

Carbon Neutral Before 2057?

Determining an earlier date for Calvin to reach carbon neutrality

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Nations Approve Landmark Climate Agreement

Global temperatures to rise by more than 2°C by 2030 under business-as-usual scenario

Heavy precipitation

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“The hope of the world rests on the decisions you must take,” the British monarch told world leaders at the U.N. climate summit in Dubai.

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Chimes

Calvin commits to carbon neutrality by 2057

Rae Gernant, Head Copy Editor | December 8, 2017



Le Roy signing the Second Nature Climate Commitment. Photo by Hannah Butler.

<https://calvinchimes.org/2017/12/08/calvin-commits-to-carbon-neutrality-by-2057/>





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FA. Advanced heat transfer, thermodynamic, and fluid flow topics important for the design of thermal systems are presented. Sustainability and creation care topics are covered as they pertain to energy generation and fossil fuel resource depletion. Availability (exergy) analysis and methods for the optimization of system components are discussed. Selection and design of fluid flow and heat transfer equipment used in energy conversion systems are emphasized. Economic evaluation is studied. A co-generation system is studied throughout the semester to emphasize basic principles of analysis and design. A design project focused on sustainable energy generation or energy conservation is required.

Prerequisite(s): [ENGR 328](#).

Wind energy design (2006)
Low-Carbon Housing (2021)
Carbon Neutral Heating (2022)

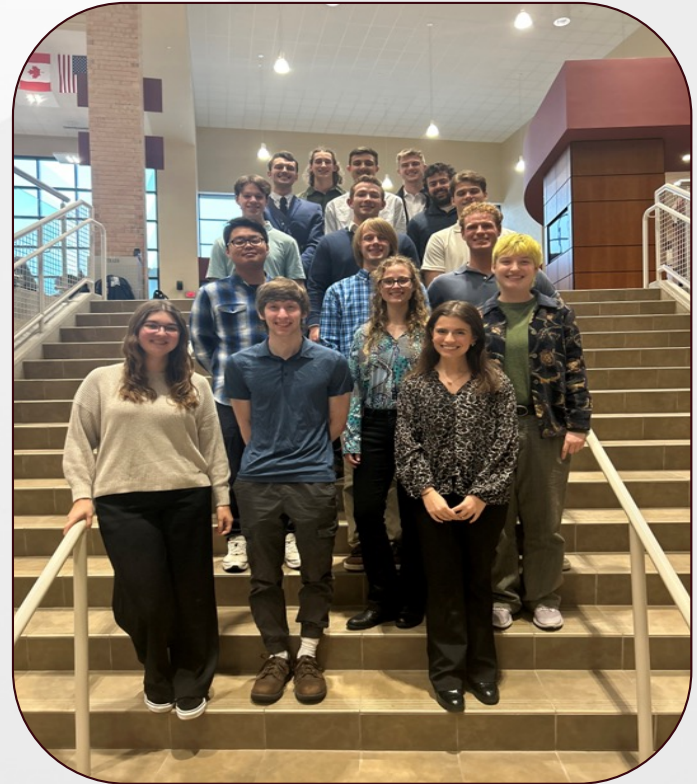


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Heating

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Finance

Administration



Calvin's Carbon Emissions

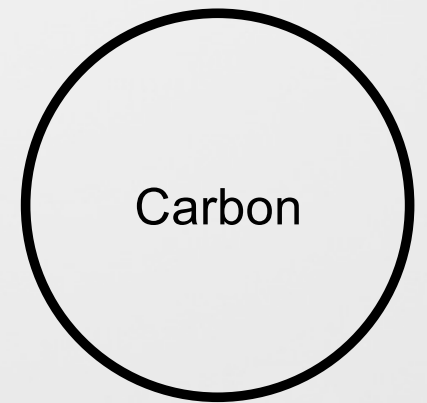
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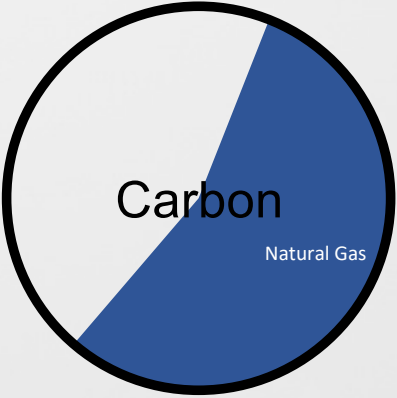
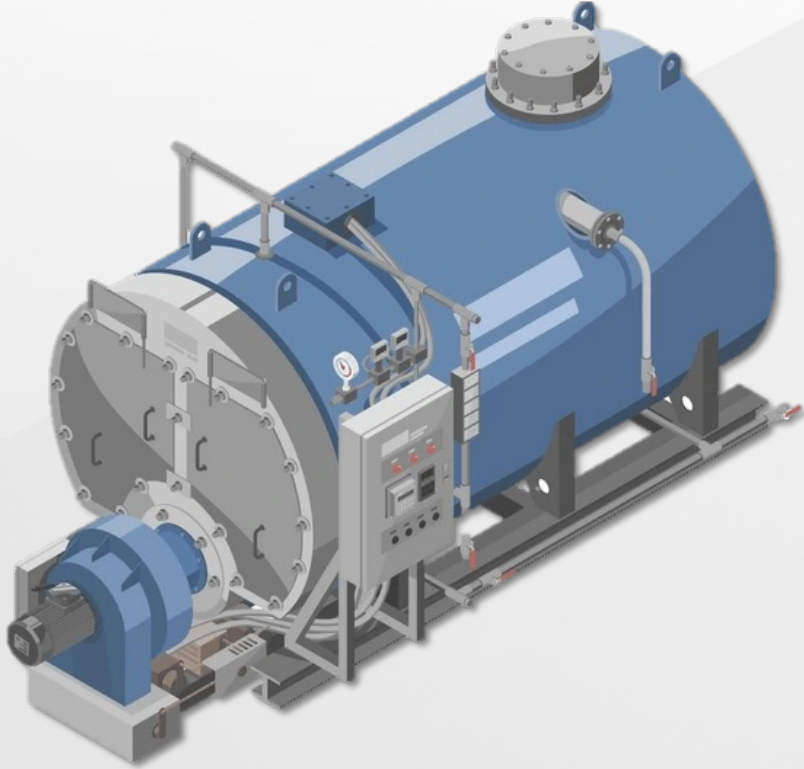
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Pounds of CO₂



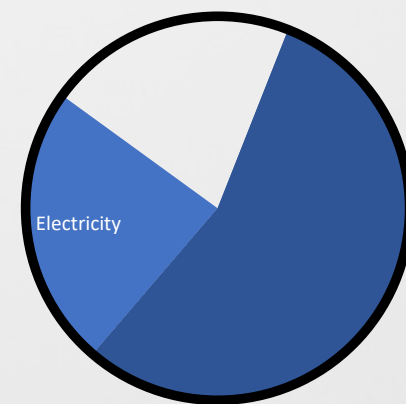
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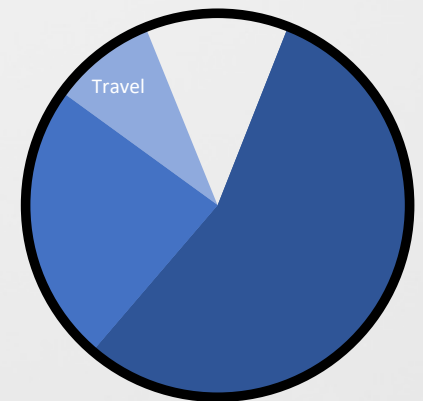
Heating Carbon Emissions



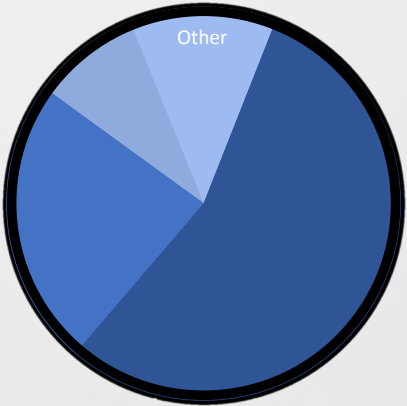
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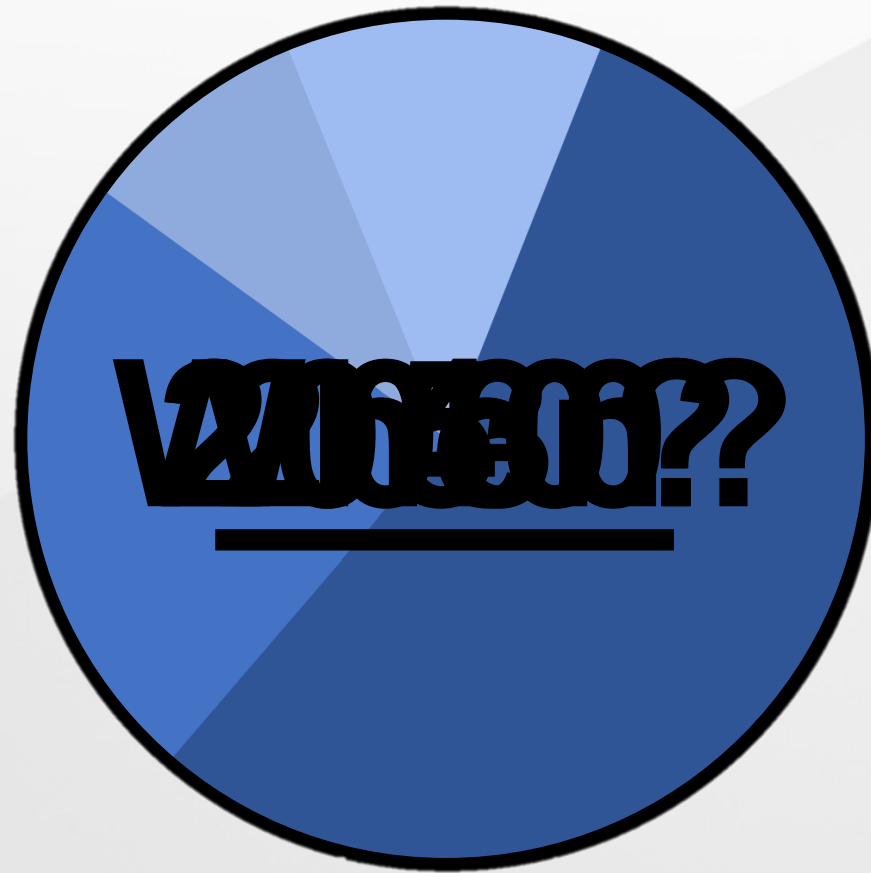


Travel Carbon Emissions

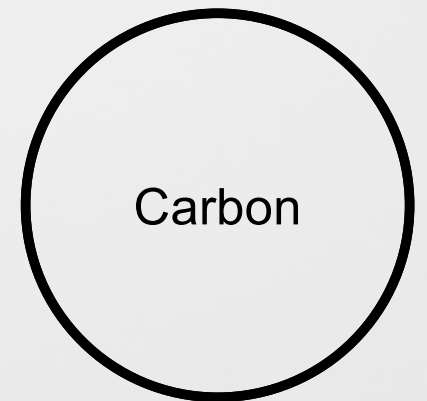
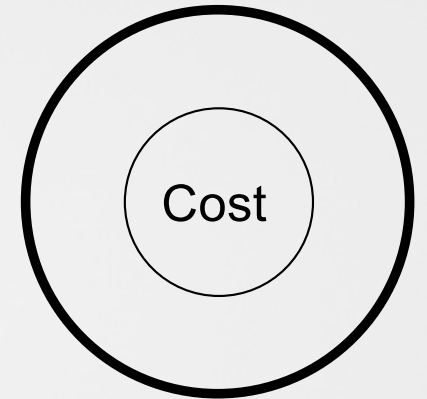


Other Carbon Emissions

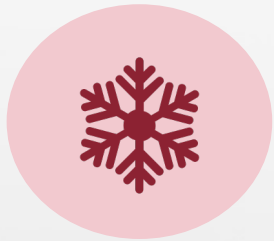




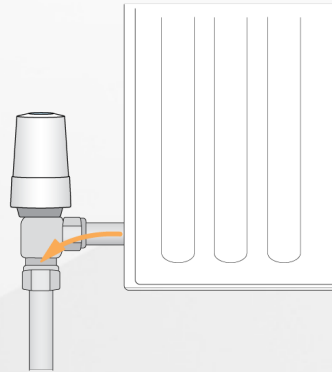
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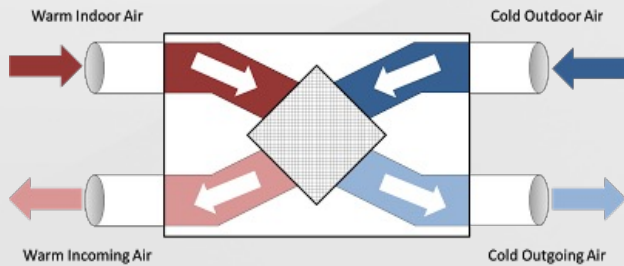
Efficiency Projects



Smart Thermostats



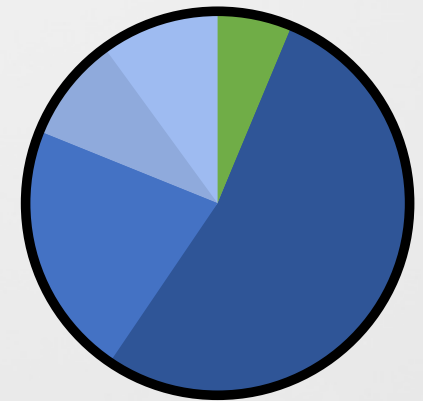
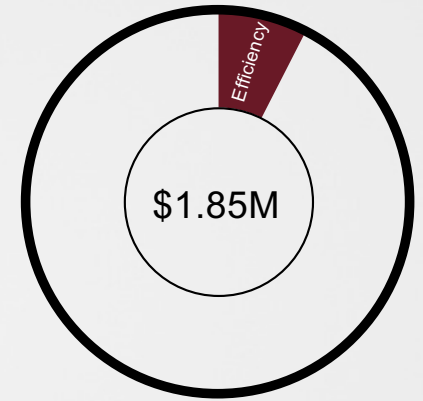
Thermostatic Radiator Valves



Energy Recovery Ventilators



Smart Power Strips



Heating Load

Stuart Johnston



What is Geothermal?

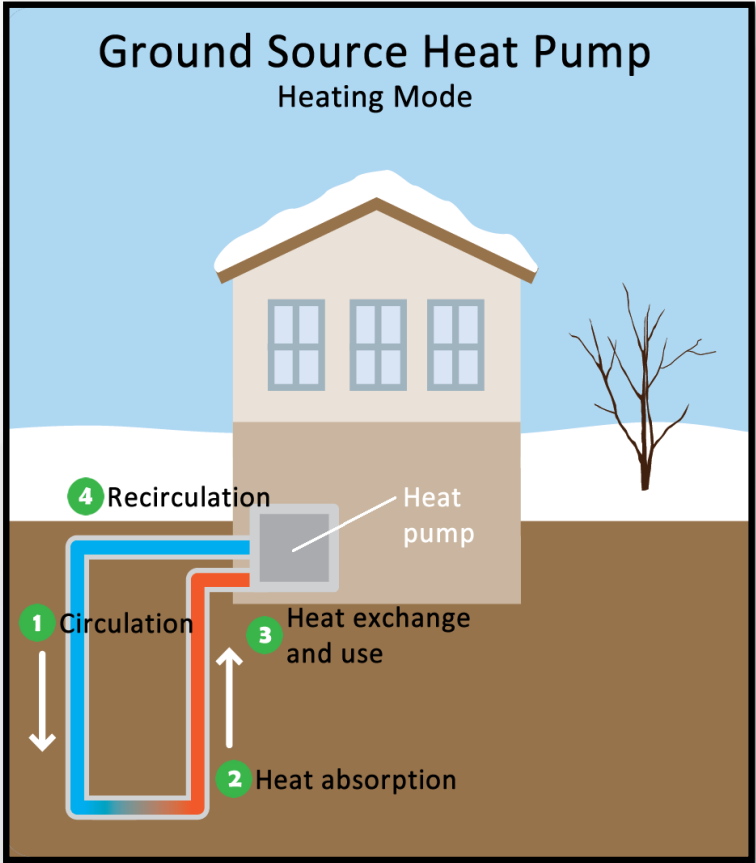
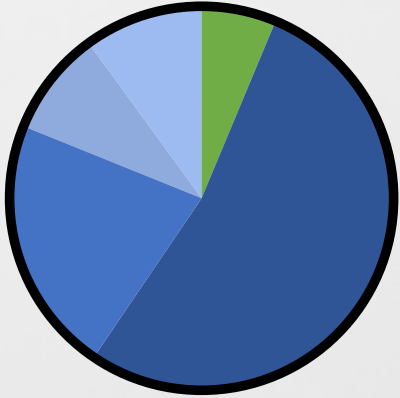
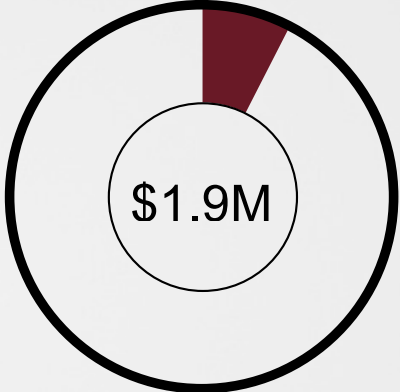
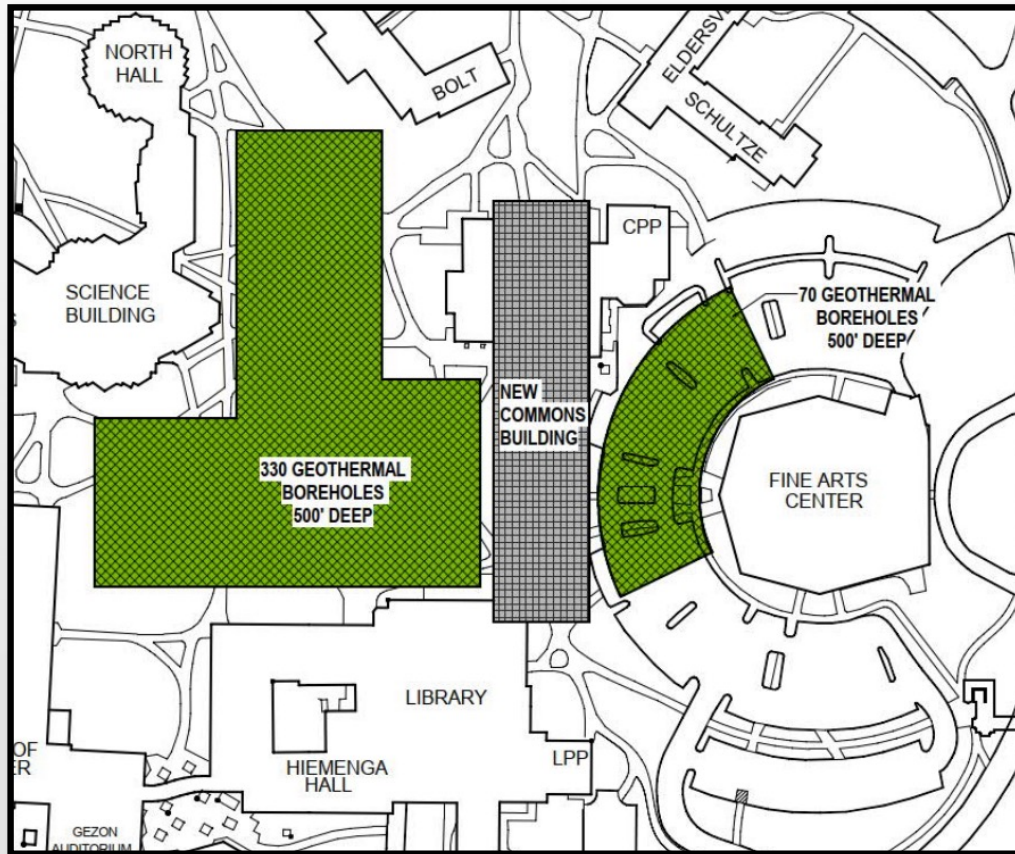


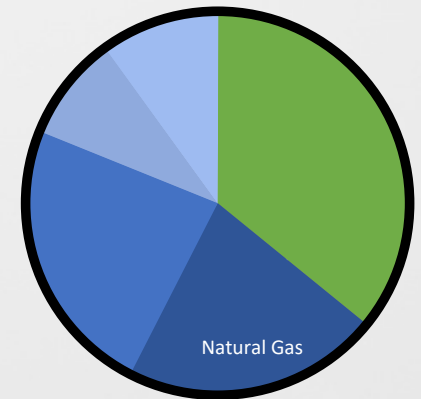
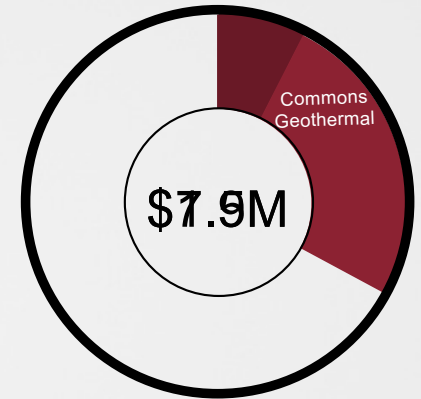
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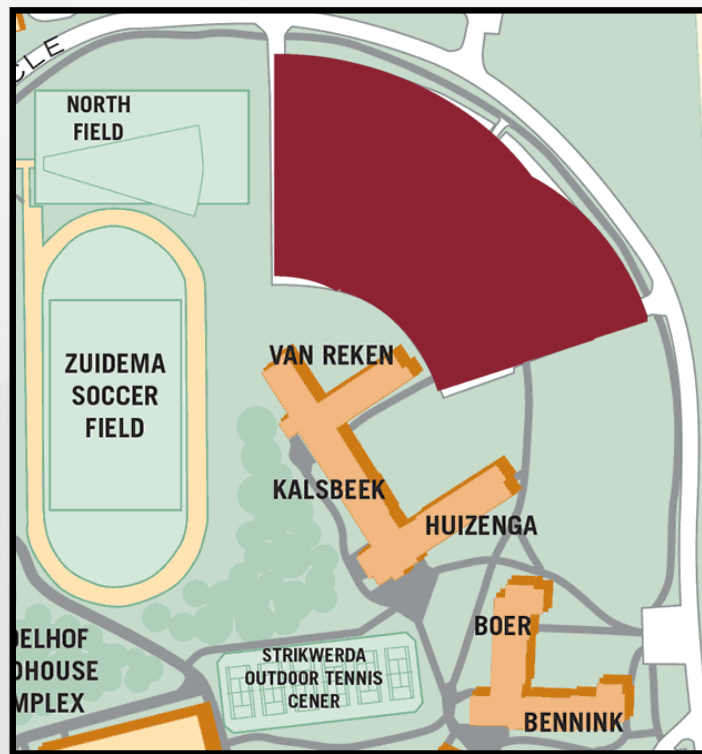
Commons Geothermal - 2024



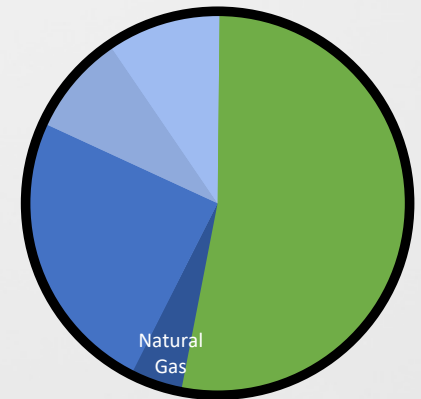
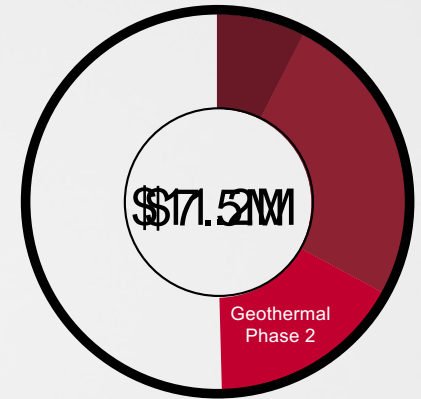
Borehole area



Geothermal Phase 2 – 2026



Borehole area



Carbon Free Electricity and Offset

David Harris

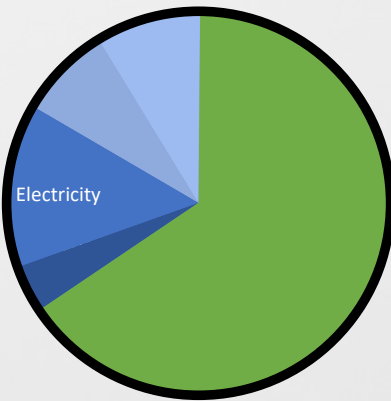
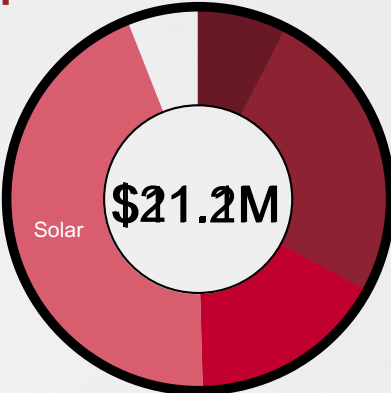




Calvin Solar Farm

\$9.9 million

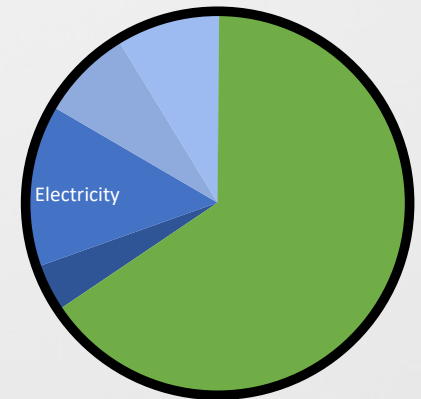
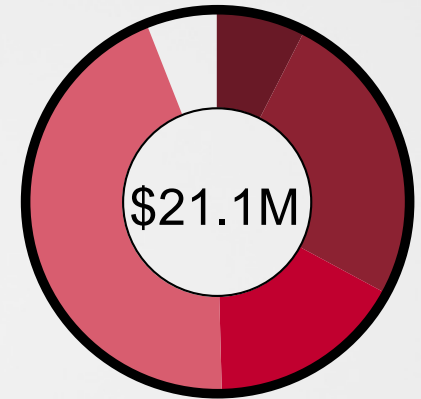
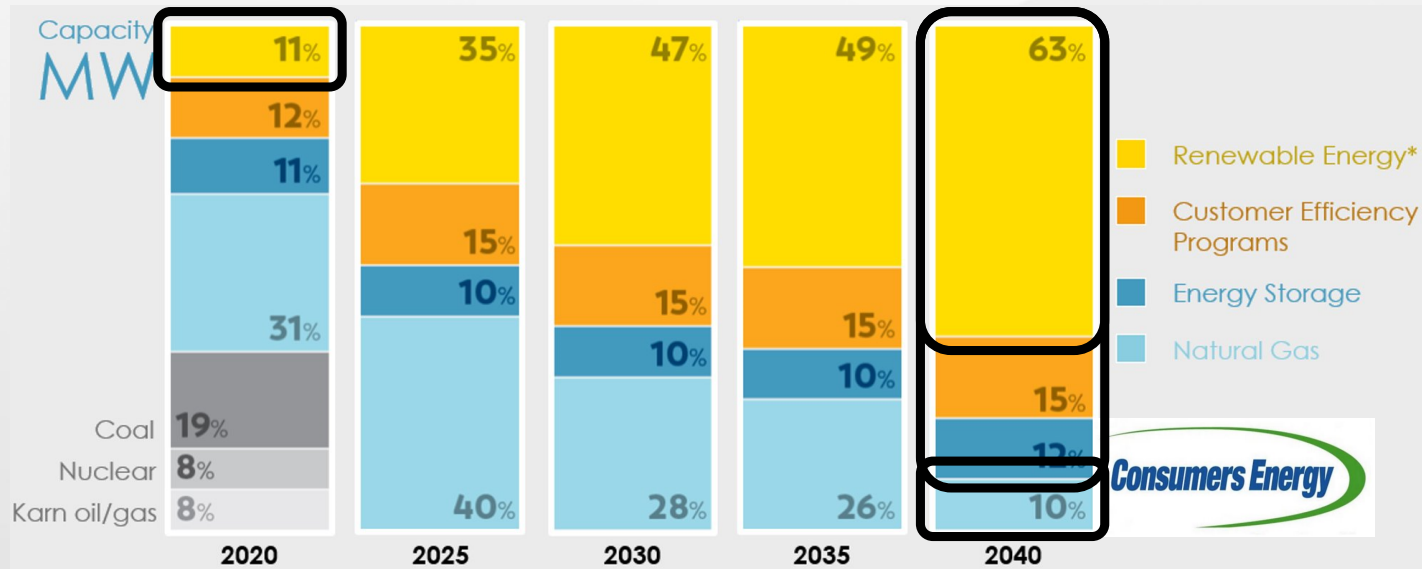
38% of electricity



- Roof Top Solar
- Parking Lot 8 Solar



Electricity Grid Decarbonization

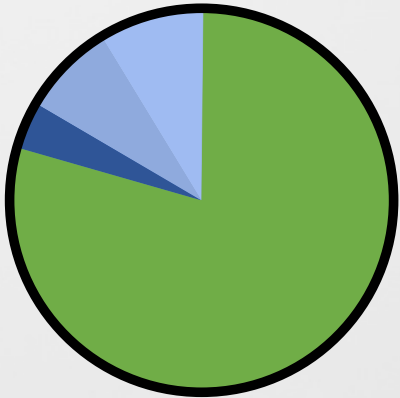
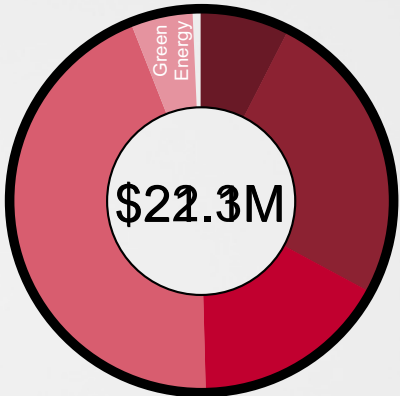


Consumers Energy Green Credit Program



13%
electricity
rate increase

62% of
electricity
until 2040

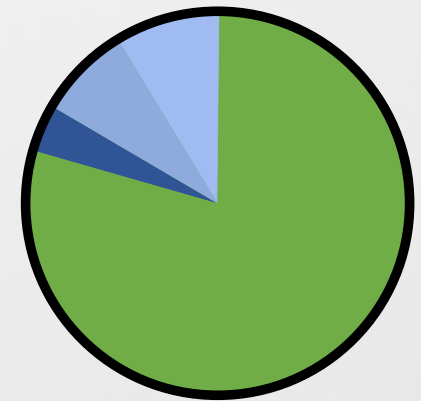
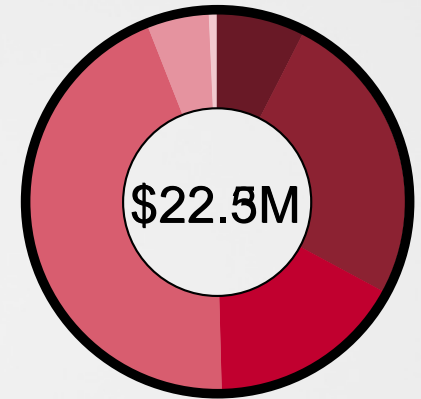


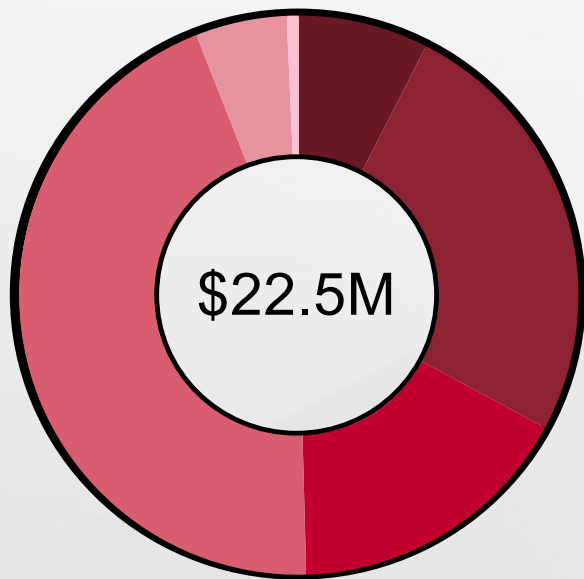
Carbon Offsets

How does offsetting work?



Diagram by: SINAI Technologies





Initial Cost

$$+ \begin{matrix} \text{O\&M} \\ \text{Depreciation} \\ \text{Inflation} \end{matrix} = \$23.7\text{M}$$

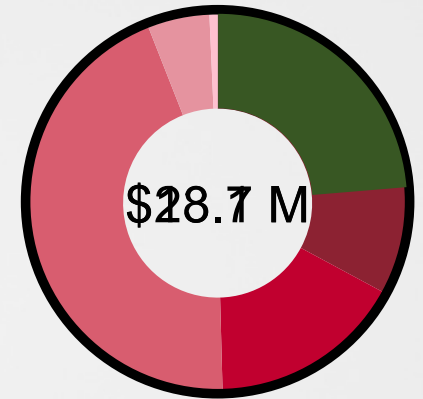


Funding

Michael Lanning



Energy Cost Savings



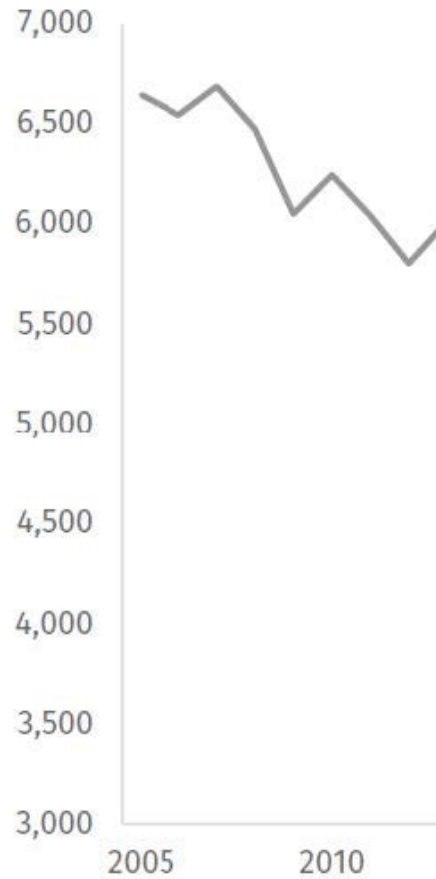
48% Efficiency Improvements

31% Natural Gas Cost Savings

21% Electricity Cost Savings



FIGURE 1
US greenhouse gas emissions
 Net million metric tons (mmt) of CO₂e



Source: Rhodium Group. The range reflects uncertainty with high, central, and low emissions scenarios.

Clean Energy Funding

In the Inflation Reduction Act

The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) is the largest climate legislation in U.S. history. Here's a breakdown of all the clean energy and climate funding in the IRA.

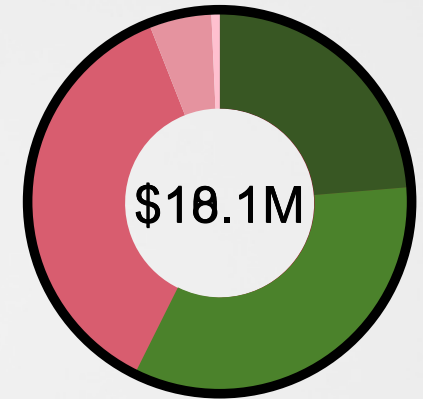
Estimated Spending
 (2022–2031) USD

Total Spending (2022–2031) **\$392.5B**

Clean Electricity Tax Credits \$51.0B Credit for Electricity Produced from Renewable Sources* <small>The bill provides from \$5 up to \$25 per megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity generated from renewables.</small>		Zero-Emission Nuclear Power Production Credit \$30.0B <small>Nuclear power plants can receive from \$3/MWh up to \$15/MWh if they meet certain wage conditions.</small>		Air Pollution, Hazardous Materials, Transportation and Infrastructure \$20.0B Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	
Clean Electricity Investment Credit \$50.9B <small>Clean electricity projects that begin construction before 2031 can qualify for a 6% to 30% investment tax credit.</small>		Energy Investment Credit* \$14.0B	Clean Electricity Production Credit \$11.2B	Climate Pollution Reduction Grants \$4.0B	Hazardous materials Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports \$3.0B
		Other \$3.9B		Other \$11.8B	
Individual Clean Energy Incentives \$22.0B Residential Clean Energy Credit <small>Taxpayers can get a 30% credit on the total cost of residential solar panels, heat pumps, and battery storage systems.</small>	Clean Manufacturing Tax Credits \$30.6B Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit <small>Manufacturers of solar, wind, and battery components, including critical minerals, can qualify for this production tax credit.</small>		Advanced Energy Project Credit* \$6.3B	Conservation, Rural Development, Forestry \$16.7B Conservation	
				USDA Assistance for Rural Electric Cooperatives \$9.6B	Other \$8.4B
				Other Energy and Climate Spending \$18.0B	
Clean Fuel and Vehicle Tax Credits \$12.5B Nonbusiness Energy Property Credit* \$2.4B Other	Clean Hydrogen \$13.2B	Biodiesel, Renewable Diesel, and Alternative Fuels* \$5.6B	Qualified Commercial Clean Vehicles \$3.6B	Building Efficiency, Electrification, Transmission, Industrial, DOE Grants and Loans \$9.8B DOE Loans and Grants	
		Clean Vehicle Credit \$7.5B	Other \$6.1B	High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebates \$4.5B	Other \$7.7B
				Advanced Industrial Facilities Deployment Program \$5.3B	

Source: Congressional Budget Office

*Indicates extensions or modifications of existing credits



Learn more about how electric utilities and the power sector can lead on the path toward decarbonization.
[DecarbonizationReport.com](https://www.DecarbonizationReport.com)

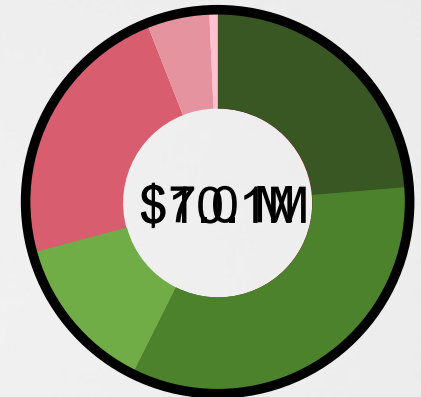
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Tax Credits and Grants

Section 45L tax credits
Energy Efficient Home credit
Credit for builders of new energy
efficient homes
Energy efficient commercial
buildings deduction

Roy A Hunt Foundation
Joyce Foundation
Patagonia
IREM Foundation
Climateworks Foundation
MacArthur Foundation
Mitsubishi Corp. Foundation



Donors



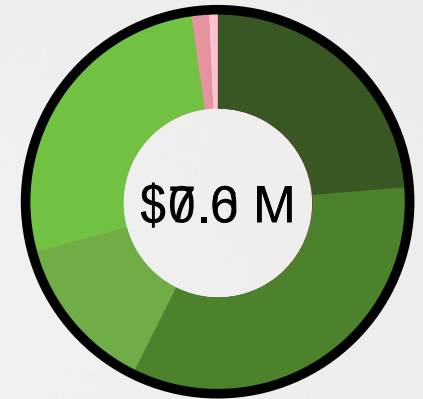
\$1.28 million
annually



5-year fundraising
cycle



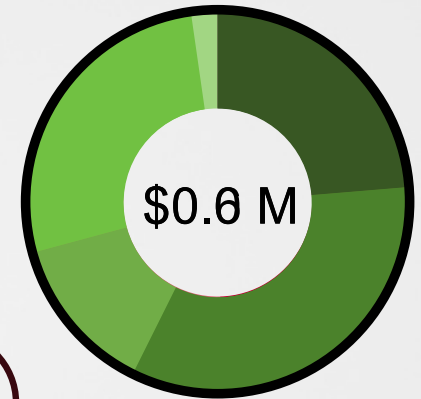
\$6.4 million



Sustainable Scholars



\$15
each semester

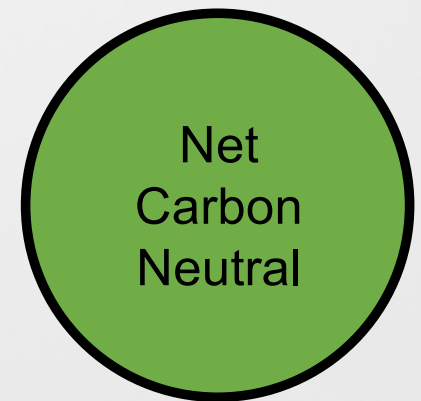
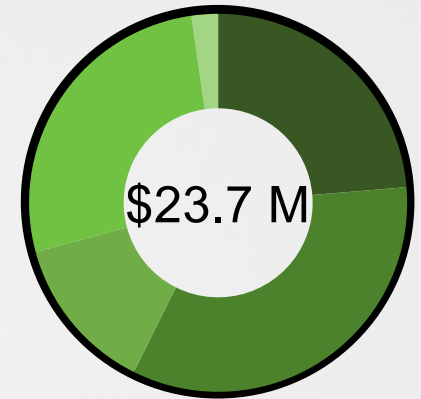


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↳ After Yearly Costs!





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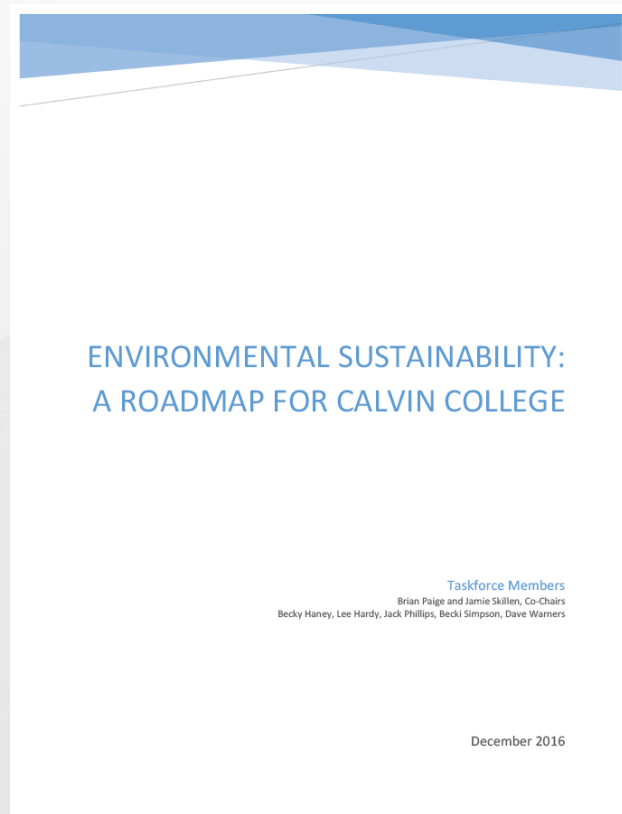


The Next Steps

Panashe Makuvaro



Cabinet Level Director



Projected Roles and Responsibilities



Maintain sustainability strategy



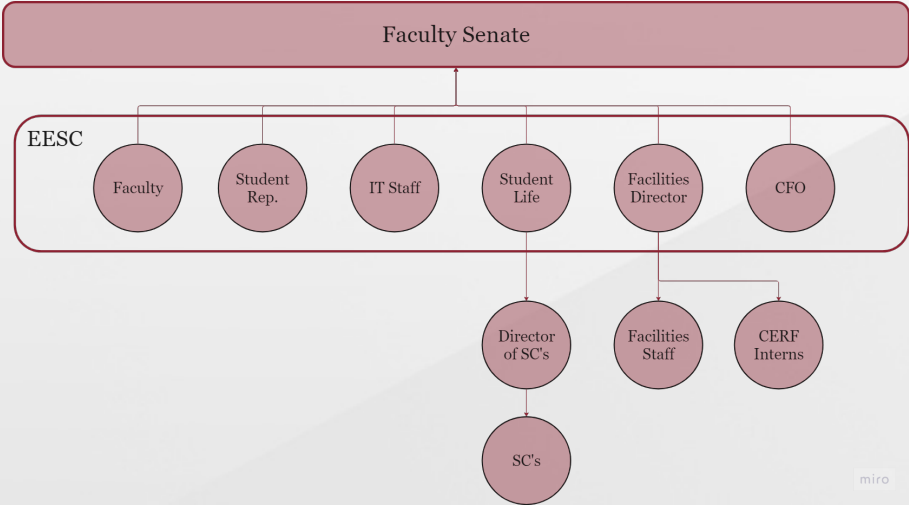
Data collection, organization, and reporting



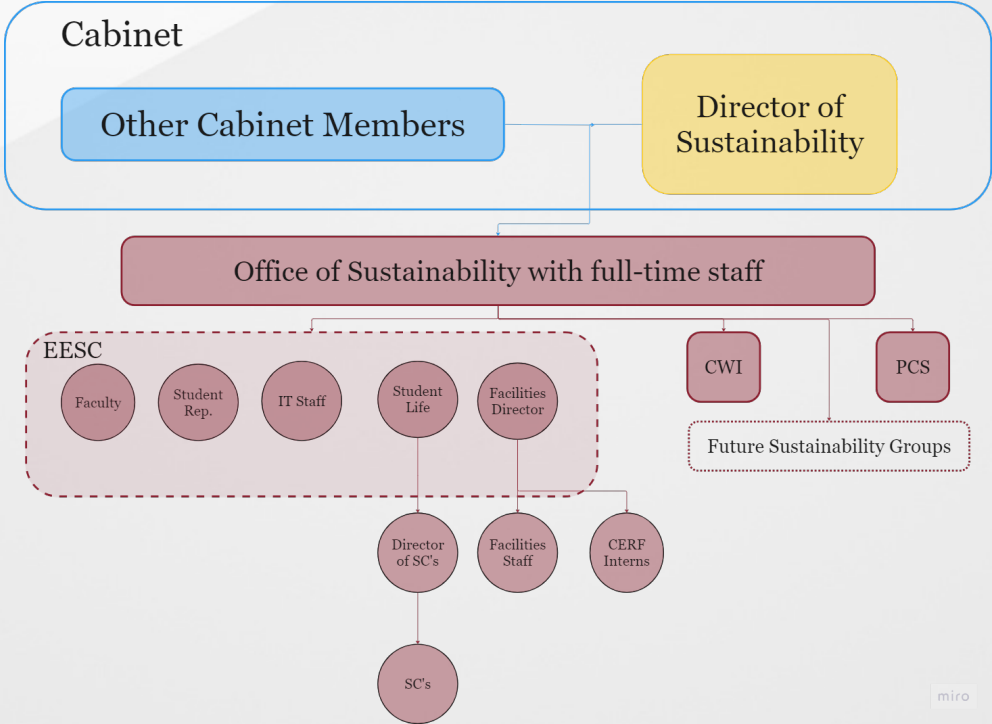
Spearhead proposed carbon neutrality initiatives



Proposed Structural Change



Existing administrative structure



Proposed administrative structure



Integrated Carbon and Energy Master Plan



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