



# Our Response to a Creation in Peril

- ▶ Perspectives on Climate Change: International, National, and Local  
“Our Sustainable Community”
- ▶ *Presented to:*  
Fair Oaks Adult Education  
Sunday, April 16, 9am-10am
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# International Perspective

- Recent (bad news) IPCC report
- Extreme events around the world (and the U.S.)



# National Perspective

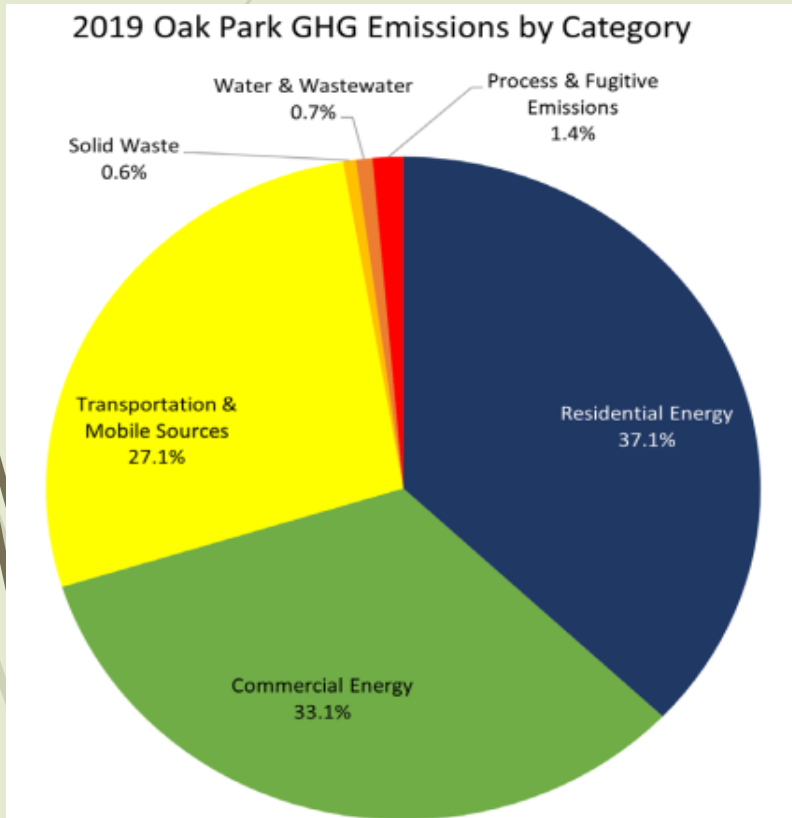
- Infrastructure and Inflation Reduction Act, big investments coming
- Growing youth movement
- Big bank money pipeline to the fossil fuel industry
- Continued oil exploration (Willow)
- Continued pipeline construction and other fossil fuel infrastructure



# State and Local Perspective

- Clean and Equitable Jobs Act (IL)
- Climate Ready Oak Park, climate plan

# Climate Ready Oak Park

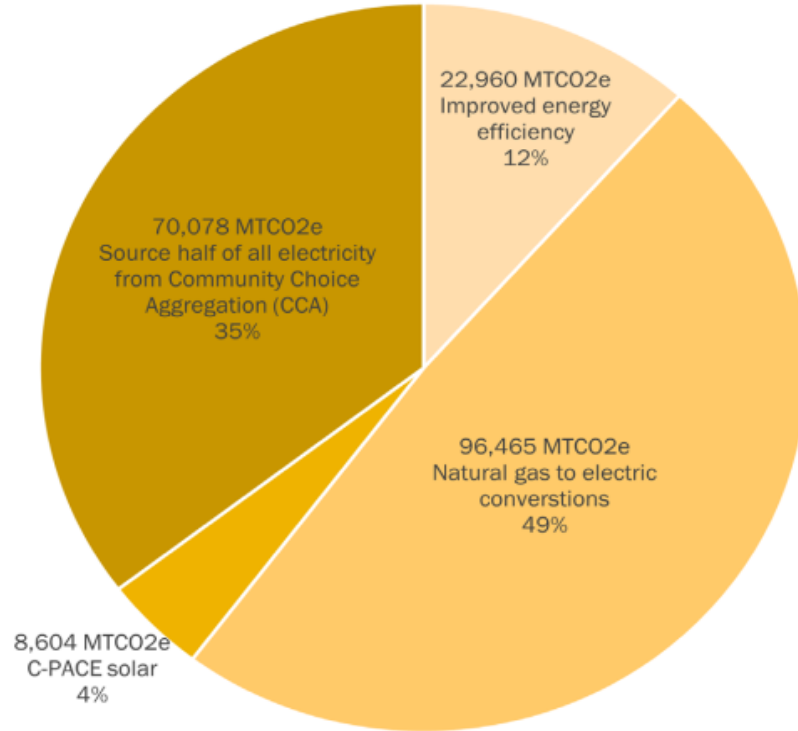


## Climate Ready Oak Park Commitments

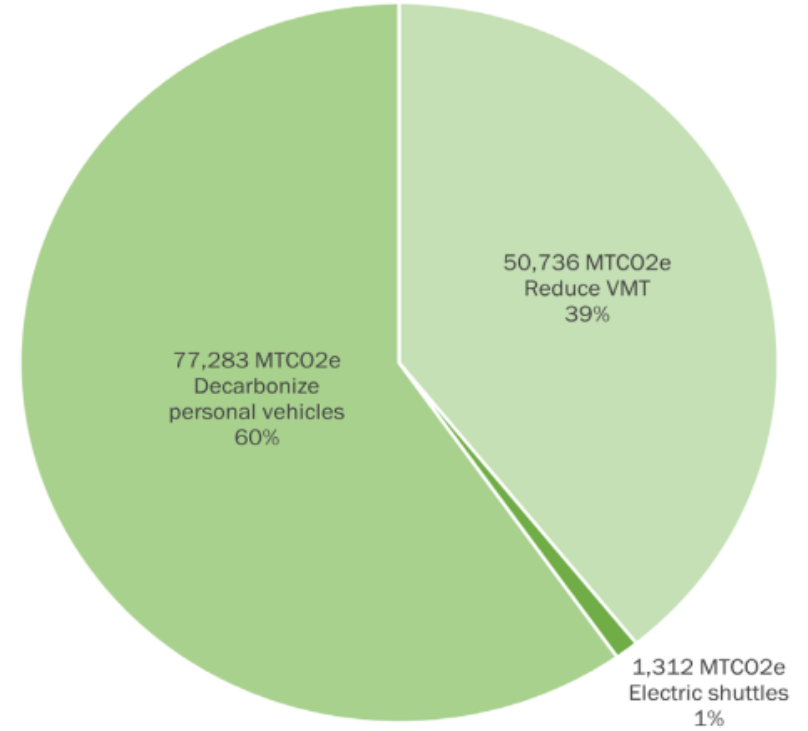
- Decrease community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% by 2030, relative to 2019 emission levels.
- Achieve community-wide net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
- Establish 30% of Oak Park's land as green infrastructure or enhanced park management for native plants, wildlife, and people.
- Direct 40% of public climate and sustainability dollars to the most vulnerable and impacted community members.
- Partner with frontline organizations and the most impacted community members to create climate and sustainability policies and programs.

# Climate Ready Oak Park

**2030 Emissions Reduction Scenario Estimate:  
Energy Use in Buildings & Housing**



**2030 Emissions Reduction Scenario Estimate:  
Transportation Actions**



# State and Local Perspective

- ▶ Community Solar, Solar for All, and Grow Solar Chicagoland
- ▶ 30 x 30 Campaign, Biodiversity, Community Gardens, Native Plant Gardens



# State and Local Perspective

- Cross Community Climate Collaboration (C4)
- Oak Park Climate Action Network (OPCAN)
- Interfaith Green Network
- One Earth Collective
- It's Our Future (youth)
- Go Plastic Free (ordinance proposal) Foam  
foodware ban







# State and Local Perspective

- Composting – universal opt-out program
- Green Block Parties

# Announcements

- ▶ Earth Day Mini Film Fest April 19-23  
<https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/earth-day>
- ▶ Earth Day Columbus Park cleanup  
<https://www.oneearthfilmfest.org/earth-day-2023/earth-day-clean-up-at-columbus-park>
- ▶ Energy-Smart Home Workshop (in person w/ CUB), Thursday April 20, 7 pm, Maze Library  
<https://oakpark.librarycalendar.com/event/your-energy-smart-home-money-energy-savings-workshop>
- ▶ Native Plant sale  
<https://westcook.wildones.org/plantsale-2/>