





# MME Pre-Conference Workshop: Holland's Sustainability Path

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#### **ELECTRIC UTILITY GETS ITS START**

How it all began in 1893



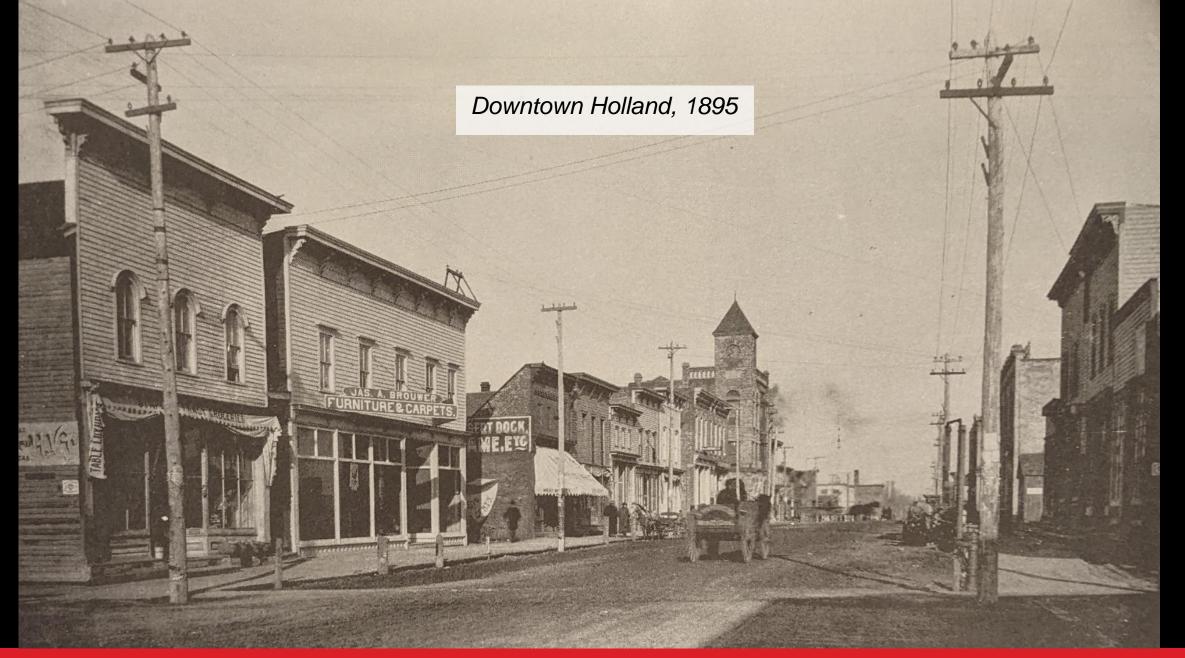


- Holland citizens unite and take control of their electric future
- Public lighting is the core reason
- The move is not without controversy



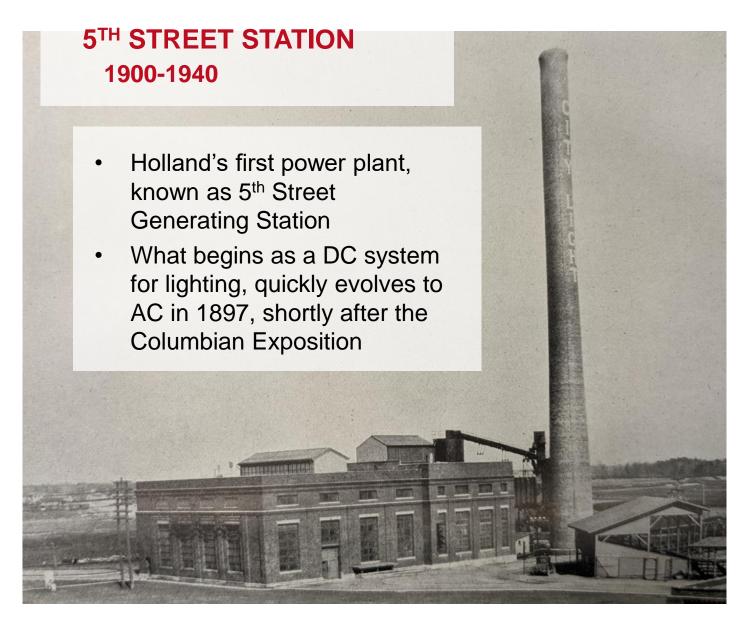














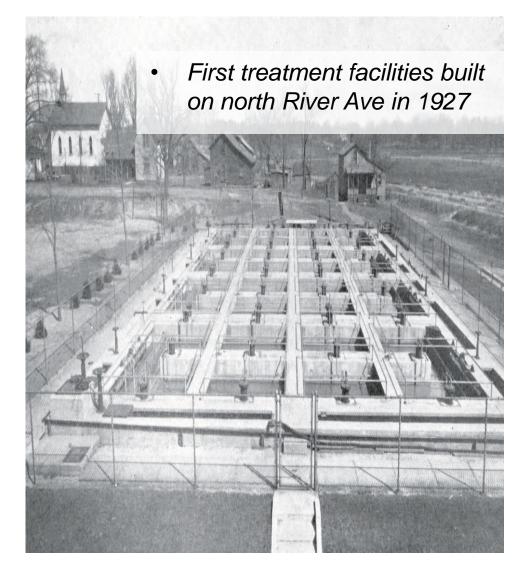




#### **Drinking Water**

# Wells (1885-1955) Lake Intake (1955-present)

#### Wastewater







# THE EARLY YEARS Pre-1940

- Early annual reports track the amount of connected uses
- By the 1930's Holland is outgrowing its current plant and must make a big decision

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#### Appliances:

3390—Flat irons	1,864.50
953—Washing machines	116.88
799—Vacuum cleaners	59.93
495—Fans	37.13
412—Small motors	39.13
660—Toasters	330.00
224—Heaters	134.40
244—Grills	146.40
109—Warming pads	10.90
200—Percolators	80.00
47—Electric plates	23.50
201—Curling irons	20.10
13—Ranges	66.73
Miscellaneous appliances	75.00
Total appliance load	



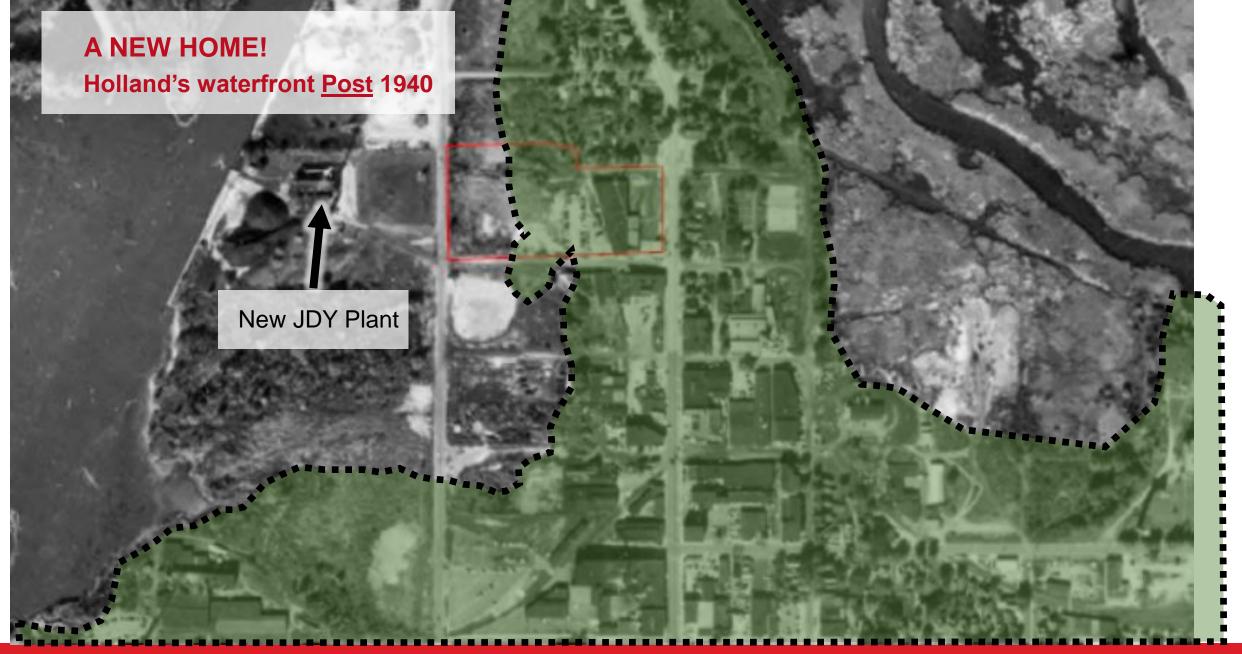






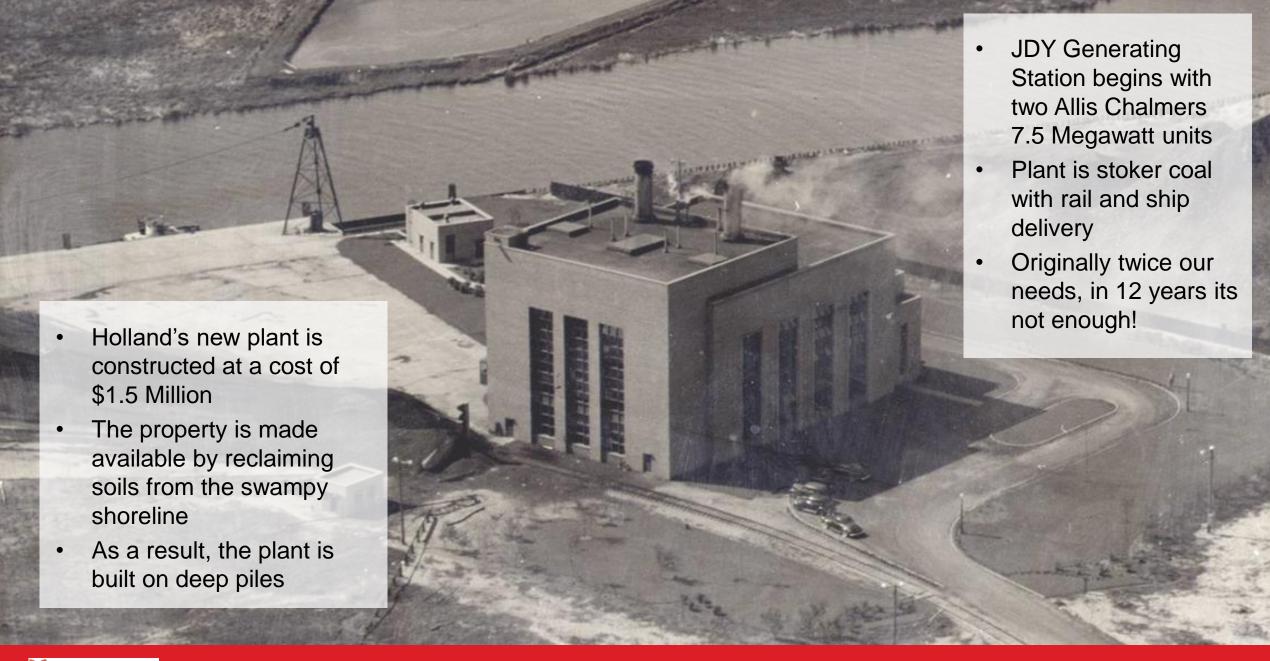
















#### JAMES DE YOUNG PLANT EXPANSIONS 1940 through 1970









#### EXPANDING OUR REACH 1970 through 1990



- Tremendous growth!
  - Additional service to the township areas
- New interconnection with Consumers Energy
  - Efficient 138 kilovolt loop
- Michigan Public Power Agency
  - Belle River
  - Campbell 3







# **ECONOMIC DEVLOPMENT**Added Community Services

#### **Snowmelt System**

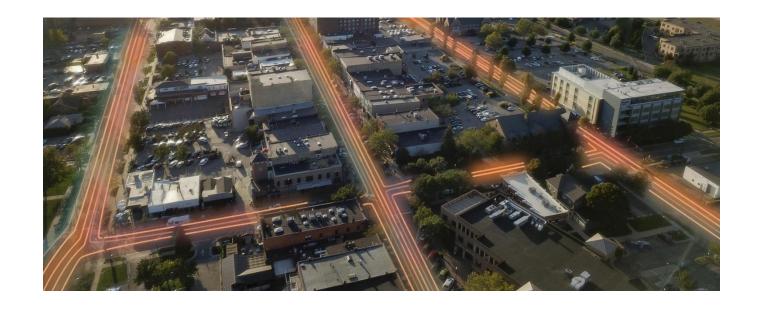
- First portion installed in 1988 downtown improvement project (3 Blocks)
- ~800,000 sq ft of heated streets and sidewalks (4.9 miles)
- Largest publically owned system in the country

#### **Broadband Utility**

- Fiber loop completed in 1993 to serve BPW facilities and some customers
- Millage on the ballot in August 2022 to expand fiber network to entire City limits





















- Open access to transmission
- Power marketers
- Wholesale generators
  - Change isn't always smooth
    - **ENRON**
    - 2003 Blackout





# CHOOSING A PATH FORWARD 2007-2013

2006-2007: New Generation Needs



Growing energy demand in Holland prompts
HBPW to pursue expanding generation at
the James DeYoung coal power plant.



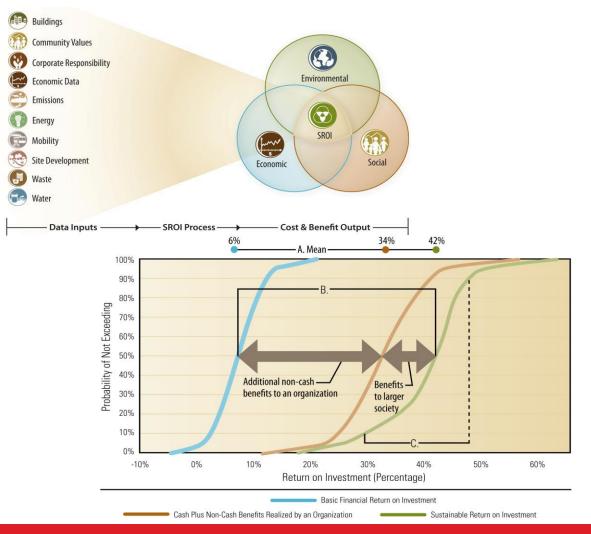
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Jun-Aug 2008: Exploring Generation Options





# A NEW ERA EMRGES Holland Energy Park (HEP)















We are committed to building a reliable power infrastructure for the Holland, MI community that is socially, economically and environmentally responsible.



New Power Plant Architectural Design





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# A NEW ERA EMRGES Holland Energy Park

- Develop a Resource
- Create a Destination
- Enhance a Gateway
- Build a reliable, world class piece of infrastructure
- Provide a sustainable, long term power source
- Become an educational hub
- Increase capacity of the snowmelt system







#### **ABOVE AND BEYOND**

#### **Envision™ "Platinum" Certification**



- 50% carbon reduction
- Doubled fuel efficiency
- Expanded snowmelt capacity
- Recycled materials from demo and construction
- New park with paved trail and native plants
- Educational visitors center









## BENEFITS OF PUBLIC POWER Local Control

#### Direct benefits

- Not for profit: Every dollar goes back into the community and utility services
- Rate advantage (vs. investor-owned):
   33% lower residential
   25% lower commercial
   20% lower industrial
- \$97 Million annual electric revenue (FY21)
- Support City of Holland \$8.5 Million transfer (FY23)
- Less outages, faster restoration
- Local control!

#### Indirect benefits

 Reliability, rates, snowmelt all help provide economic development











\*\*Break and Reconvene for Plant Tour\*\*

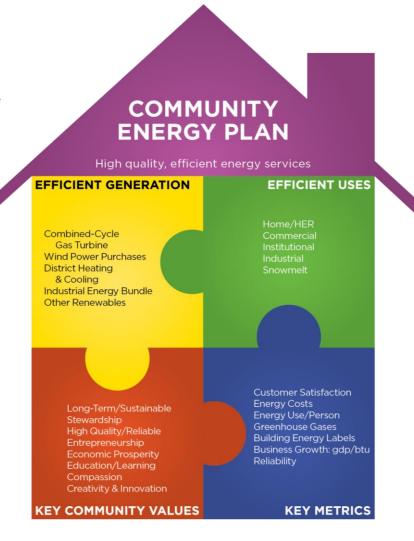




#### **COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN (CEP)**

#### **Local Climate Control**

- Recommendation from the City Sustainability Committee
- Project Work Team
  - City staff and Consultants
- Mayor's Energy Task Force
  - Representatives from:
    - City Council
    - HBPW Board representatives
    - Education
    - Chamber of Commerce
    - Real estate investors
    - Business Owners
    - Local residents







#### COMMUNITY ENERGY PLAN Key Metrics (2011)

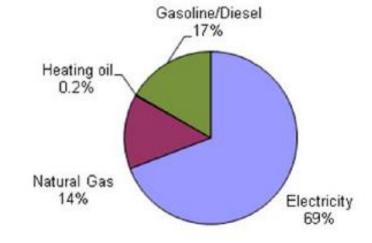
#### 24 metric tons

CO<sub>2e</sub> per capita (in 2010)

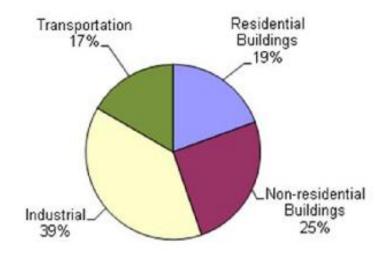
#### GOAL = 10 metric tons

CO<sub>2e</sub> per capita (by 2050)

- Ensure economic competitiveness
  - Maintain electric rates at least 5% below MI investor owned utilities in all customer classes year-over-year
- Provide reliable and affordable energy
  - Maintain outage duration (SAIDI) and frequency (SAIFI) values at American Public Power Association (APPA) median or better
- Protect the environment
  - GhG emissions less than 10 MT CO2e per capita by 2050



#### by type



by sector



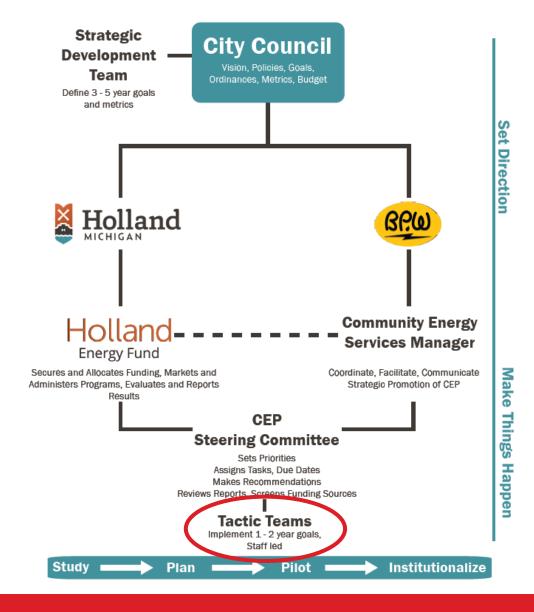


## TURNING PLANS INTO ACTIONS Governance Model

#### 2012 CEP Tactic Teams

- 1. Home Energy Retrofit
  - Operationalized and a program still offered today
- 2. District Heating
  - · Analyzed and not moved forward
- 3. Industrial Utility Bundle
  - · Analyzed and not moved forward
- 4. Building Energy Labeling
  - Piloted but not moved forward
- Electric Generation
  - SROI process
- 6. Community Education and Outreach
  - EWR program, community partners

#### **Holland Community Energy Plan Governance**







#### **CONTINUOS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT**

#### **Residential Programs Example**

Home Energy Retrofit Pilot (25 homes)



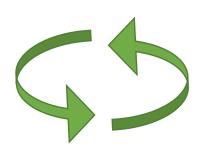
On-Bill Loan Enabling Legislation (PA 408)



Holland Energy Fund – 501(c)3

Home Energy Retrofit (HER) Program

Holland On-Bill Loan program











City's share of OBL/HER project cost (2019-2021) ≤\$10.00/kWh saved



City's share of OBL/HER project cost (2016-2018) ≤\$2.00/kWh saved



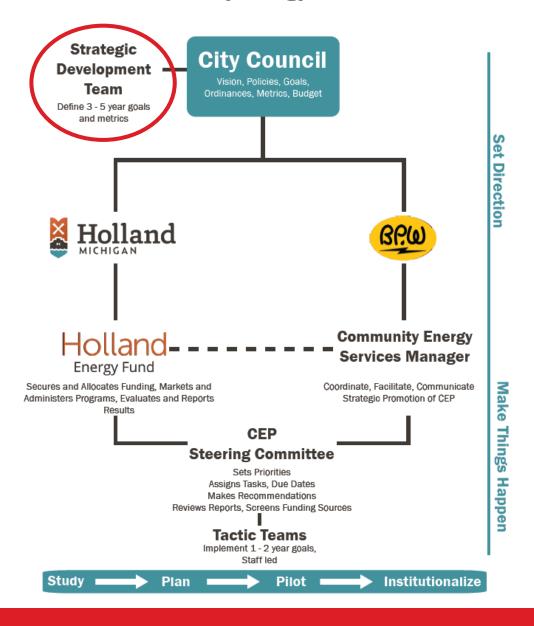
BPW's cost of an average EWR rebate = \$0.10/kWh saved



## REFINING THE STRATEGY 2018 Strategic Development Team

- Increase Home Energy Retrofit Program capacity
- Design new Energy Waste Reduction Programs tailored to Holland
- Monitor and promote effectiveness of district energy at the Civic Center
- Incentivize electric vehicle adoption
- Draft a City alternative fuel purchasing policy for all vehicles and gas-powered equipment
- Study and plan for the impact of autonomous vehicles on infrastructure
- Continue carbon footprint calculation biennially
- Expand and fund energy education

#### **Holland Community Energy Plan Governance**

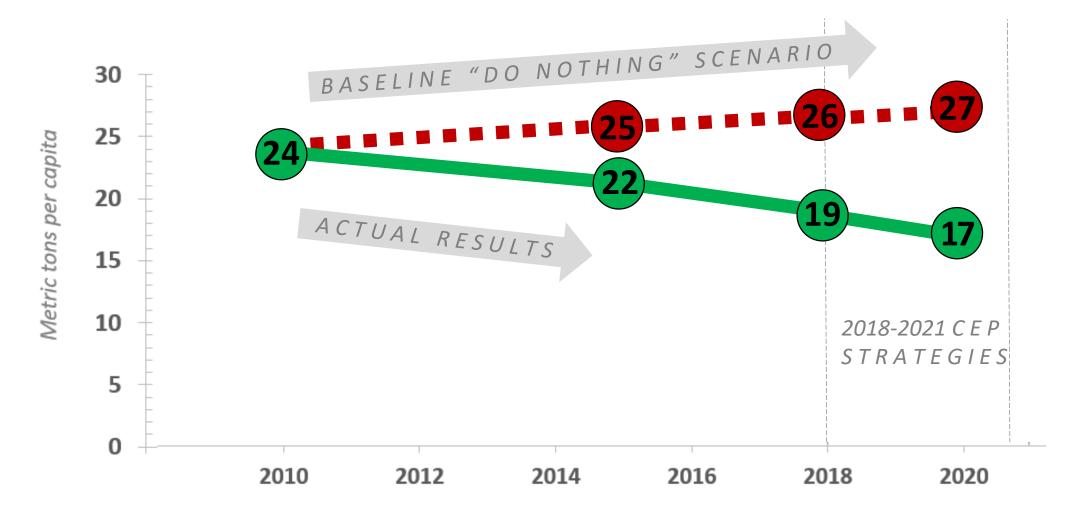






#### **TRACKING PROGRESS**

#### **Carbon reduction from 2010-2020**







## REFINING THE STRATEGY (AGAIN) 2020-2021 Strategic Development Team



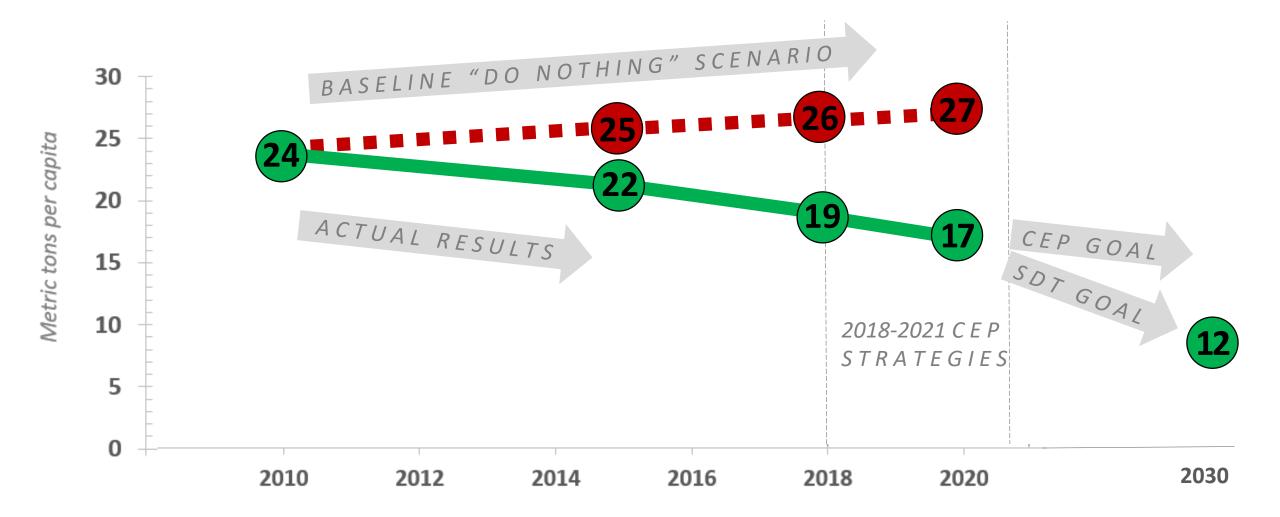
- 1. Electric Portfolio
- 2. Building Energy Consumption
- 3. Transportation
- 4. Education
- 5. Offsets

- Targets and Strategies for each lever
- CEP Steering Committee prioritizes which strategies to address first





# MOVING THE GOALPOSTS New Carbon Goal by 2030







#### **2022 STRATEGIES:**

**Electric Portfolio** 

#### **TARGETS**

- Achieve 70% reduction in carbon emissions from 2005 levels by 2030
- Maintain electric reliability in the top quartile of municipal utilities in Michigan through 2030
- Maintain electric rate competitiveness at or below 90% of the neighboring IOU for each customer class through 2030

#### **STRATEGIES**

- Increase renewable supply in HBPW portfolio
- Increase adoption of elective renewable energy rate among all customer classes
- Ensure value of solar is properly represented in the distributed generation program





#### **2022 ACTIONS:**

#### **Electric Portfolio**

- Closure of remaining coal assets by 2028
- Adding solar PPAs
- Promoting Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)
- Studying value of solar energy for BPW service area







## **Elective Renewable Energy Rate**

Did you know that you can elect to have a portion or all of your electricity generated by renewable sources?

### Reduce your carbon footprint!

- Purchase additional renewable energy in 5% increments of your monthly consumption at the cost of \$0.01 premium per kWh.
  - Adding 85% gets you to 100% renewables!

Participation requirement: 12 month minimum





#### **2022 STRATEGIES:**

#### **Building Energy Consumption**

#### **TARGETS**

- Establish baseline energy intensity metrics across each customer class by 2025
- Achieve 20% reduction in carbon emissions from buildings from 2020 by 2030
- Achieve 10% reduction from 2020 levels in electricity consumption in each customer class by 2030
- Achieve 15% reduction from 2020 levels natural gas consumption in each customer class by 2030
- Convert 5% natural gas energy use in buildings to electricity by 2030

#### **STRATEGIES**

- Increase the electric Energy Waste Reduction program targets and funding
- Incent electrification of energy-consuming devices in all customer classes
- Consider requirements for energy disclosures for buildings sold or rented
- Investigate options to reduce financing burden for businesses
- Challenge the business sector to develop and disclose energy and carbon performance targets
- Reduce carbon from City/HBPW buildings 80% from 2015 levels by 2030
- Investigate potential for creating natural gas free (electric only) zones





#### **2022 ACTIONS:**

#### **Building Energy Consumption**

- Voluntarily continuing BPW's EWR program (post PA-342)
  - Increasing annual goal from 1% up to 2% savings
- Launching new Beneficial Electrification (BE) rebates
- "Listening Tour" with local industries and ongoing discussions on carbon goals
- Buying renewable energy (RECs) already being purchased for all City/BPW buildings, but a team has been formed to establish energy tracking and reduction recommendations





Heat Pump Water Heater







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Sustainability



City of Holland & Holland Board of Public Works Sustainability Timeline														
(+)	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA) Landfill Gas Project authorized	Holland Sustainability Committee Formed	Garforth International commissioned	BPW P21 Power	America in Bloom Outstanding Achievement Award: Environmental Effort	Urban Tree Canopy Assessment Completed	City cosponsors Living Sustainably Along the Lakeshore	Ground Broken on Holland Energy Park	James DeYoung Coal-fired Power Plant Decommissioned	Holland Energy Park Commercial Operation	Urban Tree Canopy Assessment Completed by Hope College	Power Purchase Agreement with Assembly Solar II authorized		City hires first full-time Sustainability Manager
	HBPW hires first Conservation Programs Manager (later known as Community Energy Services Manager)	HBPW begins Energy Waste Reduction program	GHG baseline assessed	CEP Adopted	CEP Task Forces Mobilized	District Energy Study	Holland Hope College Sustainability Institute is formed	America in Bloom Overall Winner	Home Energy Retrofit Program is launched	Project Clarity is Launched	Power Purchase Agreement with Assembly Solar I authorized	begin Energy Saving Trees	City implements Hybrid/Electric Vehicle Purchasing Policy	City launches new recycling cart program
		Energy Conservation & Efficiency Plan for City Facility & Operations	Power Purchase Agreement with North American Natural Resources (landfill gas) executed		Holland Energy Park Combined Cycle Natural Gas Plant Approved	Holland Energy Park site selected	PA 408 signed into law allowing on-bill financing	Retrofit pilot	City/BPW complete LED Pedestrian Lighting Retrofit	Power Purchase Agreement with Pegasus Wind Farm authorized	Power Purchase Agreement with Invenergy Solar authorized		Holland PD purchase Tesla for EV pilot program	Power Purchase Agreement with Hart Sola authorized
					Power Purchase Agreement with Wildcat Wind Farm executed	Power Purchase Agreement with Beebe Wind Farm authorized	Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition	Holland Energy Fund incorporated	America in Bloom Outstanding Achievement Award: Environmental Effort	Adoption of City Master Plan with Visionary Elements	Holland Energy Park Education Center opens		Ground Broken on Anaerobic Digester with Combined Heat & Power at Water Reclamation Facility	Purchase Agreement
							HBPW Service Center achieves ENERGY STAR certification		On-Bill financing program is launched	Holland named semi- finalist in the Georgetown University Energy Prize Competition	City Hall, Police Dept. and Parks & Cemeteries Office receive ENERGY STAR Certification		Water Reclamation Facility receives "Utility of the Future Today" designation from Water Environment Federation	Adoption of Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) with large emphasis to implement th City Master Plan
									Municipal Buildings and Parks ESCO Retrofit	Holland Energy Fund wins Innovator of the Year in Governor's Energy Excellence Awards			HBPW purchases electric boom, idle-free bucket truck	
									Holland Energy Park wins Envision Platinum award from institute for Sustainable Infrastructure					



## Downtown Recycling



The city purchased has installed new recycling containers for downtown.

Made from 30% recycled content



# Public area recycling



- The city purchased and is installing new recycling containers for indoor public areas.
  - Made from 97% consumer and industrial recycled content



# Recycling and the circular Economy



 The city purchases all recycling and waste bins made from 10% post consumer curbside recycling made locally at Cascade Engineering



## Green Storm Water Infrastructure





Curb-cut Rain Gardens





# New Playground





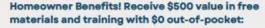
#### Revised Home Energy Retrofit Program

#### **Mandatory Education Program**

#### Qualifications

- City Resident
- Complete Utility Consumption Data Release

#### Benefits



- 1. BPW Energy Efficiency package
- 2. Semco Energy Efficiency package
- 3. Box of Air Sealing/Efficiency Measures (create a supplier or stock box)
  - a. Caulk
  - b. Spray Foam
  - c. Door Seals
  - d. Etc.
- Hour of Training about your home delivered by (trained) local non-profit partner (Habitat, CAA, Community Action House, Green Home Institute, ODC)
  - a. Energy package showing 3-5 years of energy usage with graphs
  - b. How to use the HEF Box and other freebies
  - c. Thermo Images of Home (City Camera)
  - d. Educational leave-behinds/flyers/rebate sheets/etc.
  - e. HER Grant Application
  - f. An Energy Plan for your house
- 5. Option for follow up visit

#### **Grant Qualifications**

- Mandatory Education Program Completion (can be after purchase for emergencies)
- Qualifications
  - 5-20% Paid only approved items (paid to Contractor)
    - HVAC (heat pump required)
    - Water Heater (heat pump required)
    - Home Sealing
    - Insulation
    - Full Home Energy Audit







## Alternative Fuel Policy

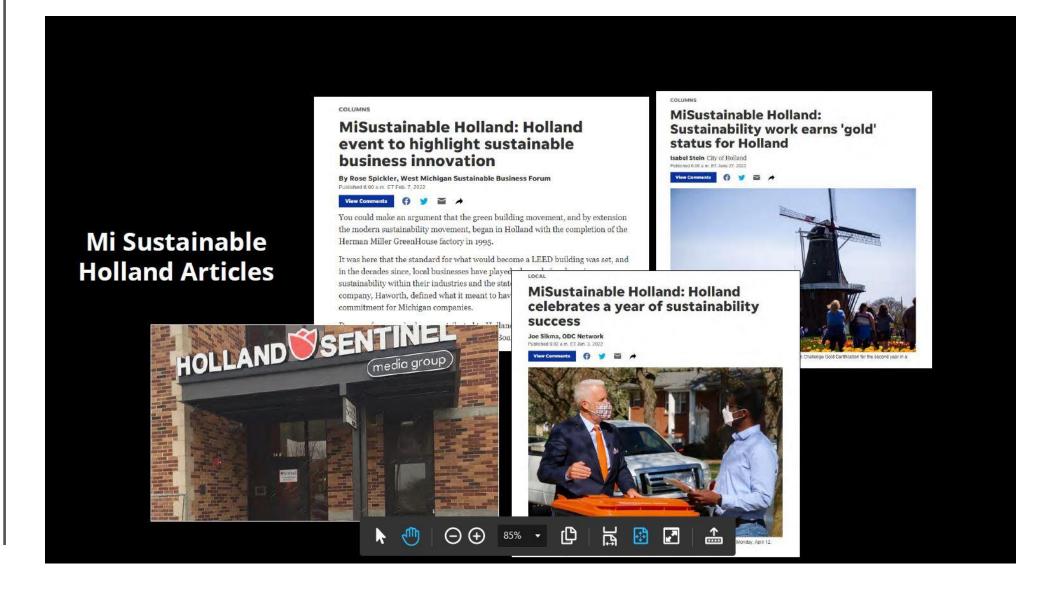




**MISSION** The City of Holland Community Energy Plan, adopted on July 18, 2012, has established a CO2e (GHG) goal of 10 metric tons per capita by 2050, from an estimated 24 mt/capita in 2010. Of this amount, about 17% is attributable to transportation, thereby establishing a transportation-related reduction CO2e reduction target of 1.87 mt/capita. This policy is intended to facilitate that goal.



## Education





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#### **EDUCATION PARTNERS**

Is there a name or organization missing from this list? Let us know!



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Michelle Gibbs, Director, Office of Sustainability



Joe Sikma, Sustainability Manage Sarah Irvin, Naturalist



## What's Next

- Composting: Our Group is helping set the framework for the city to compost food and other organics.
- A drop of recycling center for general and hard to recycle materials.
- Create a program to help all businesses be sustainable.
- Create a Purchasing Policy toolkit with Help from grant from Healthy Babies Initiative and the technical assistance from the ECO Center (University of Michigan)
- DeGraaf Nature center to a Sustainability Center