

Halif**ACT** Acting on  
Climate  
Together



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**HALIFAX**

**Regional Watersheds  
Advisory Board**

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# Agenda

- HalifACT
  - Overview of the plan
  - Example Action Areas
  - Project Highlights
- Q&A



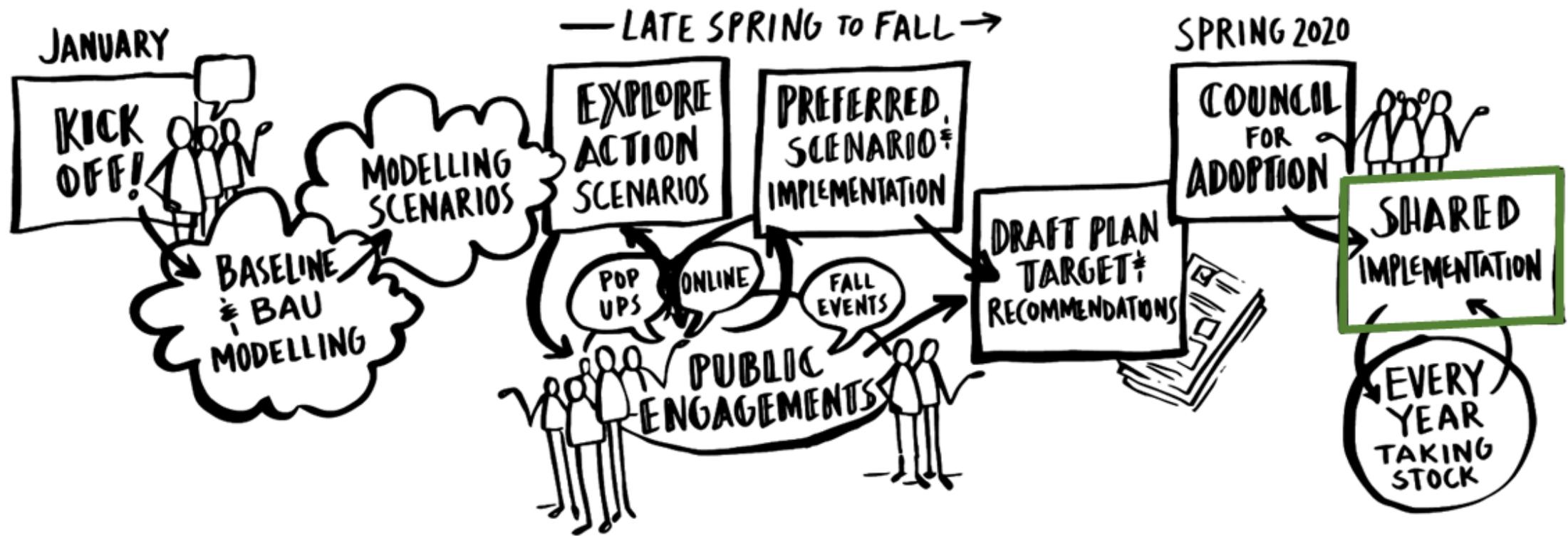
# Energy & Environment

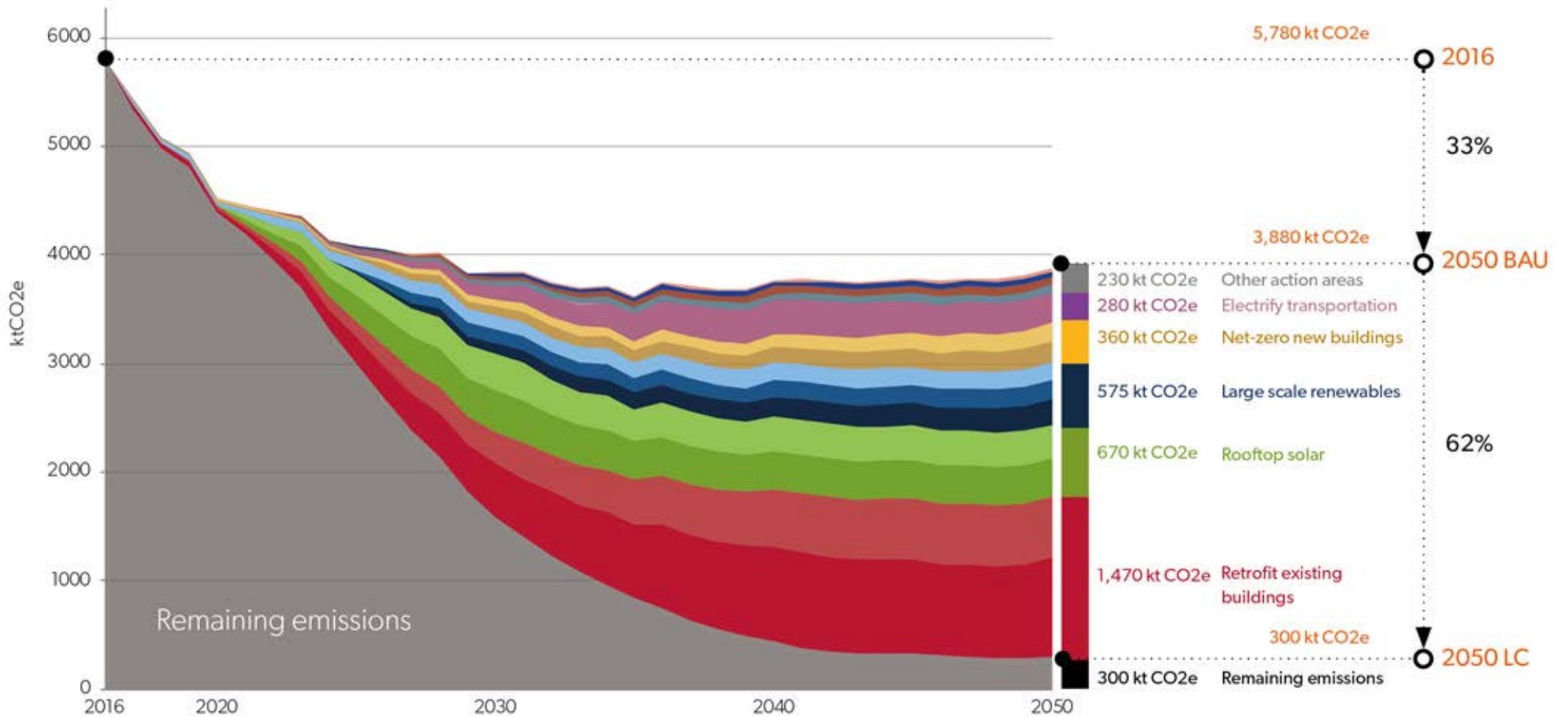
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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sea Level Rise              | Coastal & Overland Flooding    | Stormwater Management | Water Quality Monitoring      | Watershed Studies          |
| LIDAR Acquisition           | Land Use Vulnerability Mapping | HalifACT              | GHG Inventories & 2020 Target | Climate Adaptation Studies |
| Renewable & District Energy | Solar City Program             | Energy Efficiency     | Green & Blue Infrastructure   | Urban Forest Master Plan   |
| Halifax Green Network Plan  | Emergency Preparedness         | Resiliency            | Environmental Risk Management | Invasive Species           |

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## Exploring the Plan





# Time for Action



Decarbonized  
and Resilient  
Infrastructure



Prepared and  
Connected  
Communities



Governance  
and  
Leadership



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## **DECARBONIZED AND RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE**

|                     |                  |                                      |                                |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Efficient Buildings | Renewable Energy | Decarbonizing Transportation         | Greening Government Operations |
| Water               | Planning         | Critical Infrastructure and Services | Coastal Preparedness           |

Natural Areas and Green Infrastructure Assets

## **PREPARED AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES**

|      |                    |                      |                  |
|------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Food | Community Capacity | Emergency Management | Business Economy |
|------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|

## **GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP**

|                          |                   |   |                                    |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Monitoring and Reporting | Carbon Accounting | Mainstreaming Climate into Municipal Operations | Governance and Capacity for Action |
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# Immediate Action Areas

- Retrofit and renewable energy programming
- Retrofit municipal buildings to be net-zero ready and climate resilient
- Electrification of transportation
- Net-zero standards for new buildings
- Framework for assessing and protecting critical infrastructure
- Capacity building for climate adaptation
- Financing strategy to operationalize the HalifACT 2050 plan over 30 years

# Net-Zero Municipal Operations

- Mainstream climate thinking
- Retrofit buildings by 2030
- Net-zero new buildings
- Electrify fleet by 2030
- Increase waste diversion
- Generate renewable energy
- Purchase local zero-carbon electricity



# Planning

| ACTION  | TARGET OR OBJECTIVE                          | TIMING   |
|---|--|--|
| 23 Integrate climate into land use planning policies and processes  |  |   |
| 24 Plan for the deployment of carbon-neutral district energy and microgrid systems  |  |   |
| 25 Increase land protection and conservation on private lands through partnerships, collaboration and municipal planning requirements | Plan and build a low-carbon resilient region |   |
| 26 Acquire more land to preserve natural areas and ecosystem health in alignment with the Green Network Plan                          |  |  |

# Water

| ACTION |  | TARGET OR OBJECTIVE                                      | TIMING  |
|--------|--|--|---|
| 12     | Adopt a commitment and develop a detailed plan to achieve net-zero water and wastewater operations by 2030 | Achieve net-zero water and wastewater operations by 2030 |  |
| 13     | Develop a holistic, integrated, and climate-informed water supply strategy                                 | Future proof water systems and supply                    |  |
| 14     | Develop a holistic, integrated, and climate-informed stormwater management plan and program                |  |  |

# Critical Infrastructure & Services

| ACTION   | TARGET OR OBJECTIVE                    | TIMING   |
|--|--|--|
| 15 Conduct a high-level risk assessment (HLRA) with internal and external stakeholders for utilities, transportation, water, health facilities and telecoms          |  |   |
| 16 Conduct a detailed spatially-based risk and vulnerability analysis of municipally-owned and -operated critical infrastructure at the asset class and system level |  |   |
| 17 Install zero-emissions back-up power in critical infrastructure   | Reduce risk to critical infrastructure |   |
| 18 Develop inspection procedures for high-risk infrastructure to identify resulting damage from extreme events   |  |   |
| 19 Develop or update codes and design standards for new municipal and private infrastructure that reflect future climate impacts                                     |  |  |

# Economic Opportunity

- A low carbon future is a lower cost future
  - Investments generate financial returns
  - Net benefit of 22 Billion over 30 years
- Savings from:
  - Avoided energy costs
  - Avoided operations & maintenance costs
  - Avoided carbon pricing costs
  - Increased energy generation revenues
- Economic recovery from COVID-19 pandemic
  - A unique opportunity to do things differently
  - Funding opportunities for a green transition



# Social Opportunity

- Reduce the burden on future generations
- Reduce climate impacts on vulnerable populations
- Build resiliency to improve lives
- Reduce energy poverty



# Current Initiatives

- Preparing Council recommendation report re: new water quality monitoring program
- Blue green algae response
- Weed management
- Pollution control initiatives for Lakes Banook and Micmac
- Port Wallace
- Flood scenario modelling
- Regional Plan update





# Questions?

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