

CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENT DISTRICT ENERGY

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AGENDA



- Climate Change
- Grid Decarbonization
- District Energy
- Unique Solutions

CLIMATE CHANGE



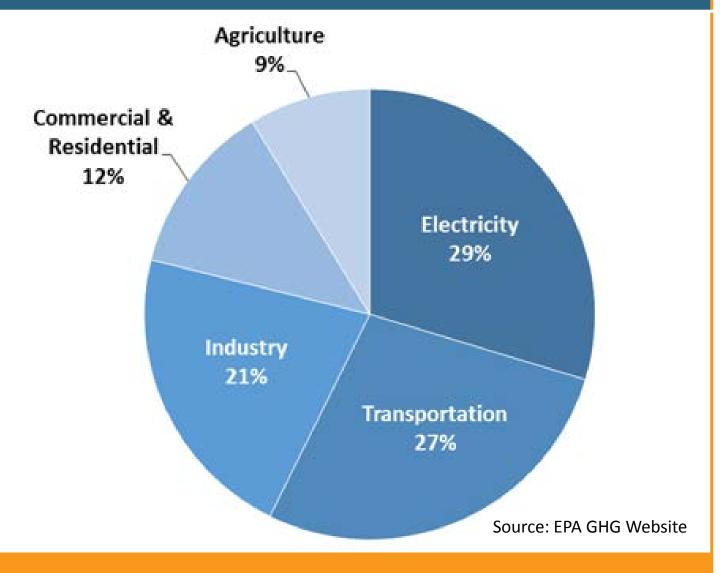




"Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it."

- Mark Twain

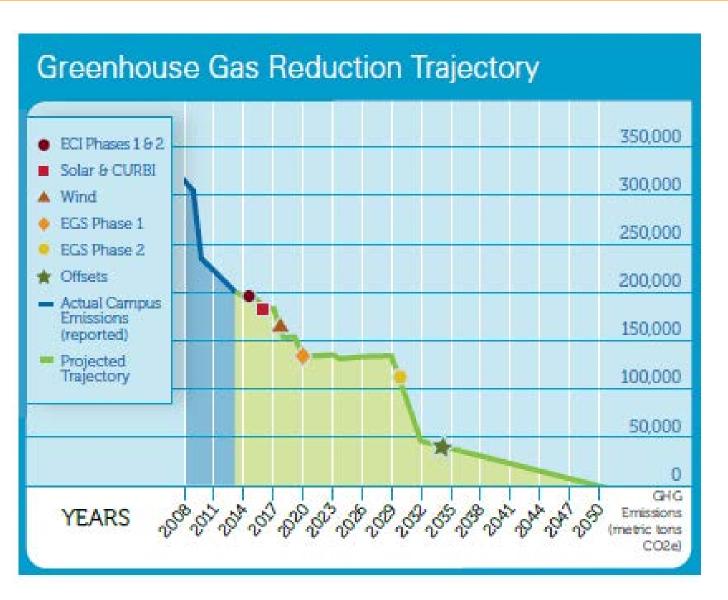
WHAT WE KNOW



Total US Greenhouse Gas Emissions By Economic Sector in 2015

- Greenhouse Gasses Trap Heat and Make the Planet Warmer
- Human Activity
 is Mostly Responsible
- Largest Source is Fossil Fuel Combustion

HOW ARE WE REACTING?



Source: Cornell University Climate Action Plan

Grid Decarbonization

- NYS Clean Energy Standard
- MA Bill H.4568

Resiliency Initiatives

- NYS REV
- HUD Sandy Recovery Grants

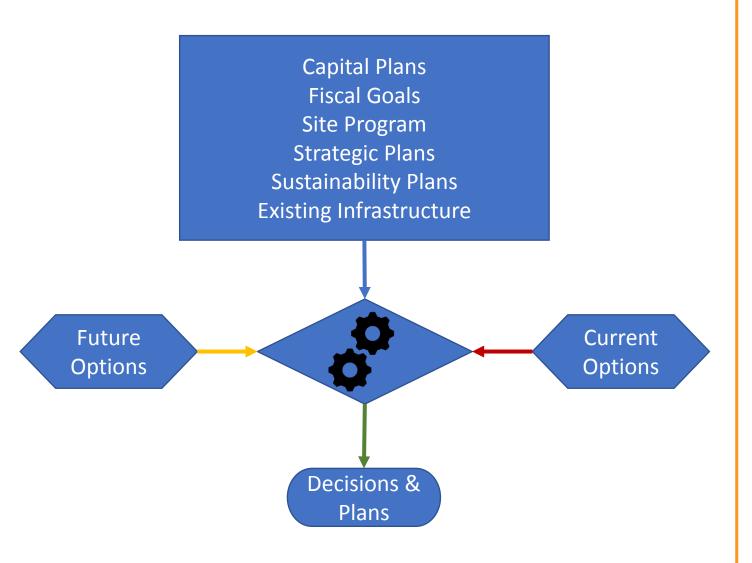
Explicit Carbon Neutrality Goals

ACUPCC – Climate Action Plans

Fossil Fuel Resistance

Sierra Club – Beyond Natural Gas

NORTHEAST FOCUS



- Use Less
- Obtain Low Emission Energy
 - Heating
 - Cooling
 - Power
- Build In System Resiliency

GRID DECARBONIZATION



"The road to success is always under construction."

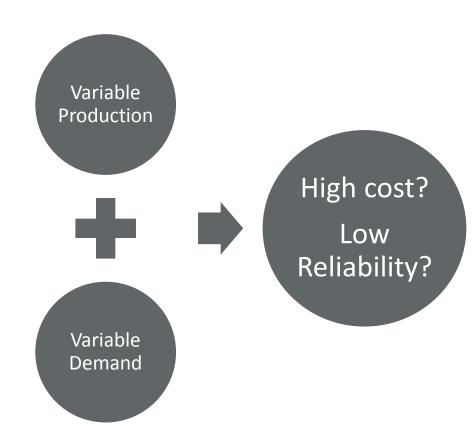
- Arnold Palmer

SEEMS SIMPLE



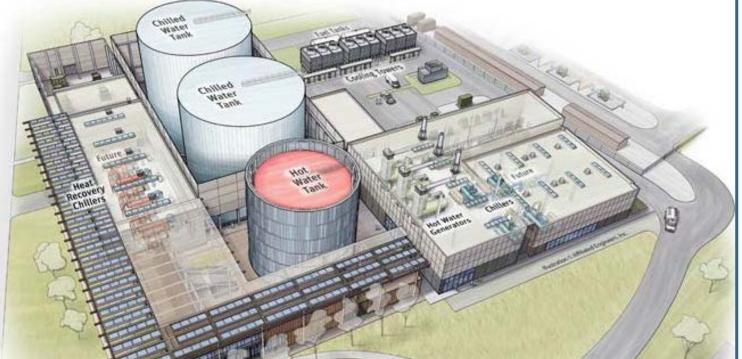
"Don't let perfection be the enemy of doing the right thing."

- Bruce Anders, Markham District Energy



ELECTRIFICATION





PROS

- Clean (future)
- Simple (depends on scale)
- Technology (exists)

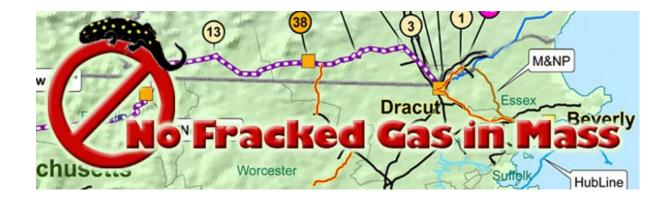
CONS

- Conversion & Operating Costs
- Logistics Challenges
- Seasonal Thermal Imbalance
- Low Resiliency
- Grid Constraints

STOPPING FOSSIL FUEL DEVELOPMENT

Environmental activists want all renewable now, and have a simple strategy: **Stop Fossil Fuel Development,** In Particular Natural Gas Infrastructure.

* Fossil fuel infrastructure prevents future renewable development?



All potential solutions have technical, environmental, and land use impacts





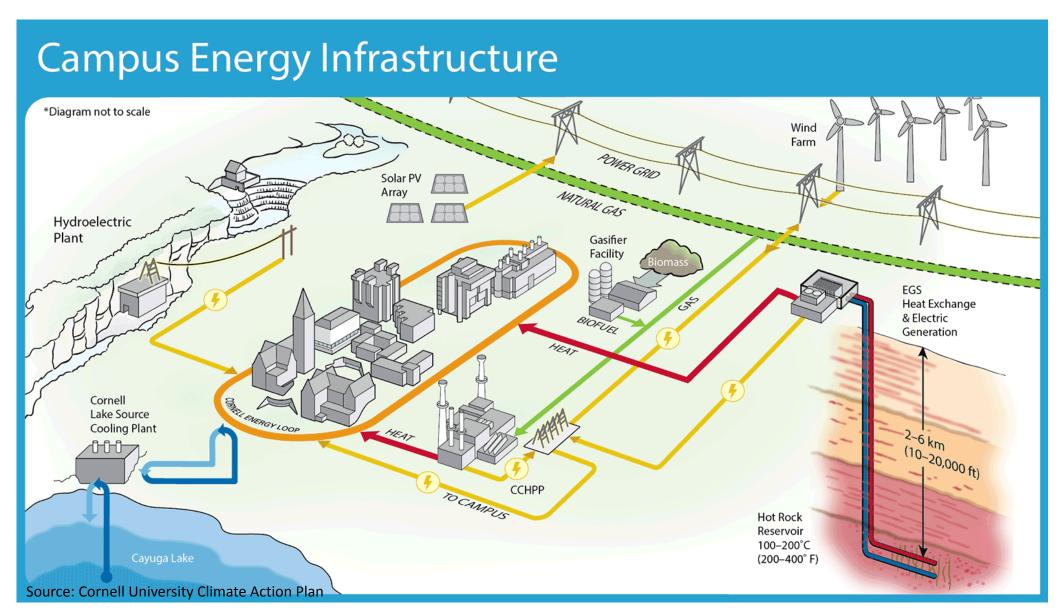
DISTRICT ENERGY



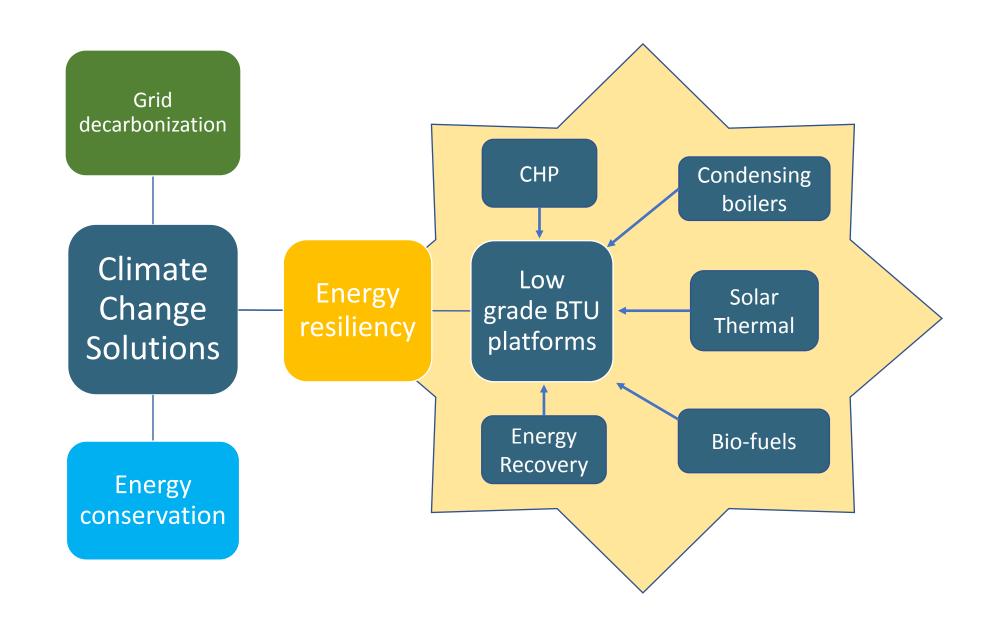
"District Energy is a platform based solution."

- Brian Deese

100% renewables are not in our immediate future

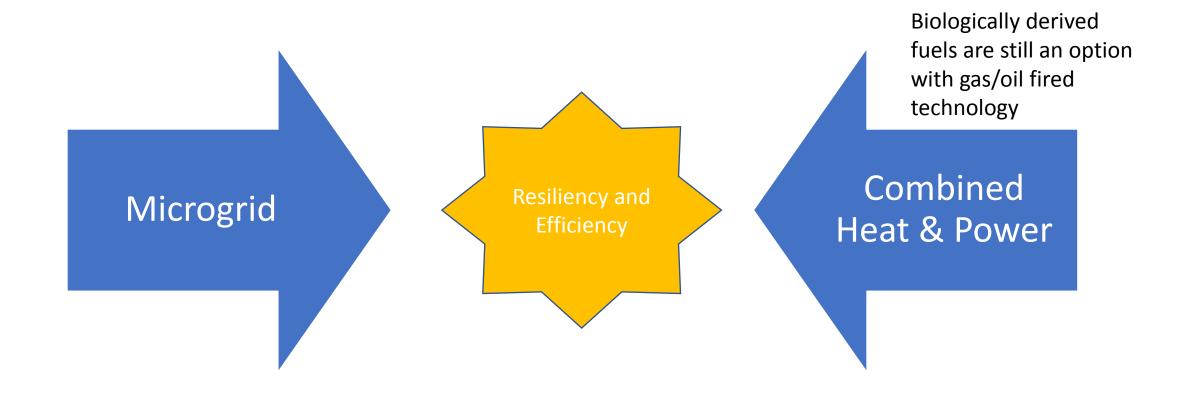


MICROGRID DECARBONIZATION



DISTRICT ENERGY IN THE FUTURE

- The Value of District Energy Platforms Will Increase
- The Low Carbon Future Will and Should Include Natural Gas



WHERE IS THIS ALL GOING?



"Knowing what's right doesn't mean much unless you do what's right."

- Theodore Roosevelt

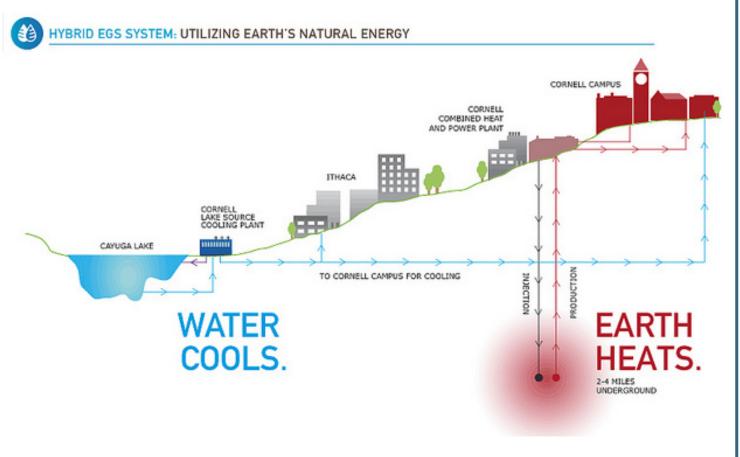
ISSUES TO PONDER





- Electrify Give up on resiliency? Long term goal may not materialize?
- CHP Long term commitment to fossil fuels or bridge to future?
 - Can demonstrate a regional methane reduction with CHP
 - CHP provides a future platform for biologically derived fuels
- Wait and See business as usual can still couple with low grade BTU platform
 - Cant lose with this near term decision as it provides optimal future optionality
- Unique, Location Based Solutions

LOCATION BASED SOLUTIONS



Source: Cornell University Climate Action Plan

- Stanford University Large Scale Energy Recovery Chillers
- Ball State College -Ground Source Geothermal
- Dartmouth College -Biomass (Under Consideration)
- Cornell University –
 Enhanced Geothermal System (Under Consideration)

System Commonality? Low Grade BTU Platform

(low / medium temperature hot water)

Building a better society through enduring relationships

