

# Smart Energy, Smarter Infrastructure

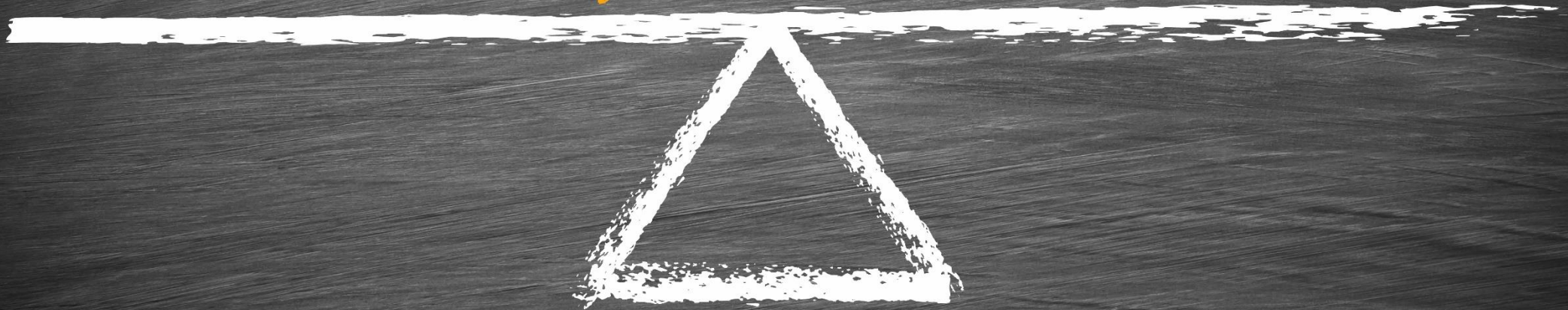
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Theory Practice



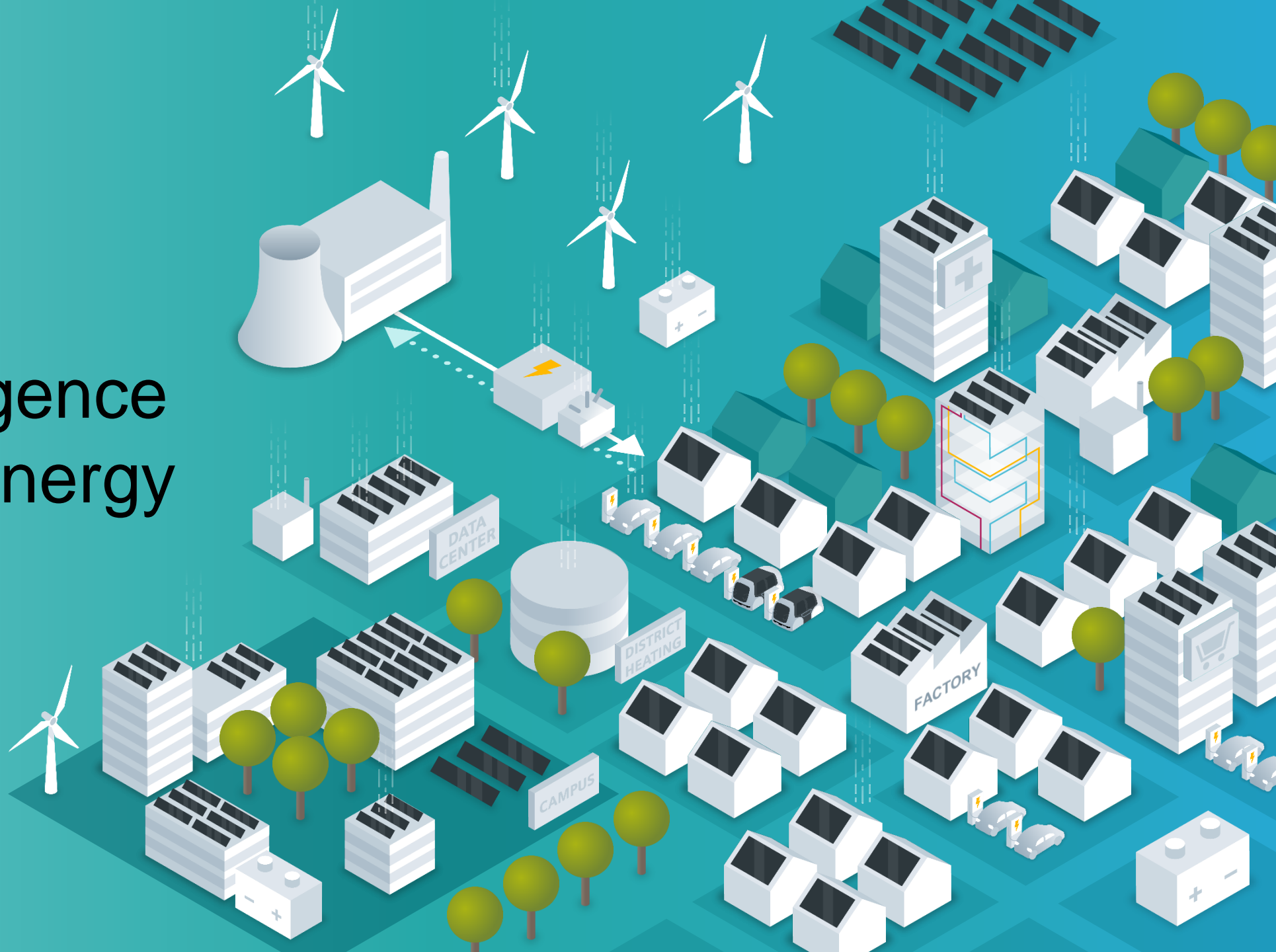


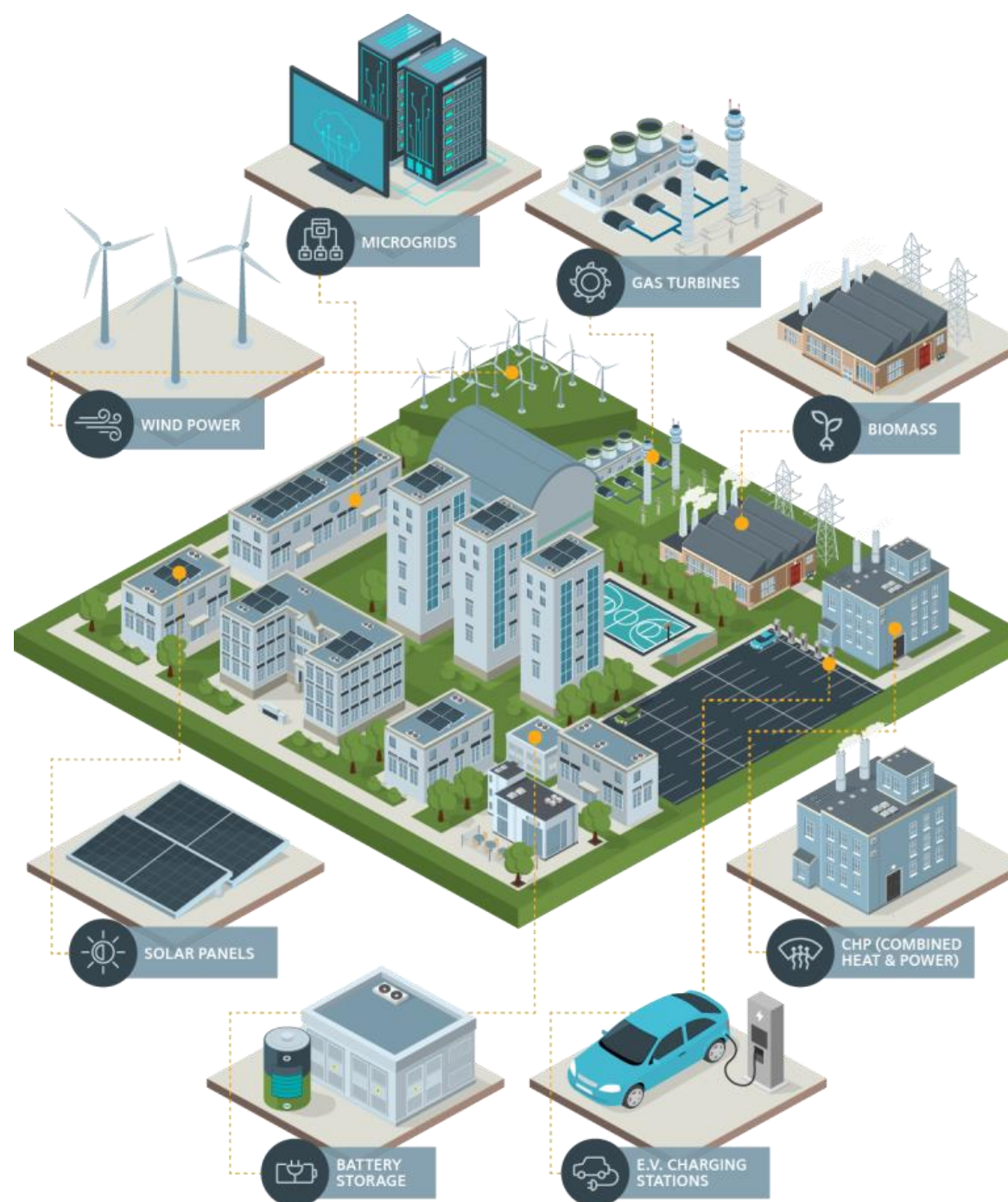
An aerial night view of a futuristic smart city. The city is built on a peninsula or island, surrounded by water. It features a mix of modern, illuminated skyscrapers and more traditional residential-style buildings. A prominent tall, thin tower stands out in the center. The city is connected to the mainland by several bridges, including a large cable-stayed bridge on the right. The sky is dark with a bright sun or moon low on the horizon, creating a warm glow. The overall scene depicts a highly developed, integrated urban environment.

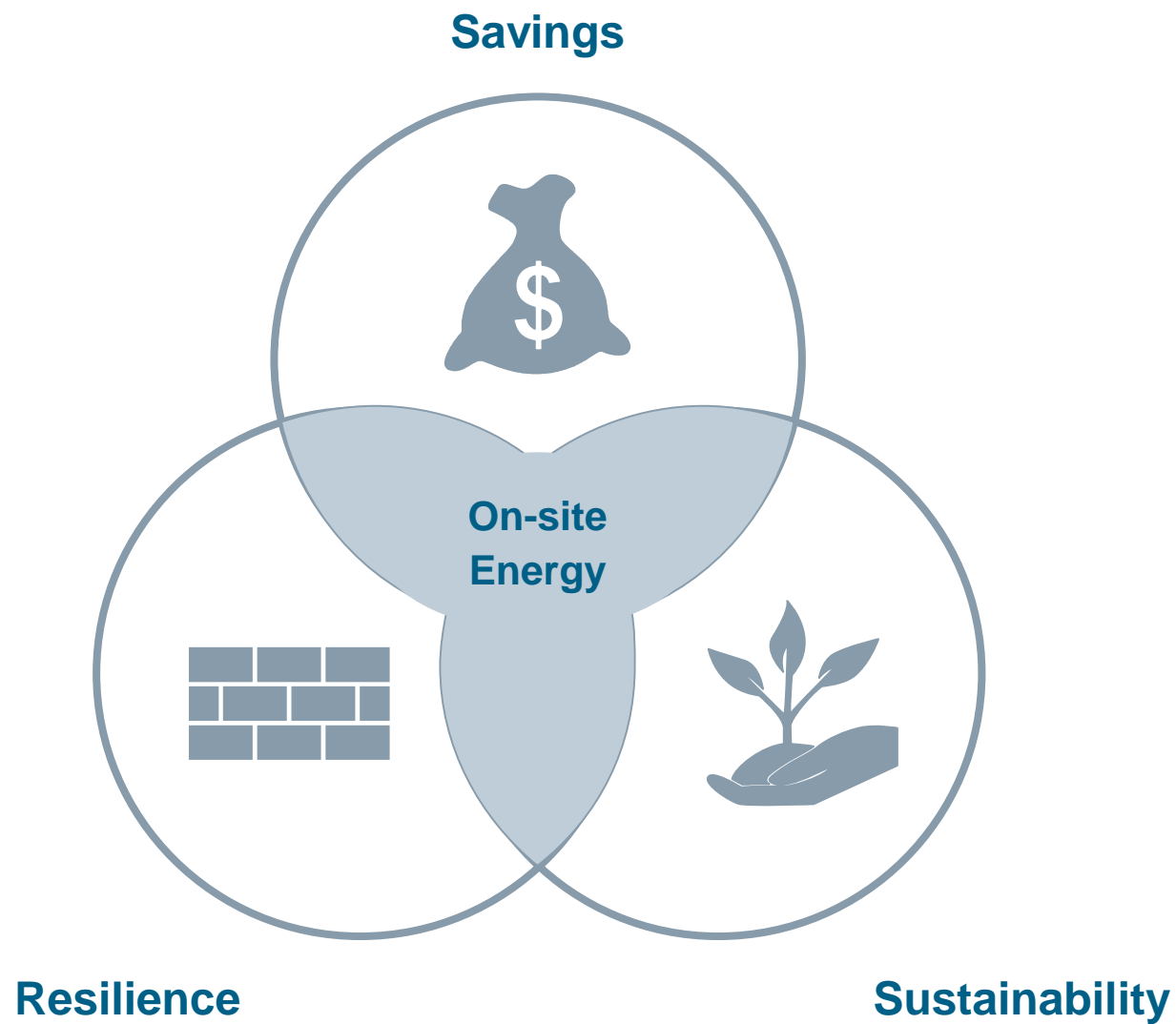
A Smart Community applies technology and policy solutions that enable holistic integration of public assets for the sake of making great places for *people to live and work.*



# The emergence of a new energy system







## Blue Lake Rancheria low-carbon microgrid



**7 days**

Duration of available on-site power  
independent from the utility

## Holland co-generation plant

**SIEMENS**  
*Ingenuity for life*



**115 MW**

New power generated  
via CHP plant



**Largest Snowmelt System in  
North America**

Revitalizes Downtown Economy



## City of Thousand Oaks wastewater treatment plant

**SIEMENS**  
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**100% Energy  
Self-Sufficient**

All of the energy needs are generated on-site

**\$400k annual bill  
savings**

## Berkshire Medical Center microgrid

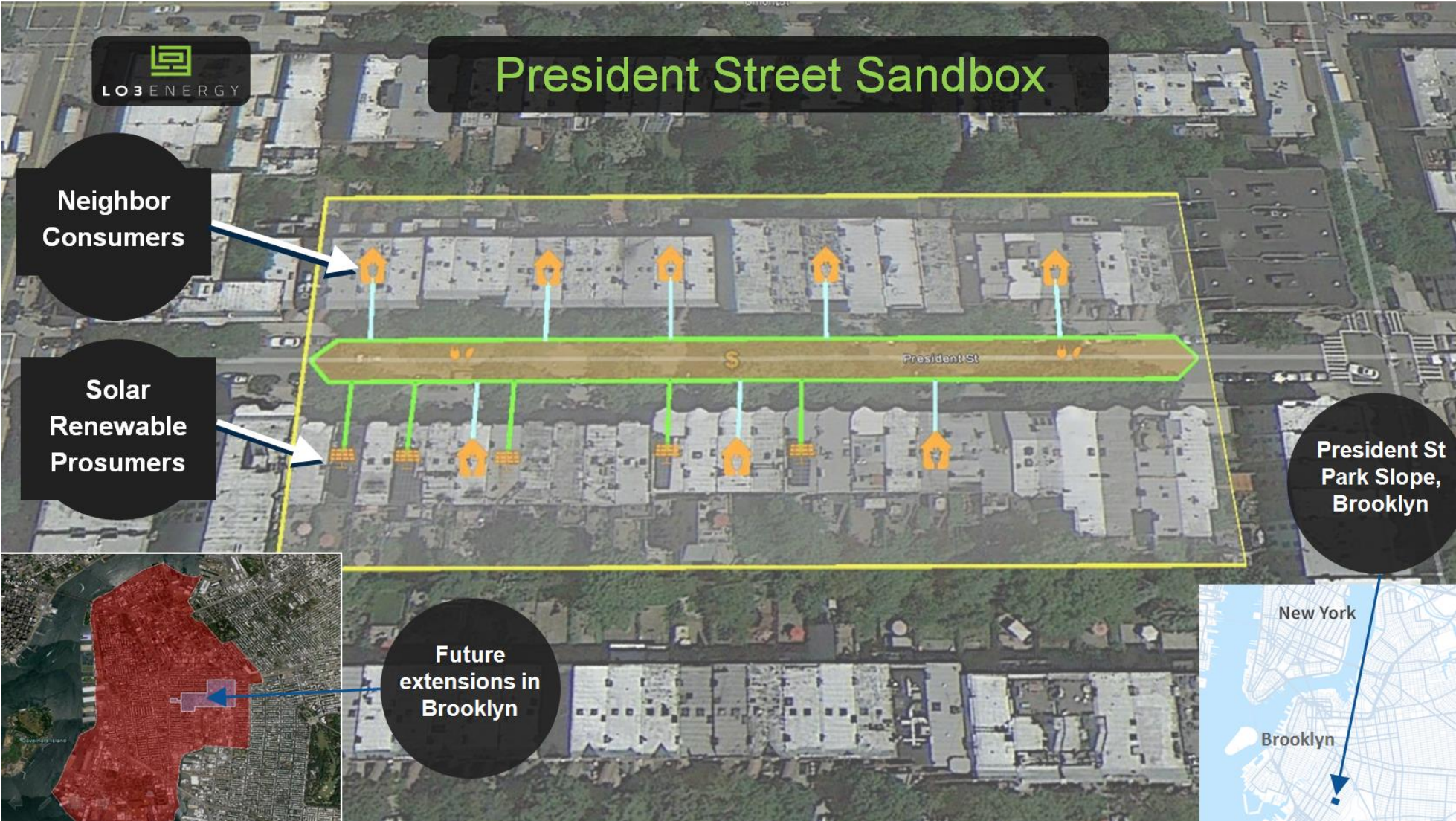


## Planned power resilience

Microgrid with co-generation provides resilience for City of  
Pittsfield's critical infrastructure



# Brooklyn microgrid: Neighbors Helping Neighbors







eBus Depot

Gas Stations and  
Truck Stops

Business and Retail

Street Parking

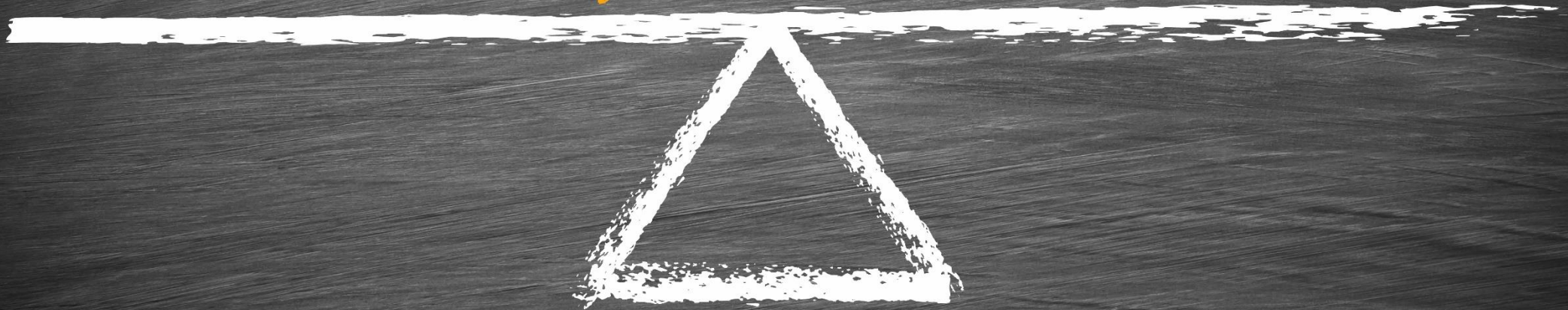
Highway Transit  
Charging

Public and  
Private Garages

Residential and  
Apartment Buildings



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# Achieving climate and resilience goals through integrated planning in Pittsburgh



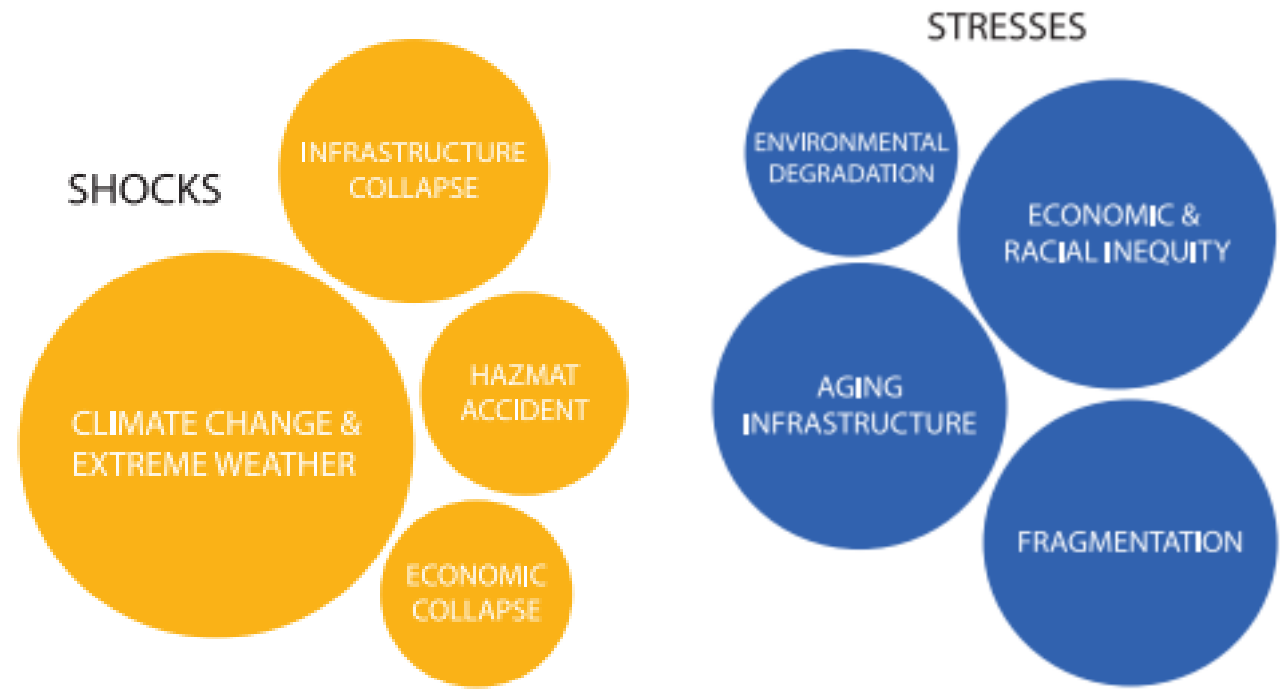


## Preliminary Resilience Assessment

The Sustainability and Resilience Division conducted extensive community outreach, engaging more than 1,000 Pittsburghers in roundtables, deliberative forums, working groups, resilience fairs and steering committees to develop ONEPGH.



## Pittsburgh's Shocks and Stresses Profile



# American Cities Climate Challenge

## Objective

Emissions reduction targets

↓ **50%**  
by 2030



**100%**  
clean electricity

## Strategies



### LOWER ENERGY CONSUMPTION

by improving renewable financing options and energy efficiency codes



### REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORTATION

by improving public transit and pedestrian conditions

## Goals

Implement and prioritize district energy systems

Electric vehicle charging in municipally owned parking lots

Community solar projects or other local renewable energy initiatives at scale

New financing programs for energy efficiency, renewables, and infrastructure

Benchmarking, audit, and retro-commissioning (RCx) policies for existing buildings

Incentives and demonstration projects for building decarbonization with a focus on City facilities

Electrify city fleets and buses

Improve access to charging infrastructure and encourage private EV ownership

Implement high priority segments in the walking and bicycling network



# Department of City Planning



## **Citywide Plans**

Citywide Green First (2016)

OnePGH Resilience Plan (2017)

Climate Action Plan (2018)

EcoInnovation District Plan (2018)

Comprehensive Plan (2020)

## **District Scale Performance**

**EcoDistrict Protocol**

**Zoning and Performance**

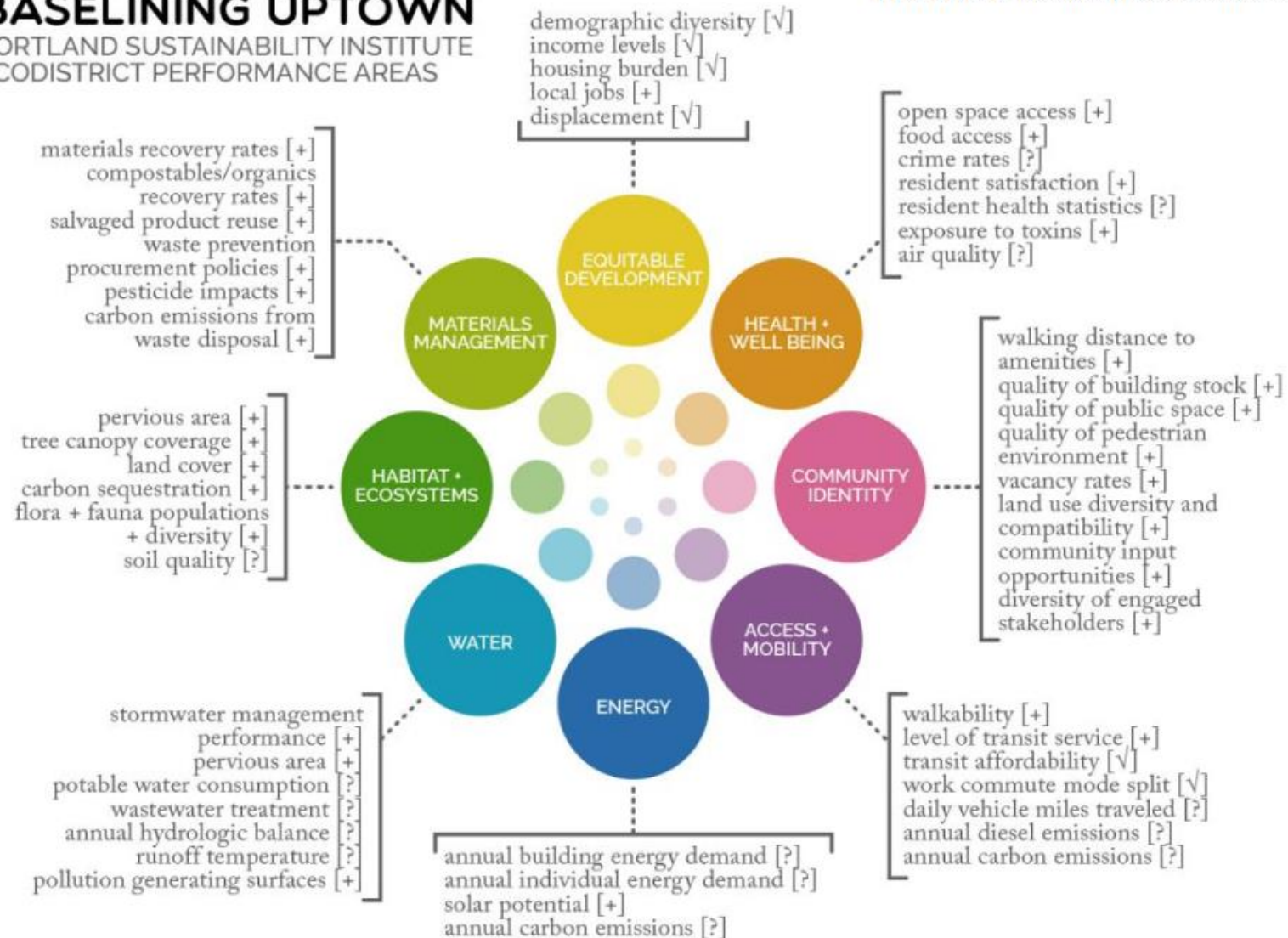
**Bonus**

**Building Performance Review**

**Infrastructure Integration**

# EcoInnovation District

## BASELINING UPTOWN PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY INSTITUTE ECODISTRICT PERFORMANCE AREAS



**FIGURE 1:** ECODISTRICT PROTOCOL



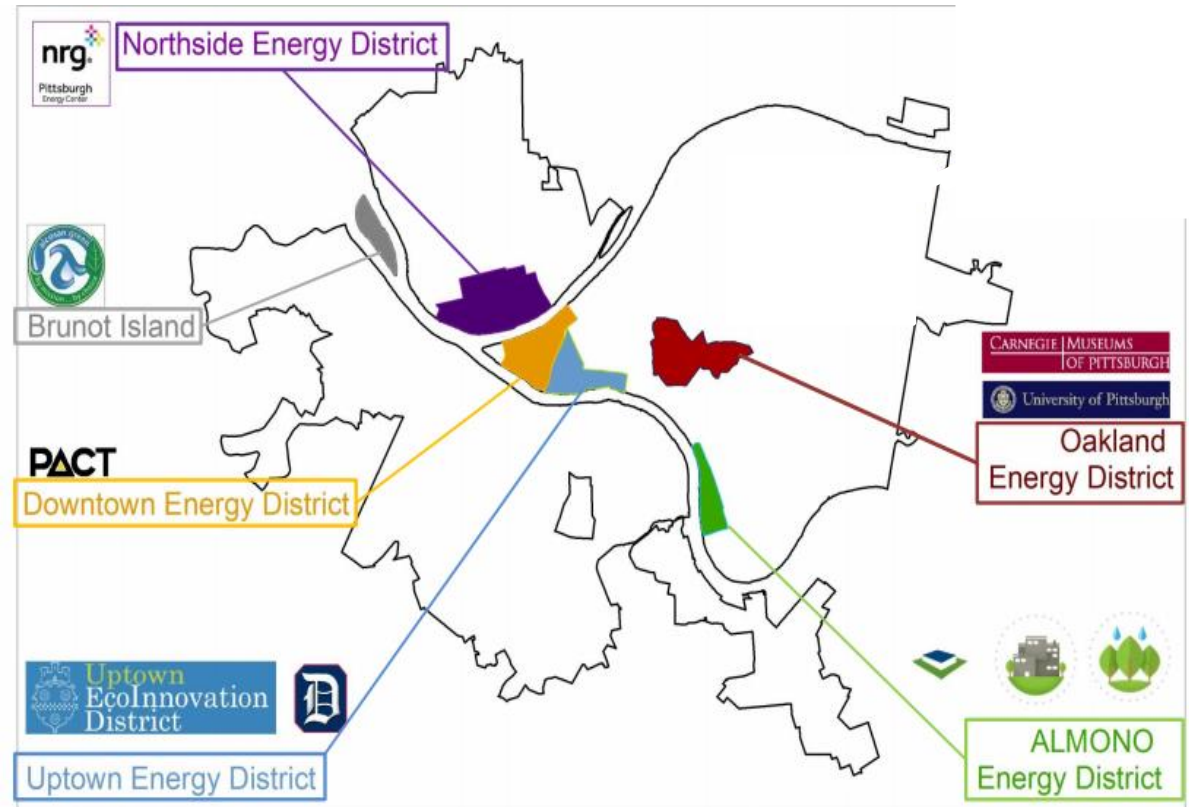
# District Energy and Micro-Grids

## Existing District Energy Systems

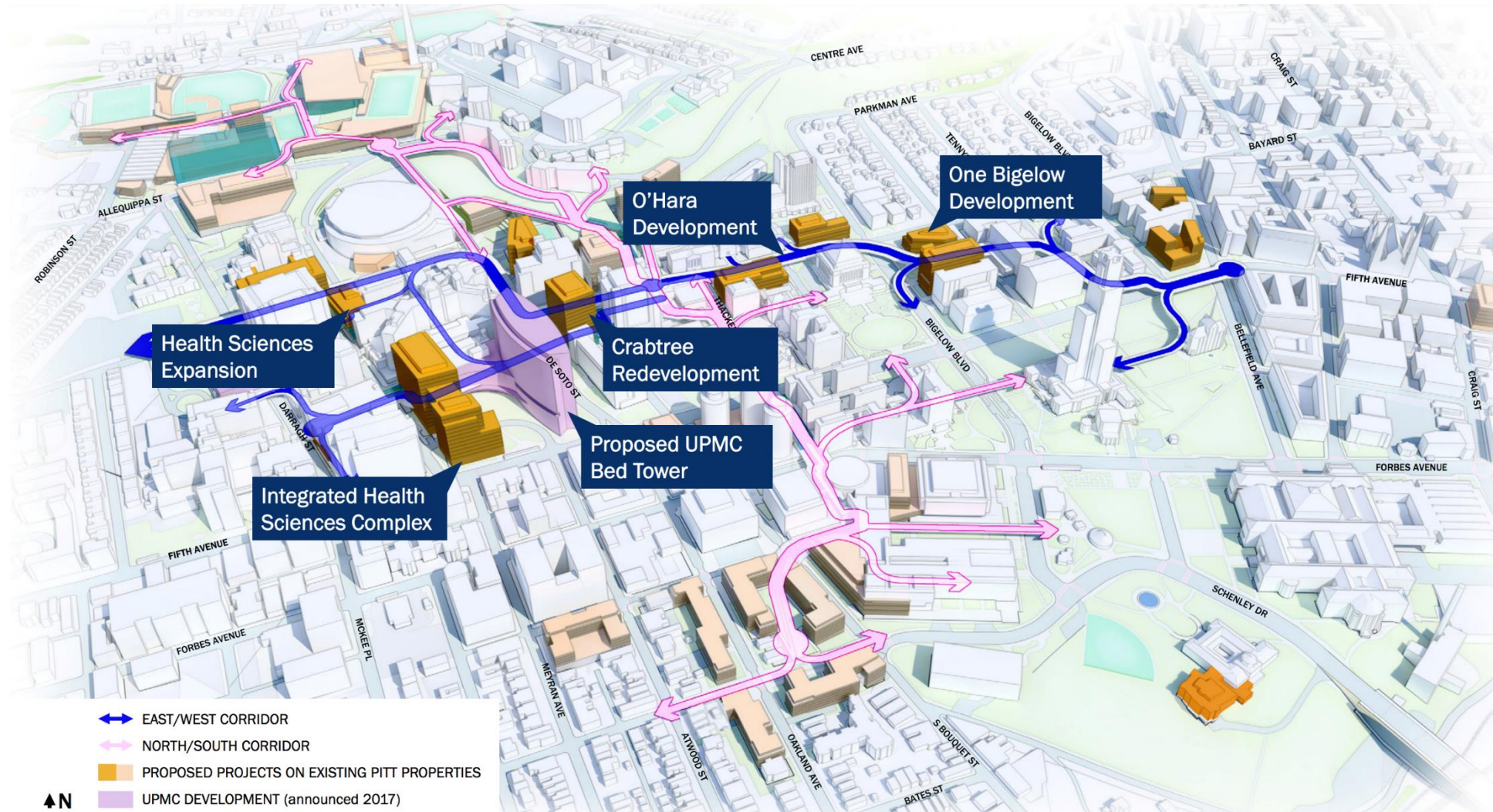
- PACT
- Northside
- Uptown
- Bellefield

## Potential New District Energy Plans

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue
- 62<sup>nd</sup> Street
- SCI Site



# Master Plans and Institutional Master Plans



Source: University of Pittsburgh, 2018



# Implementation: Buildings

## **New Land Use Regulations**

- Uptown Public Realm (including GBA guidance)
- Riverfront Zoning

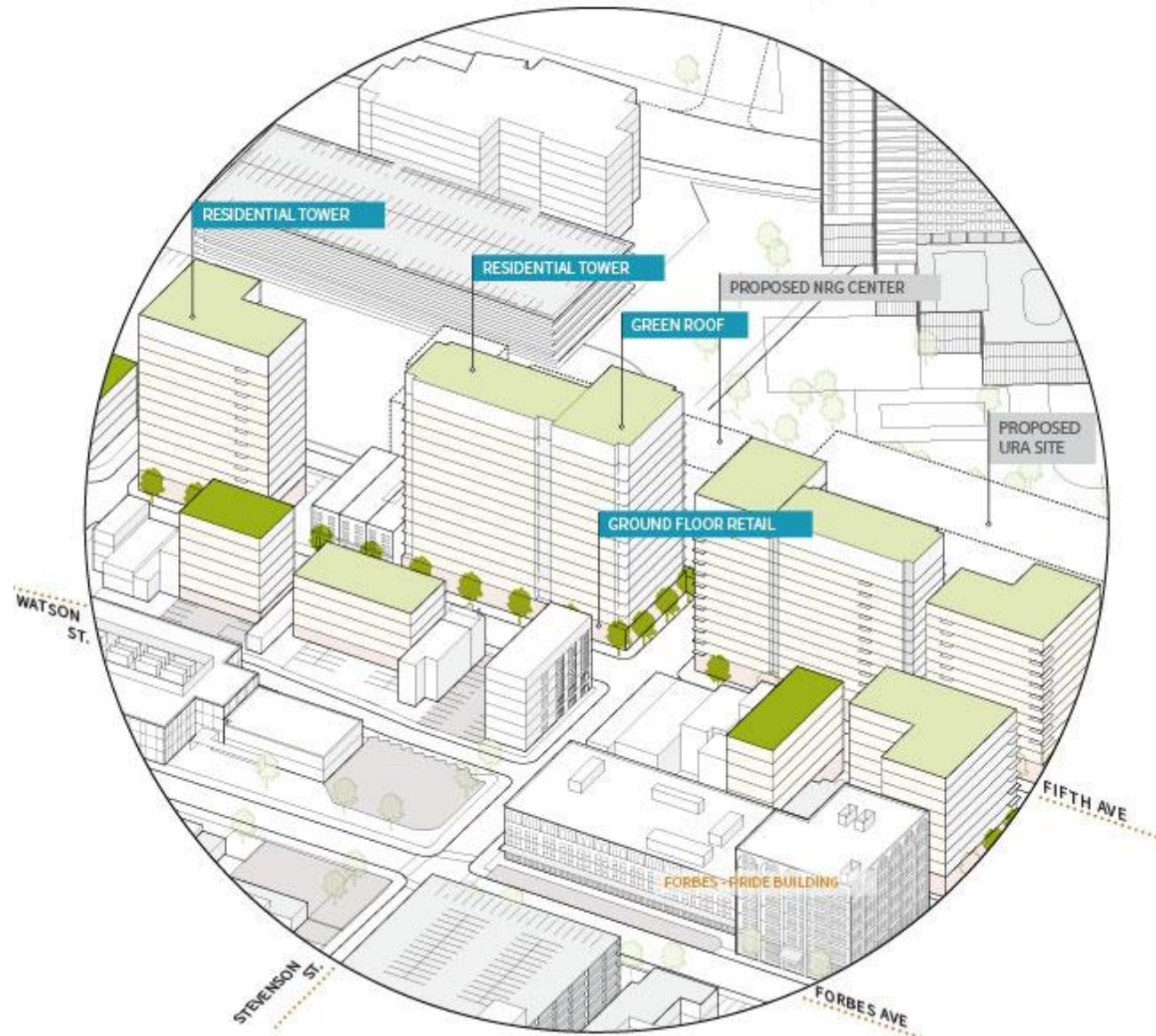
## **New Incentives**

- Performance Points System

## **Collaboration / Consultation**

- Performance Reviews
- Master Plans

# Performance Points System



1. Energy efficiency
2. Energy generation
3. Green infrastructure
4. Affordable housing
5. Building reuse



# Building Performance Reviews



Source: UPMC Vision Rehabilitation Hospital Hospital, 2018

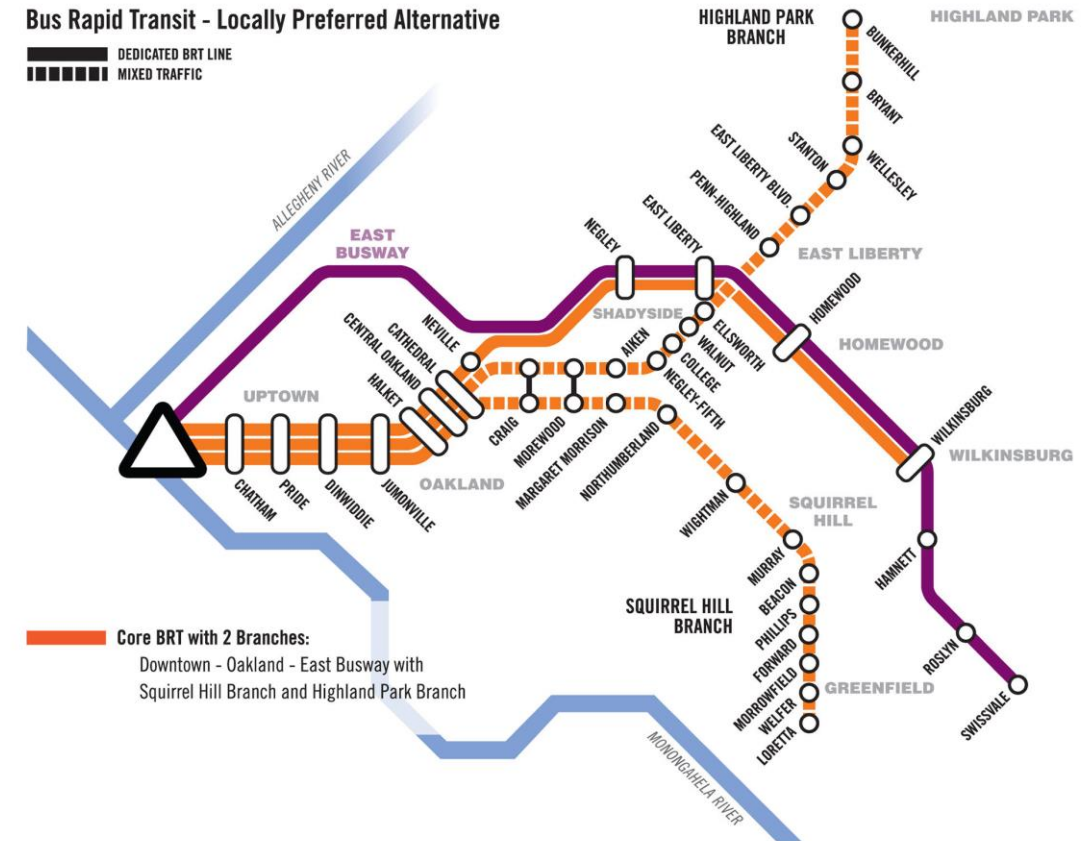
# Vehicle Electrification



# Bus Rapid Transit

# City fleet conversion Expanded charging infrastructure

# Integration of renewables with electric vehicles





# Thank you!



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