



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
WHEATON, IL 60187
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Tuesday, April 7, 2026

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Saba Haider at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other members present: Yeena Yoo

Staff Present: Steve Travia, Joy Hinz, Geoffrey Matteson, Myles Barnes, Jennifer Boyer, Ian Johnstone, and Nicholas Alfonso.

PRESENT	Evans, Haider, Honig, and Martinez
ABSENT	Cronin Cahill, and LaPlante

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR HAIDER

Chair Haider welcomed committee members and members of the public to today's meeting. Chair Haider announced that public comment will be moved to after the CMAP presentation.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kat Gerdts, Administrative Coordinator for the Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District highlighted several upcoming green events to the members of the committee. Kay McKeen, Executive Director of SCARCE gave public comment on the record breaking work SCARCE is doing to forward sustainability in the County.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [26-1104](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026

Attachments: [3-3 Minutes Summary \(Final\).pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lucy Evans
SECONDER:	Melissa Martinez

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. [26-1178](#)

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Greater Chicago

Attachments: [CMAP DuPage Overview Presentation.pdf](#)

Prithvi Hedge, Planner at Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, presented on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CMAP) for the Greater Chicago Region. Prithvi explained CMAP's plan to act on growing climate change in our region. This presentation broke down the data that explained where emissions are coming from and the reduction targets CMAP is aiming to achieve by 2050. Prithvi concluded this presentation by summarizing the strategies and six core actions of the plan that define the region's path toward its reduction targets.

RESULT: ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE
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7. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 AM.



Minutes

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2. ROLL CALL

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PRESENT	Evans, Haider, Honig, LaPlante, and Martinez
ABSENT	Cronin Cahill

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR HAIDER

Chair Haider welcomed committee members and shared news about a new sustainability initiative she is leading.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Mckeen - Executive Director of SCARCE updated the board on the success of their outreach events and highlighted the upcoming events SCARCE is preparing for.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [26-0843](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular meeting - Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026

Attachments: [2-3 Minutes Summary - Final Revised.pdf](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Lynn LaPlante
SECONDER:	Lucy Evans

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.A. [26-0910](#)

Kane DuPage Soil Water District Presentation

Attachments: [Kane DuPage Soil Water District Presentation.pdf](#)

Kat Gerdts, Administrative Coordinator for Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District talked about the Soil and Water Conservation District's history in Chicago. Kat shared how SWCD is mandated to exist and highlighted how its leadership operates. Additionally, Kat explained SWCD's work with local community Urban Development Projects and how it has expanded over time in the greater Chicagoland area. Kat concluded her presentation by detailing KDSWCD's leadership in providing education to both the community and industry professionals. Chair Haider responded to this presentation and thanked Kat for coming today.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. [26-0844](#)

2026 Spring Sign Recycling Flyer

Attachments: [2026 Spring Sign Recycling Flyer .pdf](#)

Joy Hinz, Environmental & Sustainability Programs Manager reminded the committee members about the upcoming Spring 2026 Sign Recycling event happening on March 20th-March 21st. Vice Chair Lucy Evans commented on the timing of this event and Joy clarified the thought process behind the decision on when to have this event for the public.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Member Andrew Honig updated the committee with a brief overview of his meeting with the mayor of Lombard and SCARCE about reviving the Village's Recycling Extravaganza. County Board Member Paula Deacon Garcia requested information regarding existing educational programs that promote best practices for the disposal of 'flushable' wipes. Nicholas Kottmeyer - Chief Administrative Officer and Director of Public Works responded to Paula and shared about how much of an environmental hazard 'flushable' wipes can be. Chair Haider responded to all comments by expressing the need to brainstorm and collaborate on ways to educate the community on the proper disposal of 'flushable' wipes.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.



Presentation

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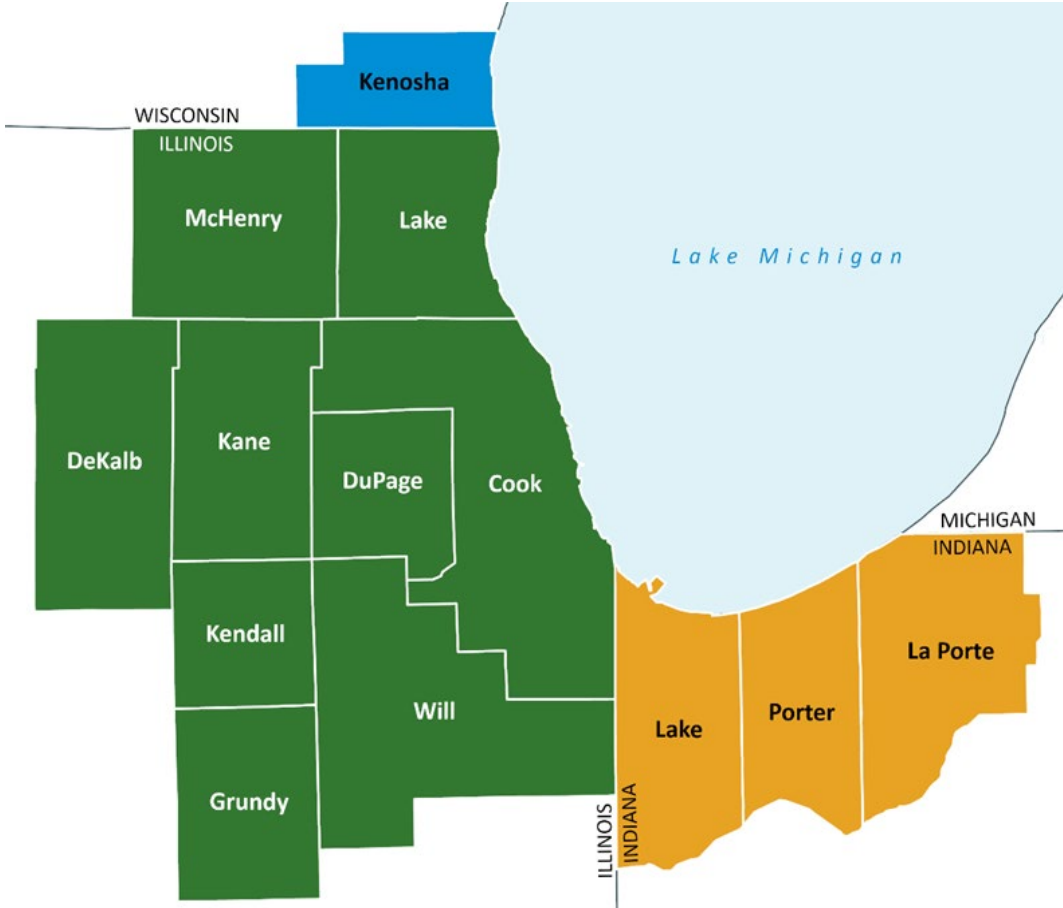
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Comprehensive Climate Action Plan for Greater Chicago

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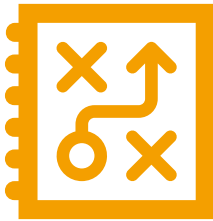
Climate change is here — but so is our plan to act

- Path to cut greenhouse gases and air pollution
- Strengthen regional competitiveness
- Immediate public health benefits

COMPREHENSIVE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR GREATER CHICAGO

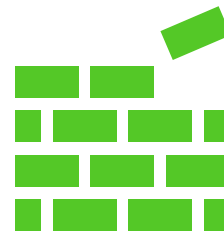
March 2026

Grounded in data, collaboration, and impact



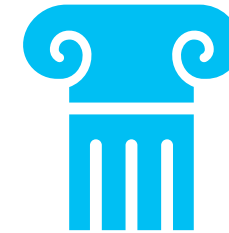
Impact

Target the strategies that make the biggest difference.



Build on precedent

Elevate what's already working across the region and learn from proven policies in other states.



Influence

Provide a coordinated regional message to shape state and federal policy.

Existing DuPage County efforts and accomplishments

- Cool DuPage
- Switch Together
- Sustainable DuPage
- EV Ready Community
- Clean Energy
Incubator Program



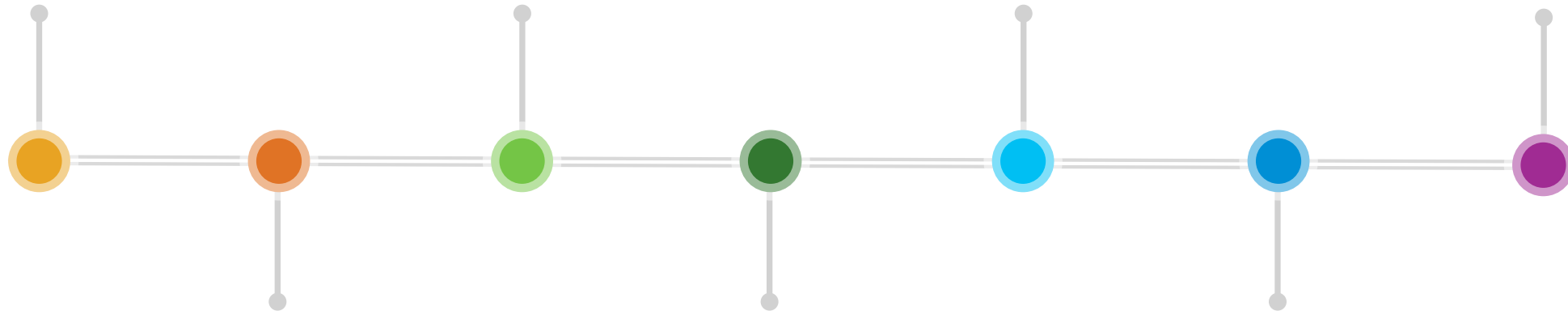
Planning process

Established
guiding
principles
(May '24)

Set reduction
targets

Modeled
how strategies
impact
emissions

Released plan
(March '25)



Created
greenhouse gas
inventory

Identified
strategies to
reduce
emissions

Estimated how
strategies
improve air
quality and
public health

Stakeholder engagement

Steering Committee

Regional leaders guiding overall process, including plan goals, reduction targets, and implementation strategy.

Industry Transportation Buildings Community

Sector-specific working groups plus a community advisory group, providing technical expertise on decarbonization, engagement, and community priorities.

CMAP, MMC, and NIRPC governance committees

Partner committees to ensure alignment with regional priorities and gain insights on remaining sectors.

Public questionnaire and community workshops

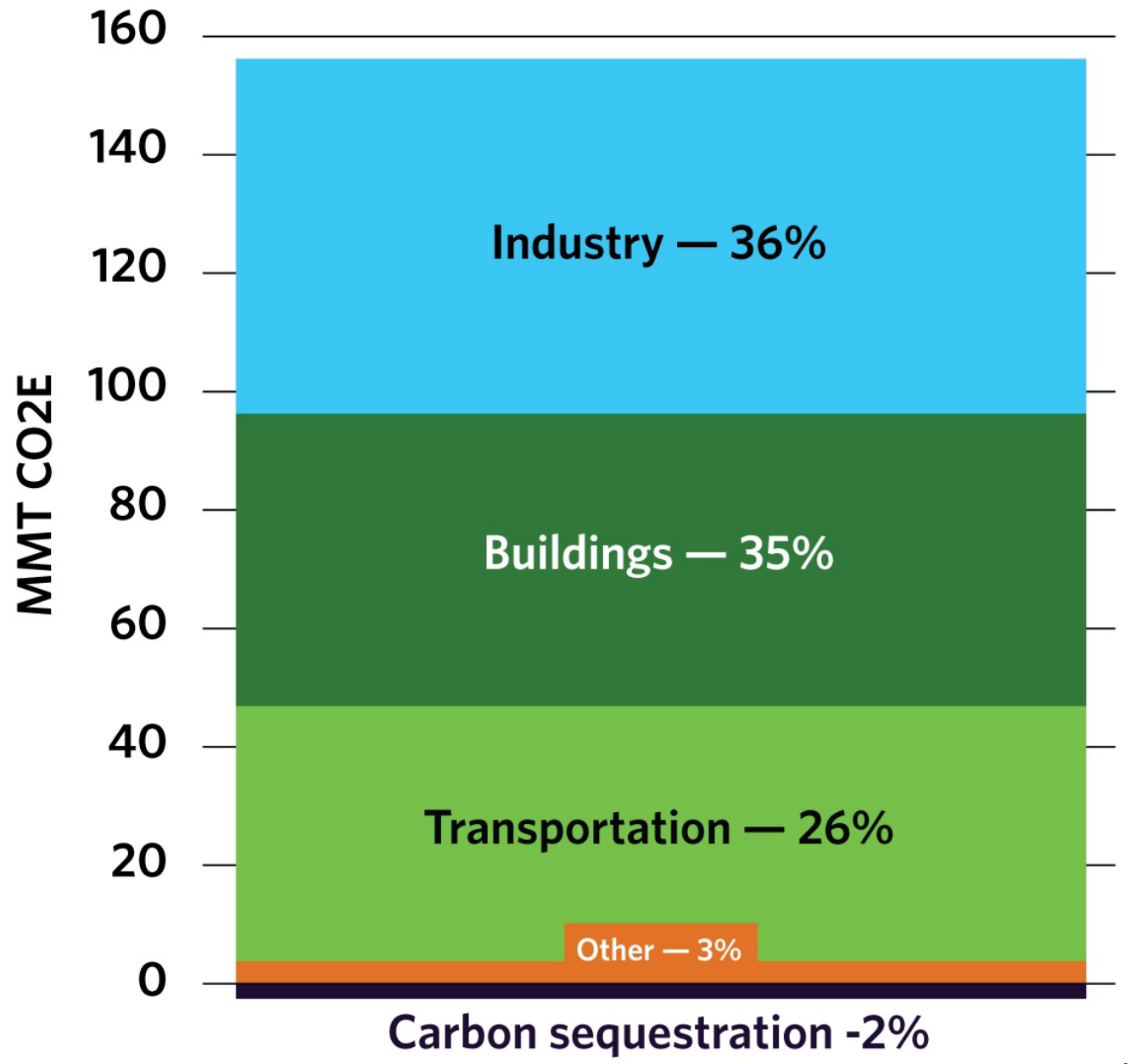
Community-focused engagement activities to ensure the plan reflects local priorities and challenges.

Regional emissions and the path to 2050

Where are emissions coming from?

Region produces 152 million metric tons of CO₂e annually

Three main sectors: industry, buildings, and transportation

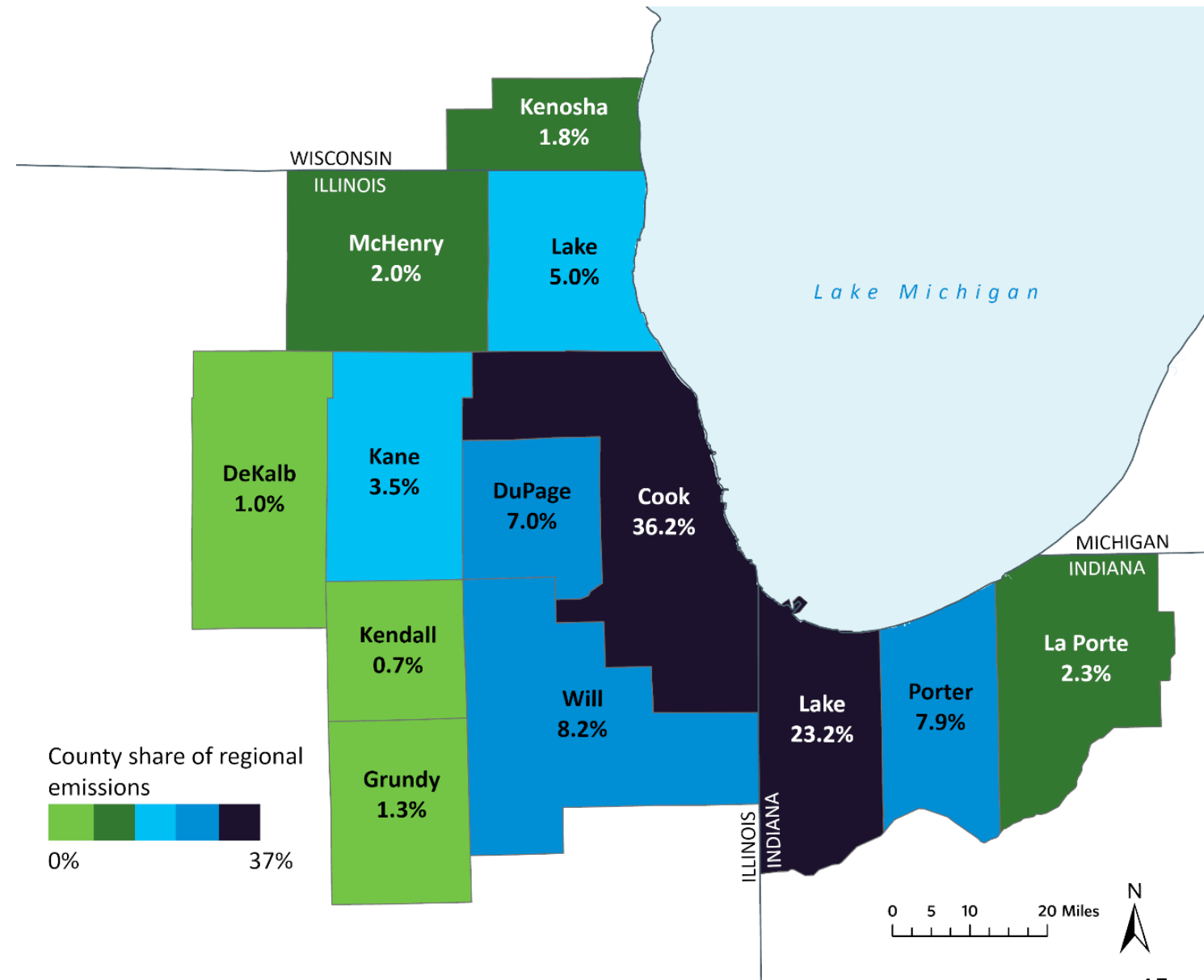


Where do emissions come from?

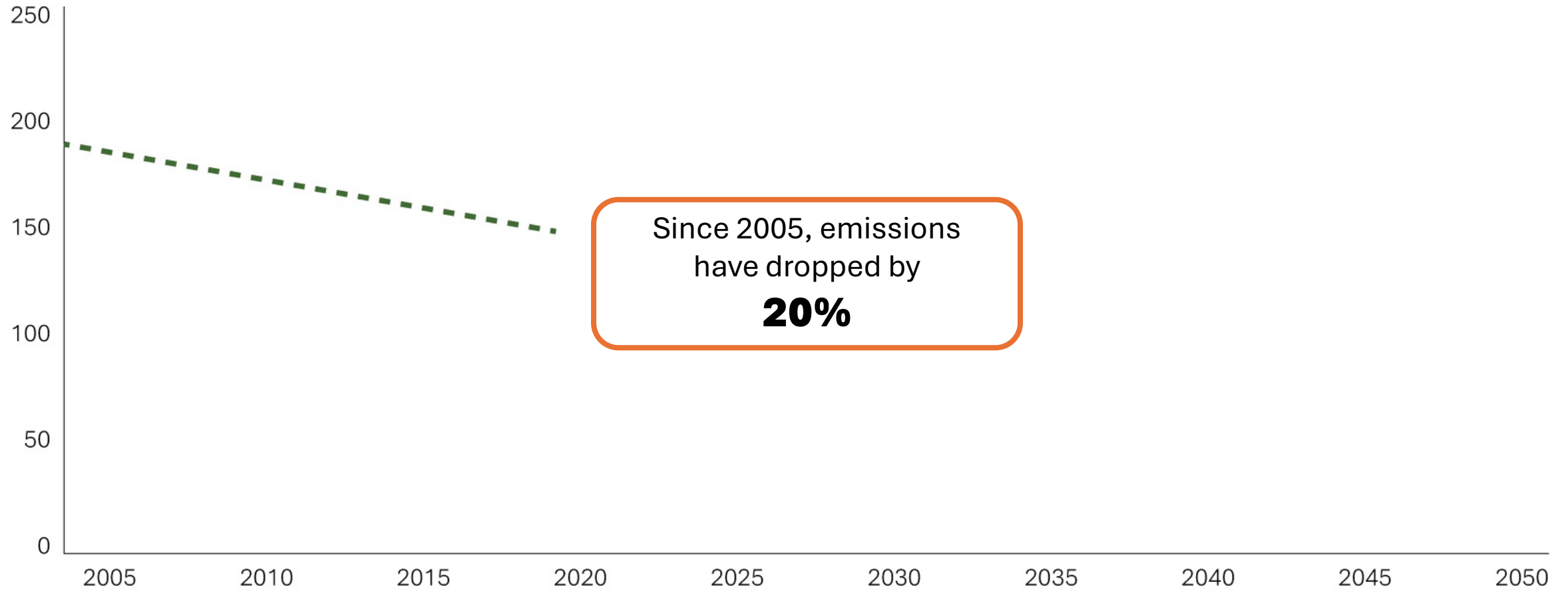
Local context matters

DuPage County produces 7% of region's emissions

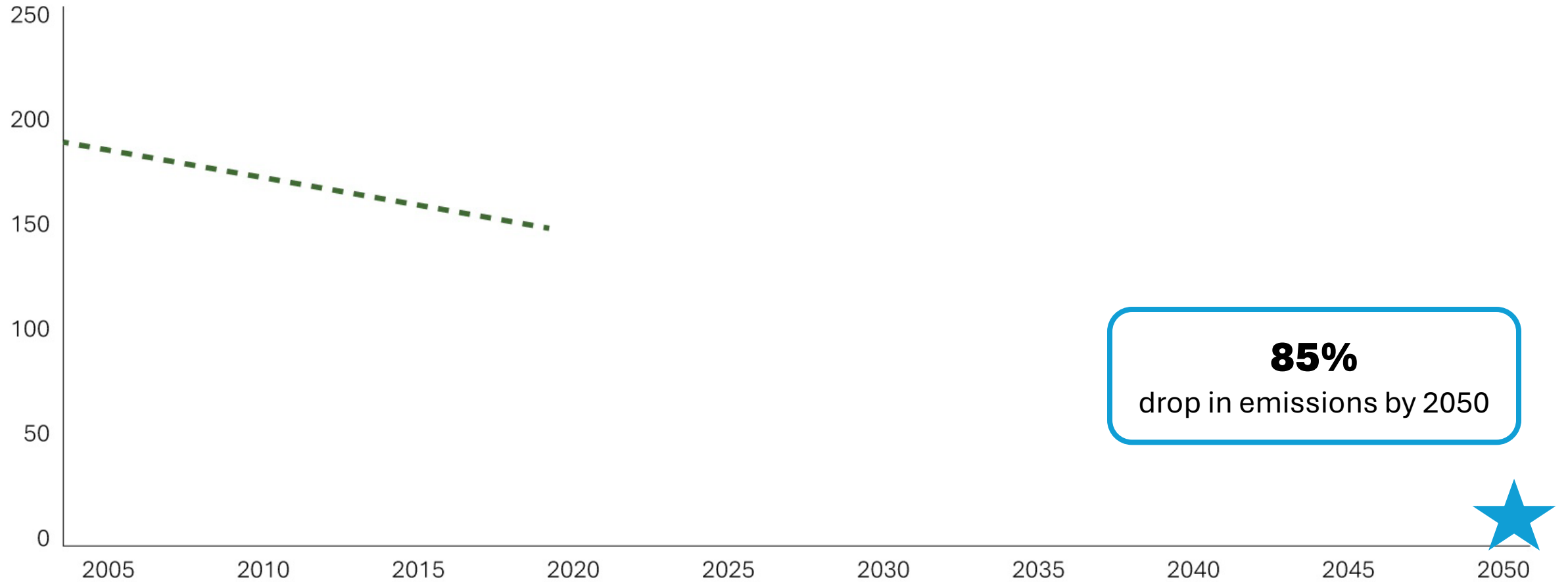
Porter and Lake, IN: highest emissions per capita



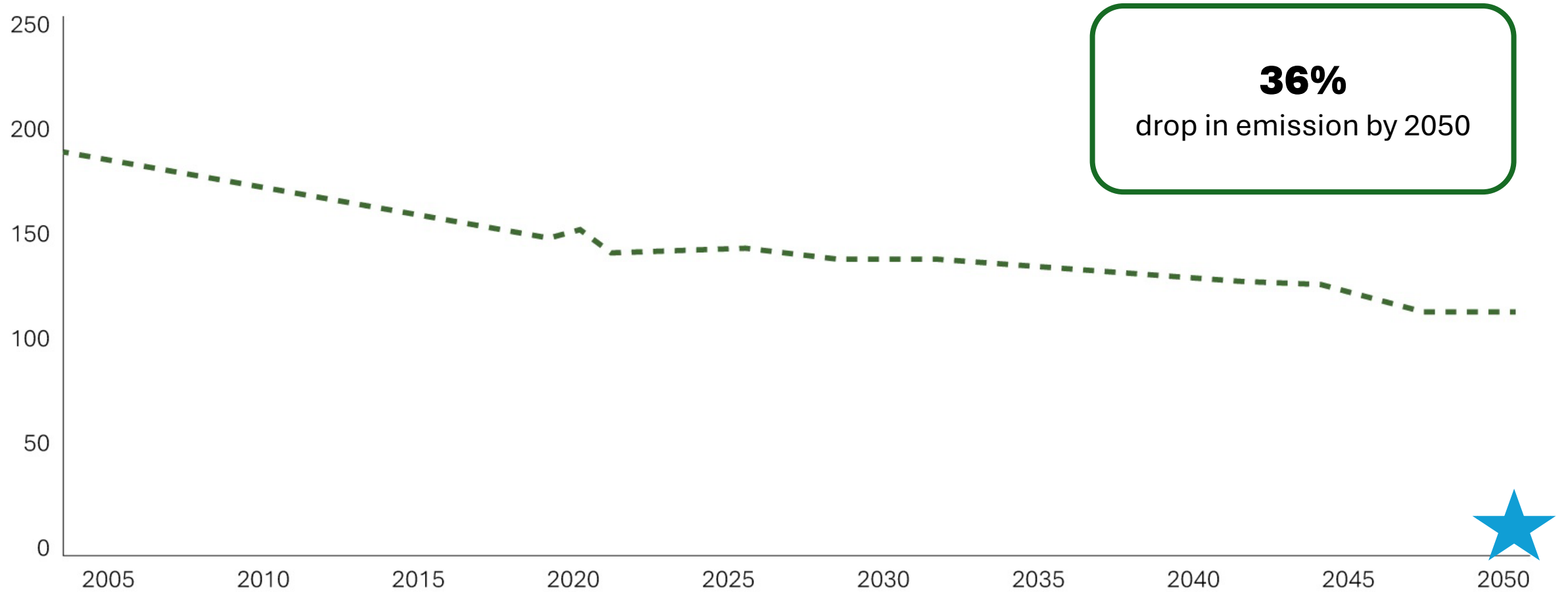
We've already made progress



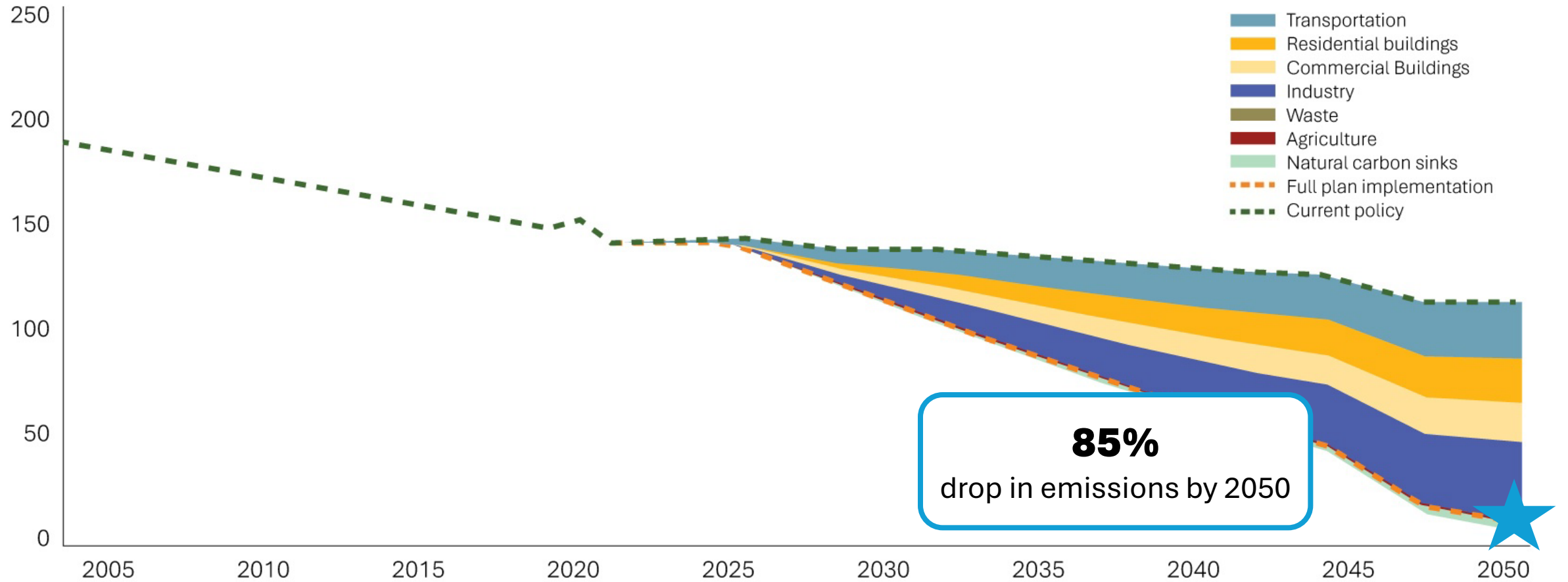
Reduction target: 85% from 2005 levels by 2050



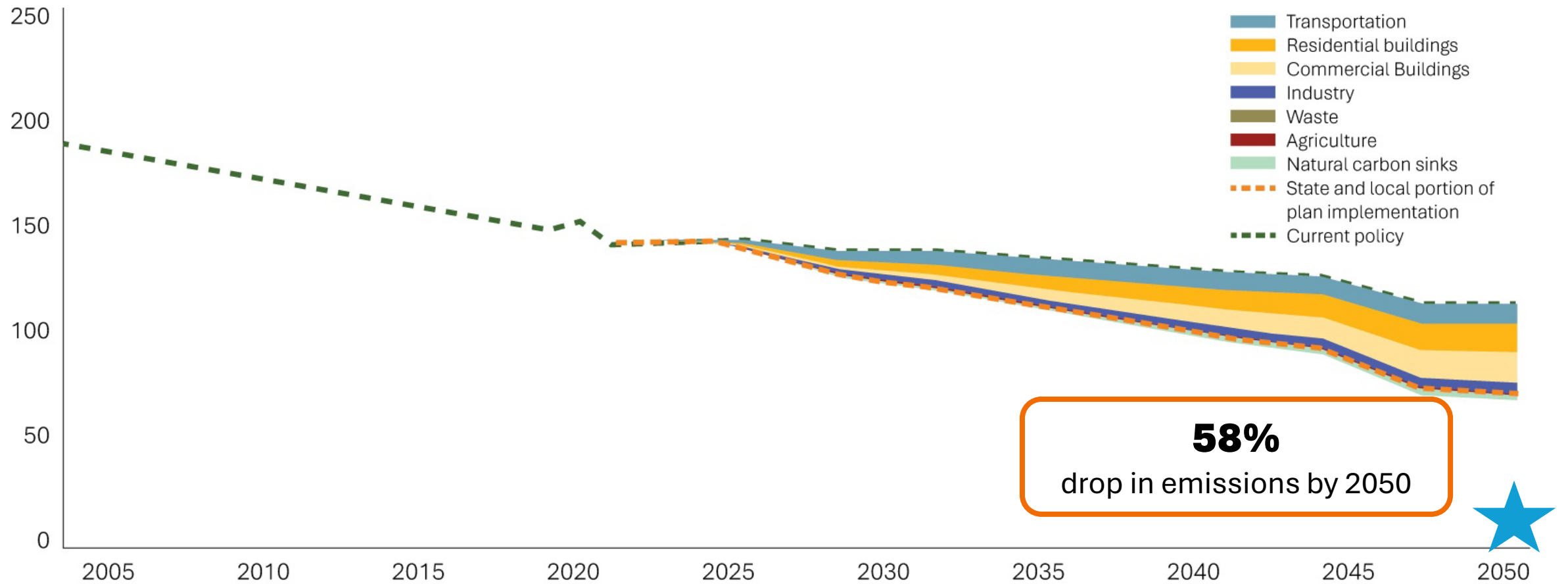
Current policy is not enough



Full plan implementation meets the target



State and local action is important



58%
drop in emissions by 2050



Core actions

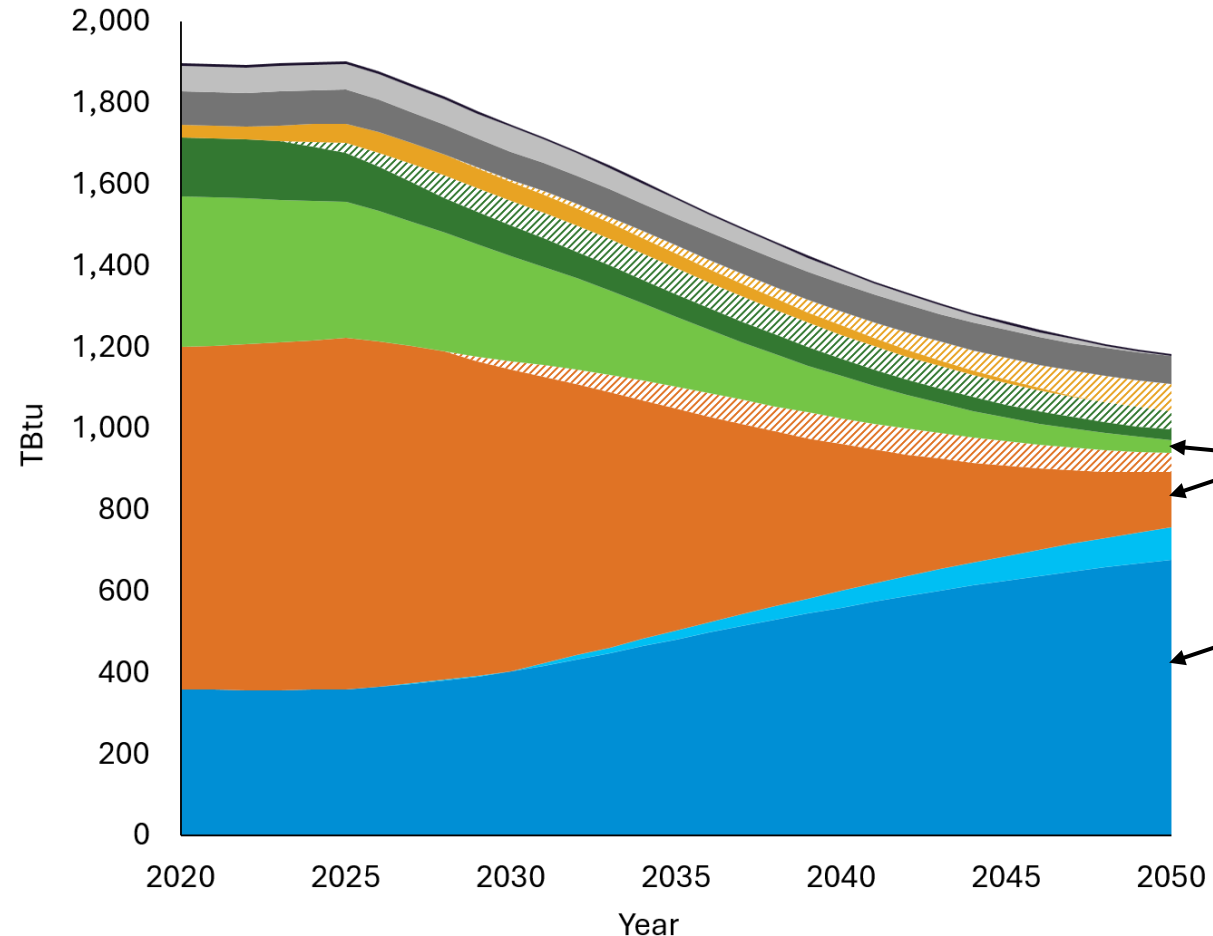
1. Clean and modernize the grid
2. Improve building efficiency
3. Switch to clean heat
4. Reimagine mobility
5. Electrify vehicles
6. Decarbonize industry



Clean and modernize the grid

Energy demand by fuel for the plan implementation scenario

- Coal
- Blast furnace & coke oven gas
- Other petroleum
- ▨ Renewable jet fuel
- Jet fuel
- ▨ Renewable distillate
- Distillate
- Gasoline
- ▨ Renewable natural gas
- Natural gas
- Hydrogen
- Electricity



Natural gas, gasoline use decrease

Increase reliance on clean electricity

Improve building efficiency

- Weatherize ~50% of all residential buildings
- Weatherize most commercial buildings
- Apply building performance standards to nearly 500,000 large buildings



Switch to clean heat

- Require all-electric new construction
- Shift most appliance sales to electric by 2035
- Install 3.5 million+ heat pumps by 2050



Reimagine mobility

- Achieve a 5% reduction in VMT growth by 2035 and 16% by 2050
- Reduce car trips through road pricing and investments in transit, biking, walking, and compact development



Electrify vehicles

- Require 100% of new light-duty vehicles sold by 2035 to be EVs
- By 2050, cumulative sales need to exceed 10 million light-duty EVs
- Establish state and local incentives to sustain EV purchases and charging infrastructure adoption levels



Decarbonize industry

- Cut manufacturing energy demand by 15% by 2050
- Electrify low-temperature processes
- Require all iron and steel production to be net-zero emissions by 2050
- Establish state “Buy Clean” programs



Read the plan to learn more!



Scan the QR code

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March 2026

Implementation next steps

Thank you

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