## Building Upgrades

- SCL Pay for Performance Pilot
- Substantial Alterations

- Periodic review of targets
- Ongoing research & analysis, tool & program development, and stakeholder engagement
- Additional programs and regulations



# Supporting Tools & Programs

## continued exploration

- Financing tools
- Energy assessments
- Energy efficiency assistance center
- Development incentives for existing buildings
- Other?

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