

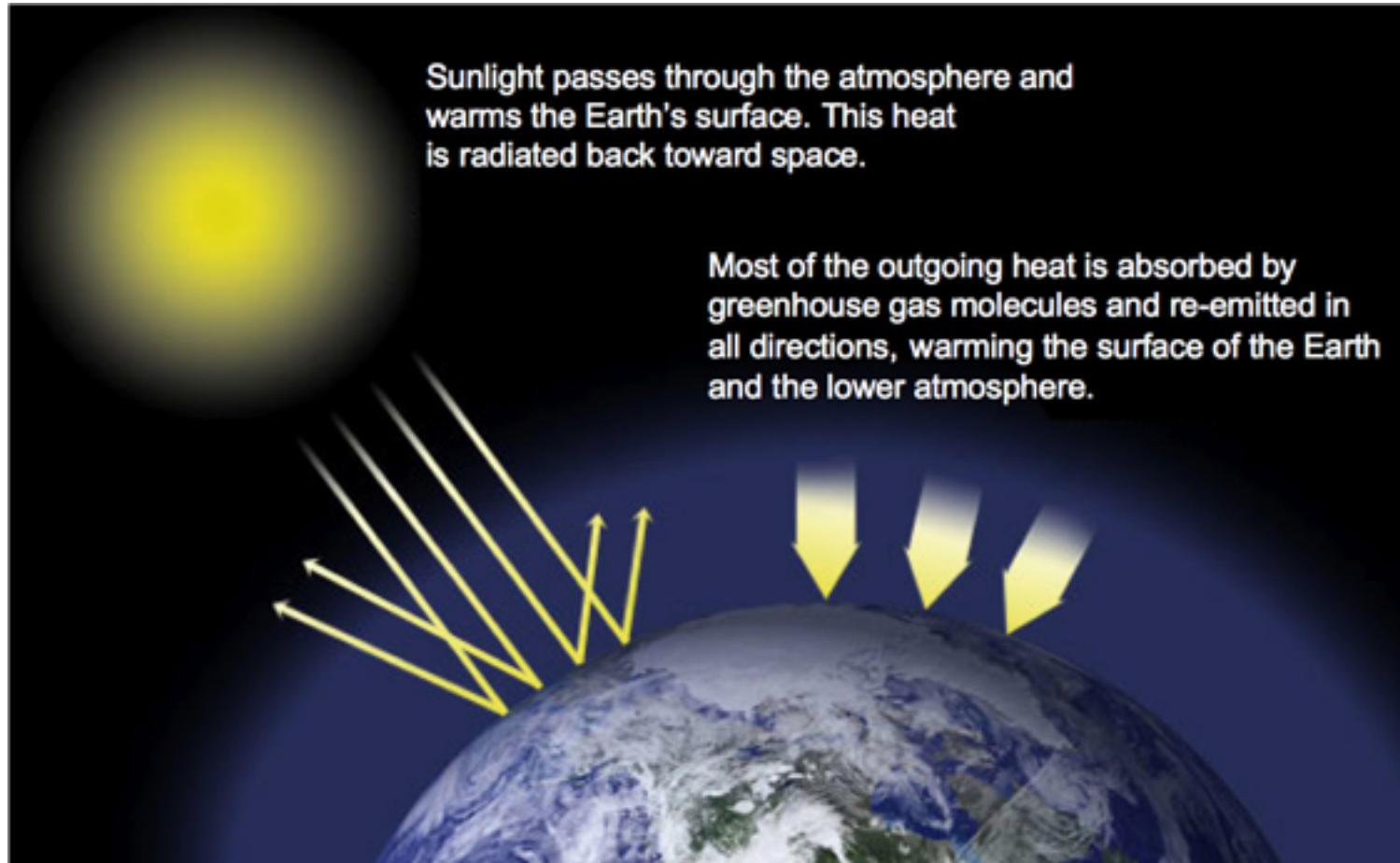
# Sustainability Pioneers: Community Conversations

## **#3 Renewable Energy Opportunities and Challenges**

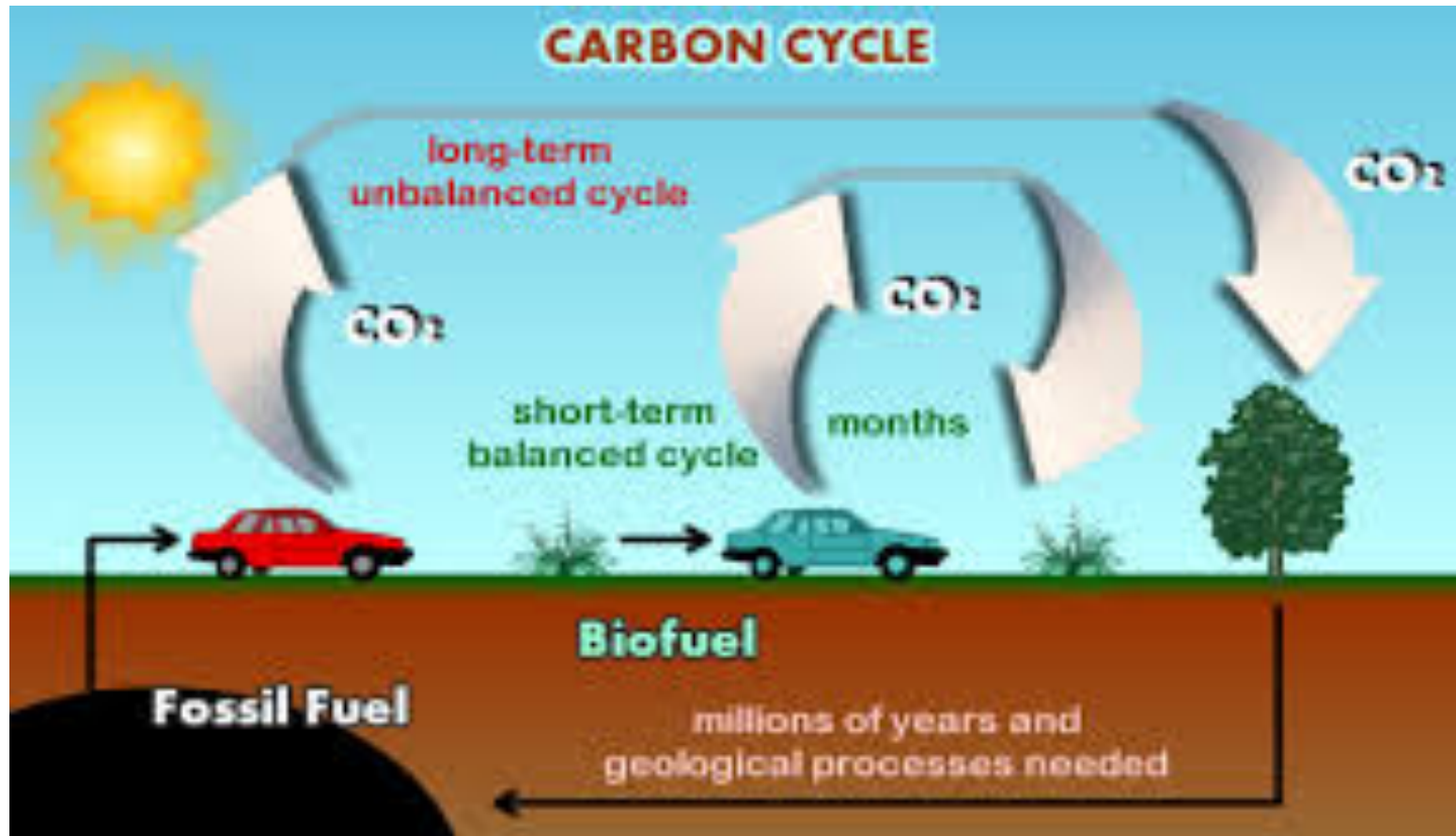
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# Why GHG Cause Warming



# 200 Year CO<sub>2</sub> Cycle

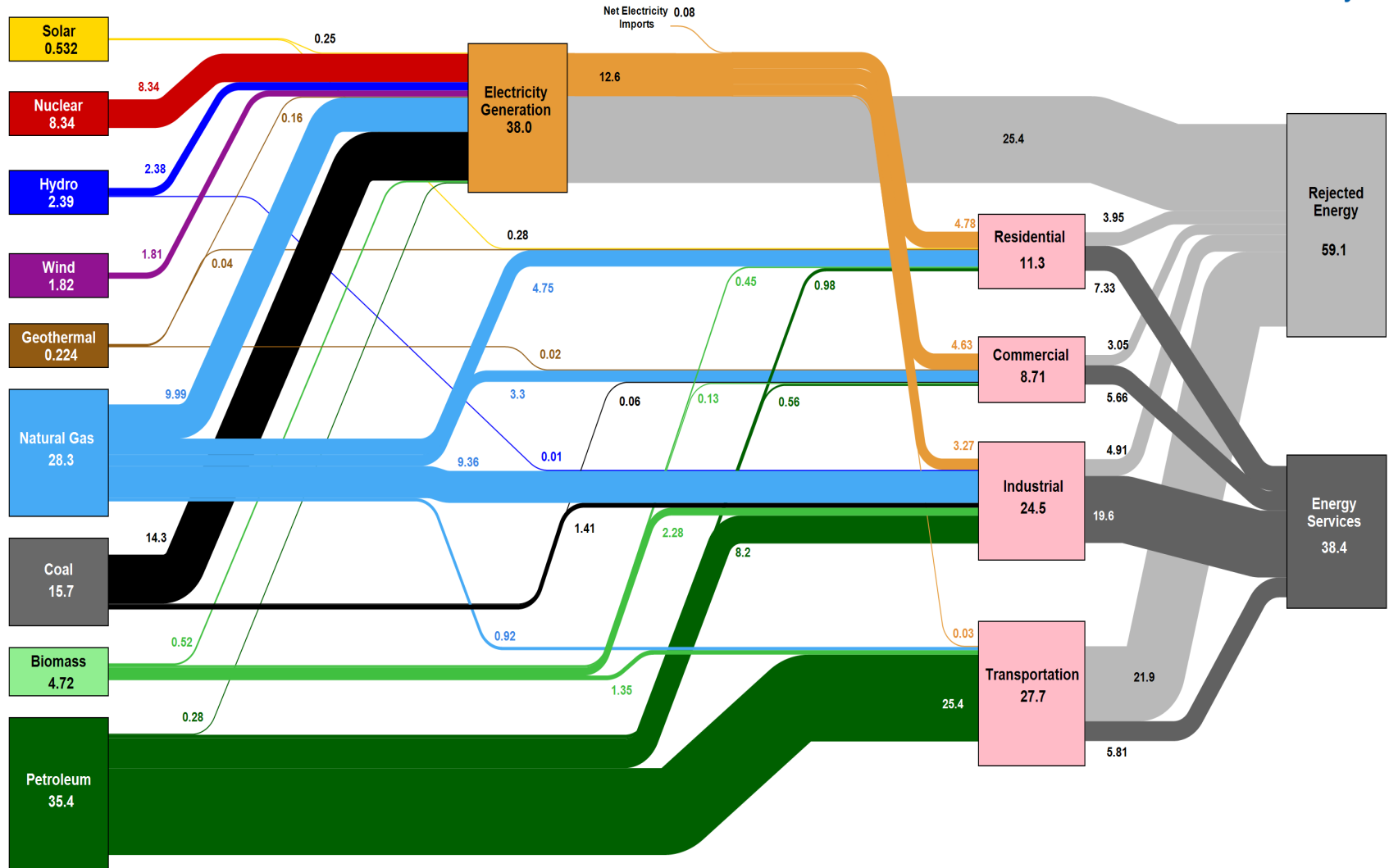


# A Time to Choose...within our control – for another 10,000 years





# Estimated U.S. Energy Consumption in 2015: 97.5 Quads



Source: LLNL March, 2016. Data is based on DOE/EIA MER (2015). If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. Distributed electricity represents only retail electricity sales and does not include self-generation. EIA reports consumption of renewable resources (i.e., hydro, wind, geothermal and solar) for electricity in BTU-equivalent values by assuming a typical fossil fuel plant heat rate. The efficiency of electricity production is calculated as the total retail electricity delivered divided by the primary energy input into electricity generation. End use efficiency is estimated as 65% for the residential sector, 65% for the commercial sector, 80% for the industrial sector, and 21% for the transportation sector. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent Rounding. LLNL-MI-410527

# Re-define the Problem:

- We receive from the sun over 10,000 times more energy per year than we are projected to use worldwide
- Solar (renewable) energy sources are FLOWS
- Solar energy is already distributed
- Solar energy is reliable (the sun comes up every day...)
- We have the technology to use it NOW!
- Solar energy does not pollute and it is safe

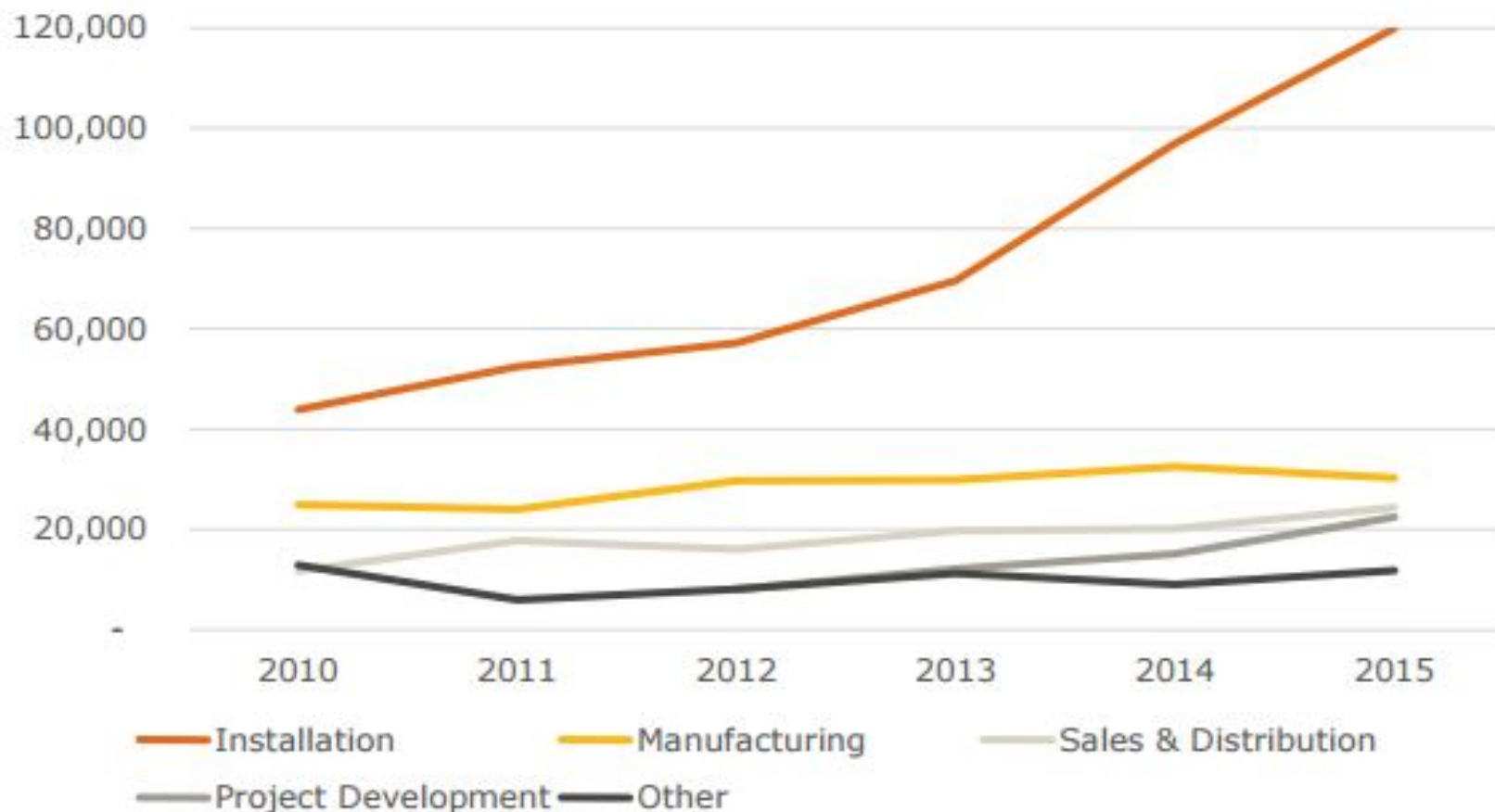
# Jobs/Environment

- **“We reject the notion that we have to choose between good jobs and a clean environment. We need to have both or we will have neither!”**



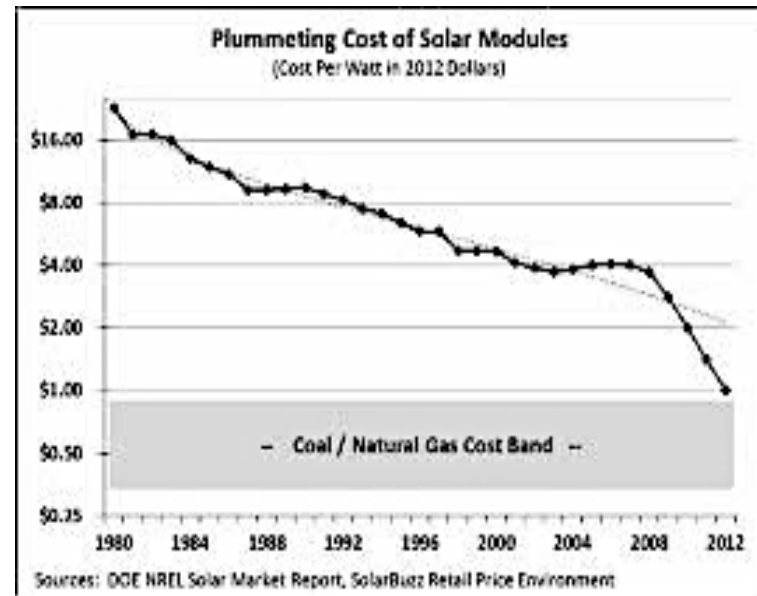
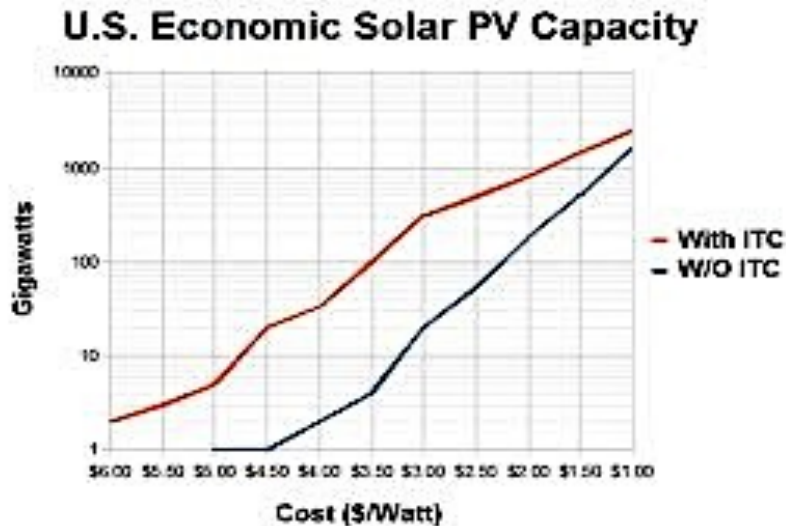
Leo Gerard, United Steel Workers Union  
Good Jobs, Green Jobs Conference March 2009

# Solar Industry Job Growth -US



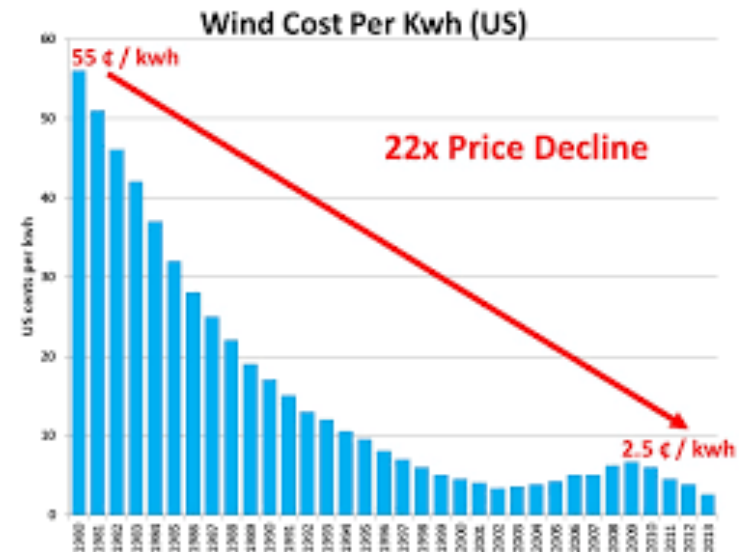
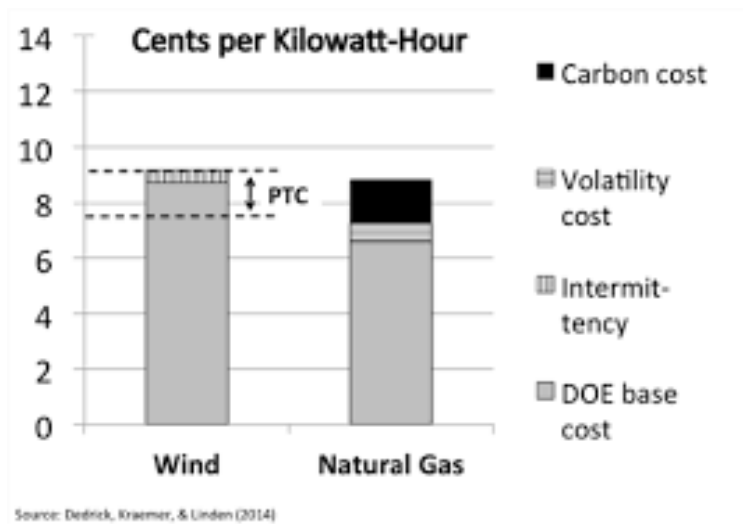


# Cost Competitive and Better!

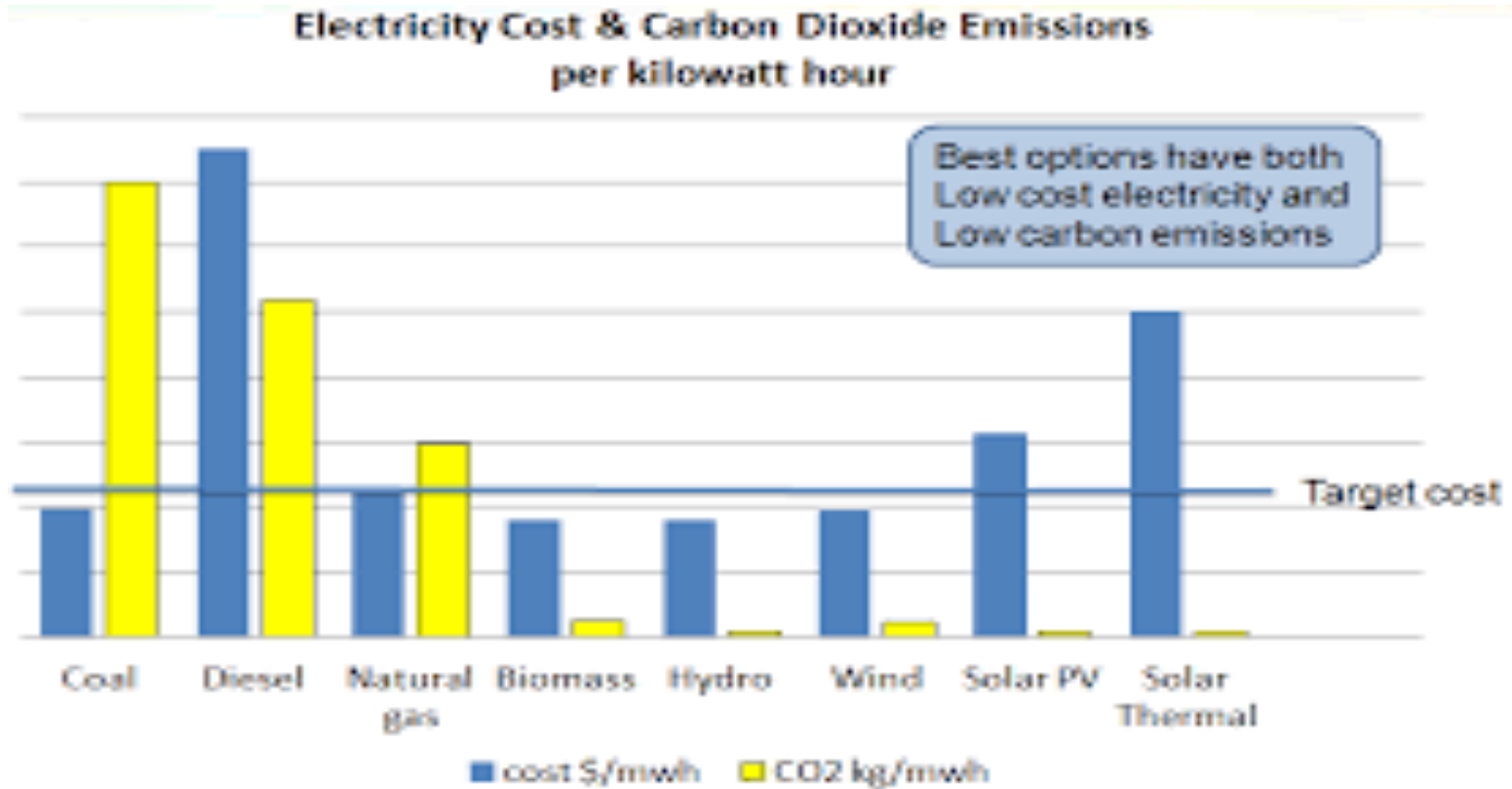


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# Wind Efficiency and Cost

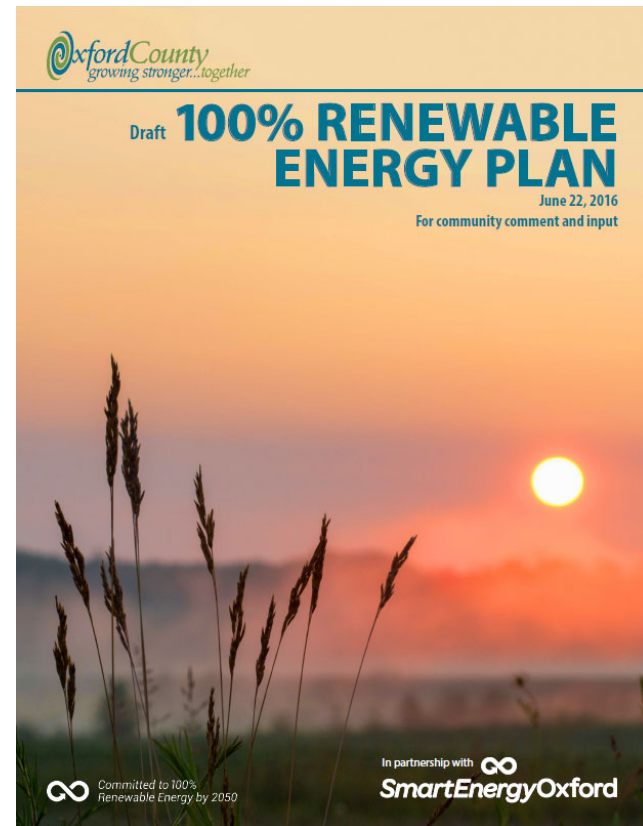


# Balancing Cost and CO<sub>2</sub>



# US 100% Renewable by 2050 ?

- Need a PLAN
- Need Commitment
- Need PUBLIC SUPPORT!





# Stable Incentives for renewable development



- Investment tax credits
- Guaranteed purchase price for renewable-generated electricity
- Government loans and grants for renewable energy development
- Tax deductions for renewable & conservation at all levels



# Federal Energy Policy

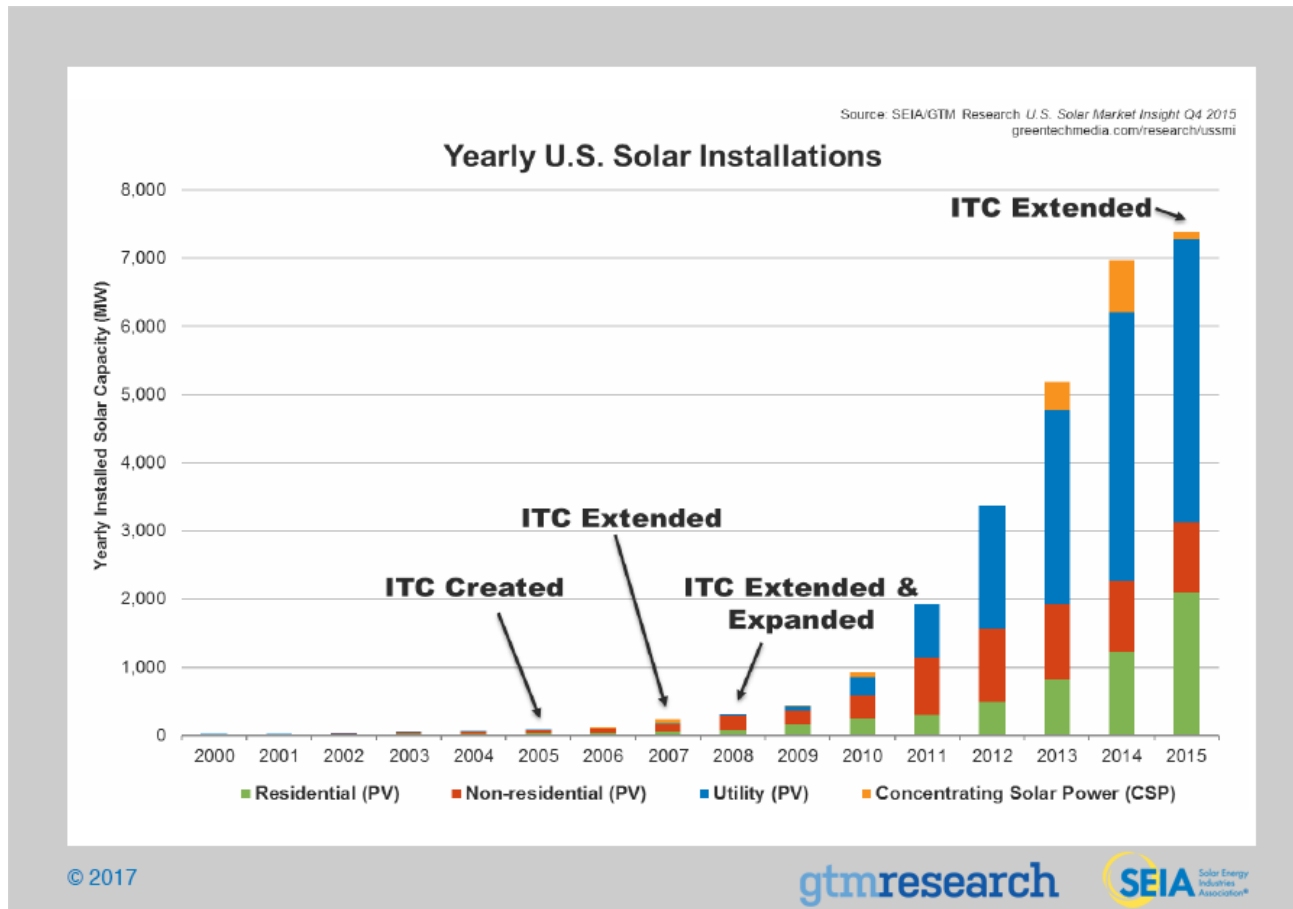
- 30% ITC for residential & Commercial Solar (PV, Heating & cooling, Concentrating Solar) extended until 2021
- Renewable Electricity Production Tax Credit

\$0.0184/kWh for 10 years

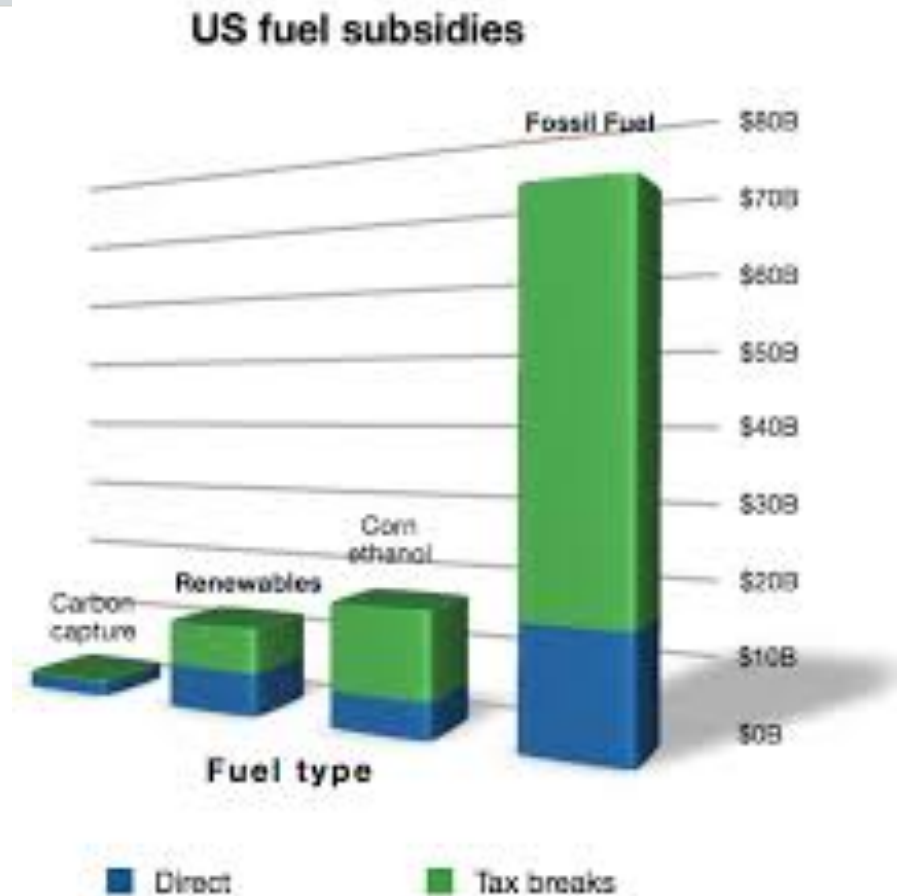
Enacted in 2005, expired in 2016.



# Federal Investment Tax Credit

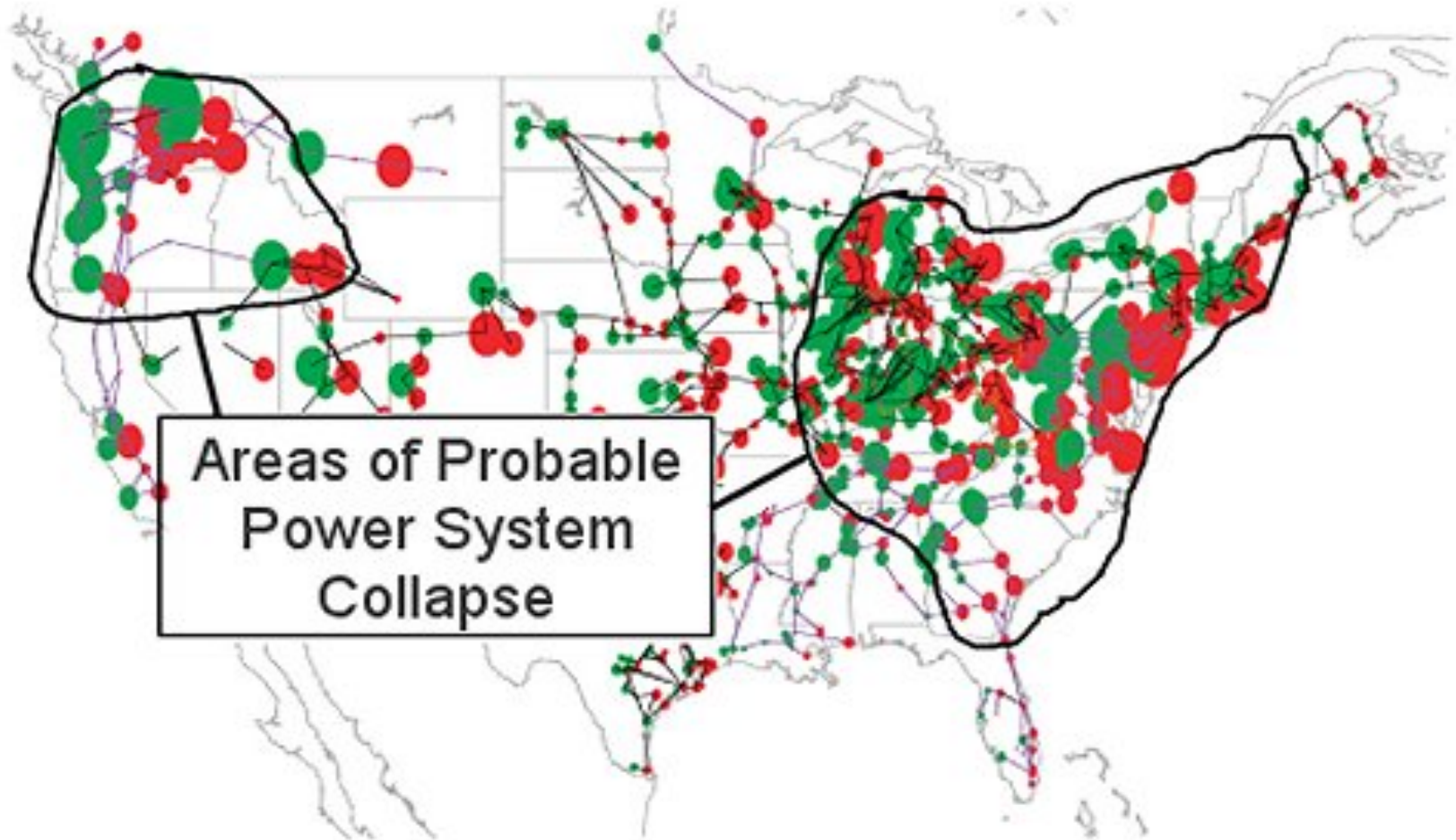


# Fossil vs Renewable Subsidies





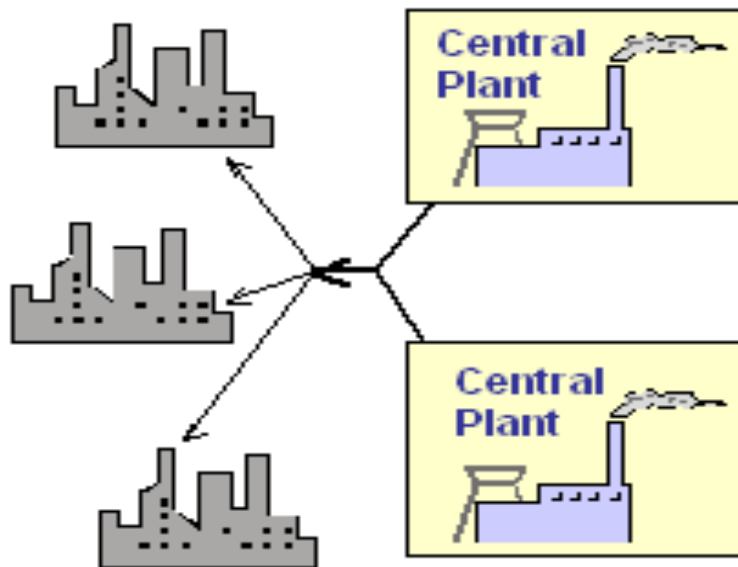
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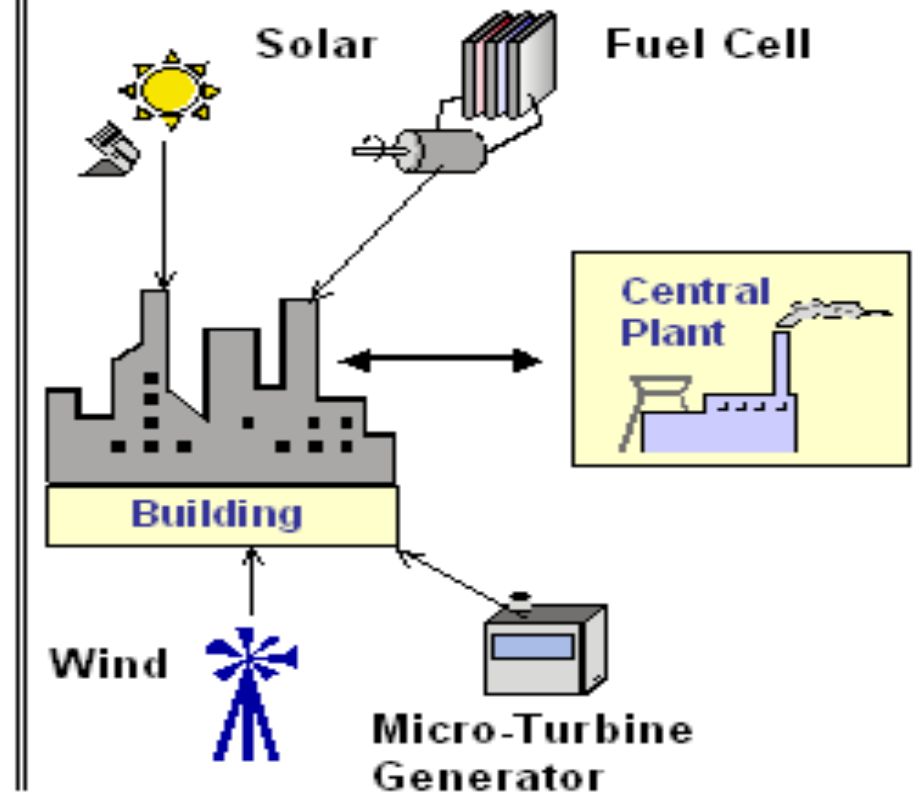
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# CENTRAL vs. DISTRIBUTED GENERATION

## Central Generation

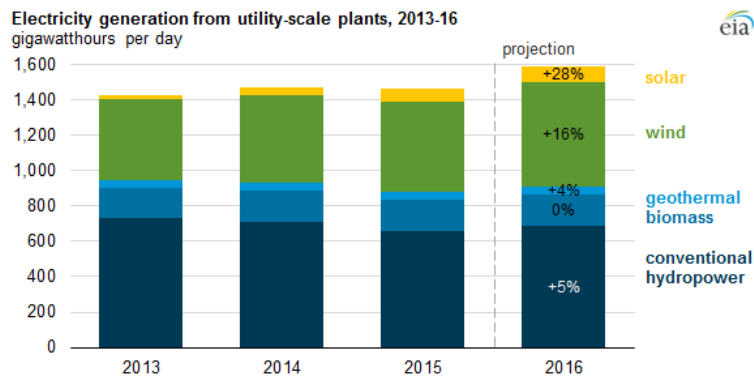


## Distributed Generation



# Utility Scale Renewables

EIA expects 14% utility scale  
Renewables in 2016



Innovative Solar Systems  
Project in NC

# Renewable Energy Job Profile

## Labor

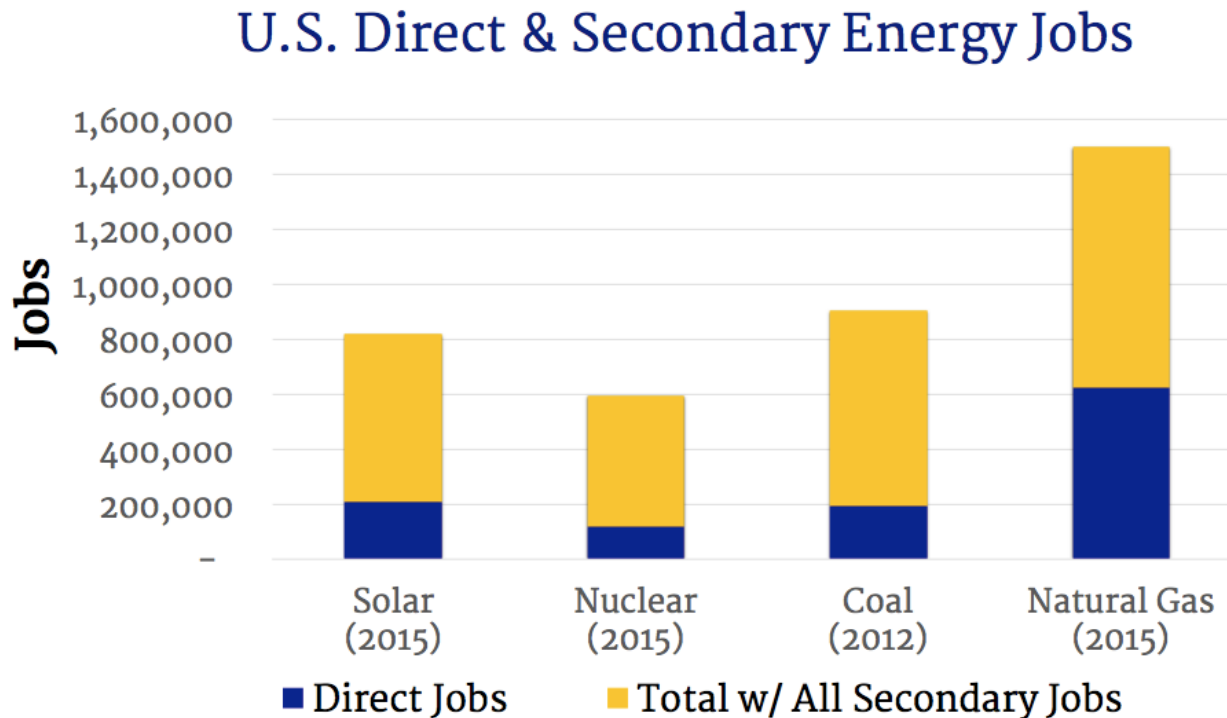
- **Local to communities**
- **Manufacturing**
- **Design/engineering/architecture**
- **Installation**
- **Operation**

## Wind energy engineer

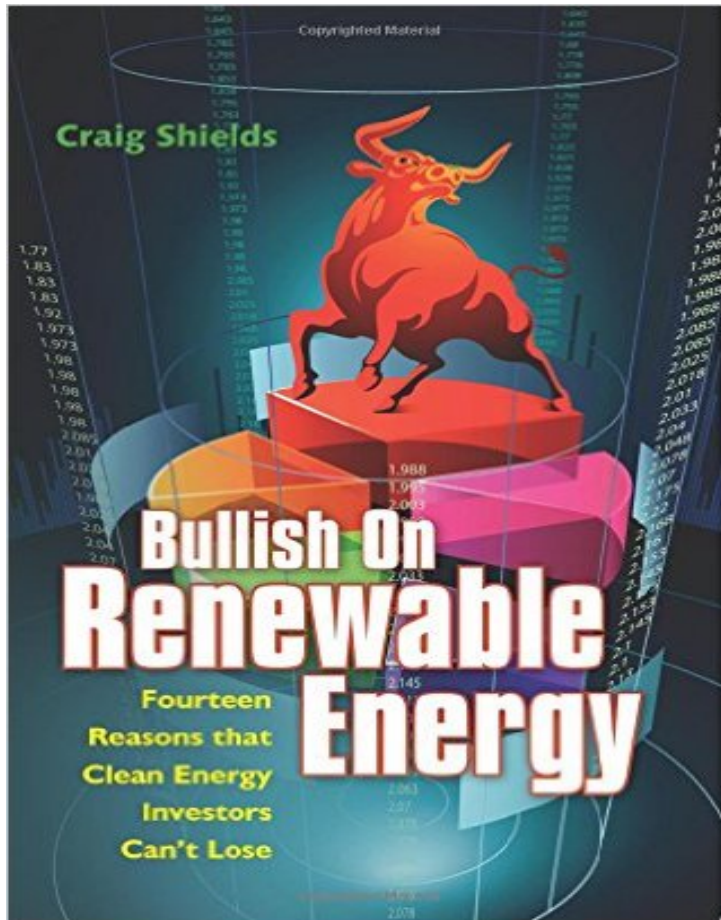




# Solar jobs growing



# Renewable Energy Investment Profile

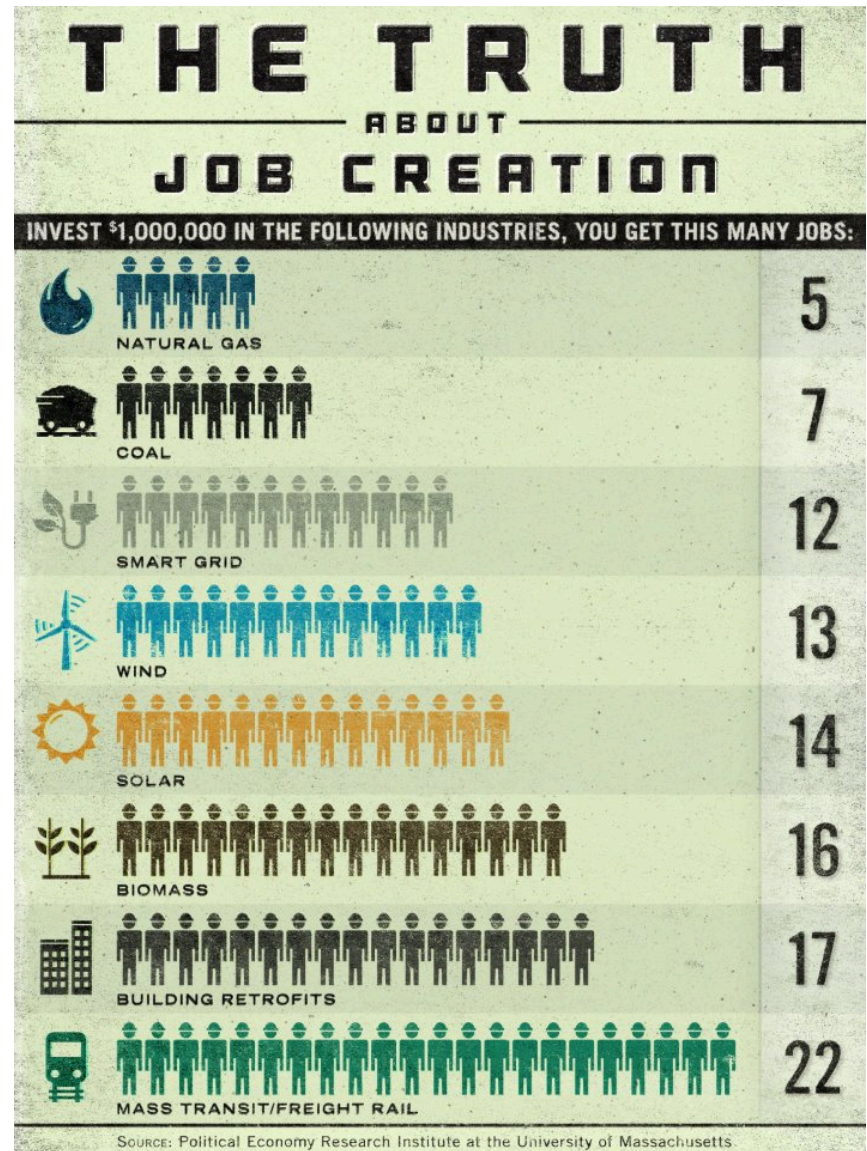


- **Capital**
  - **Distributed**
- **Multiple sectors**
- **Scaled to use**
- **Decentralized – multiple corporations**

## Invest \$1 Million



Put more people to work





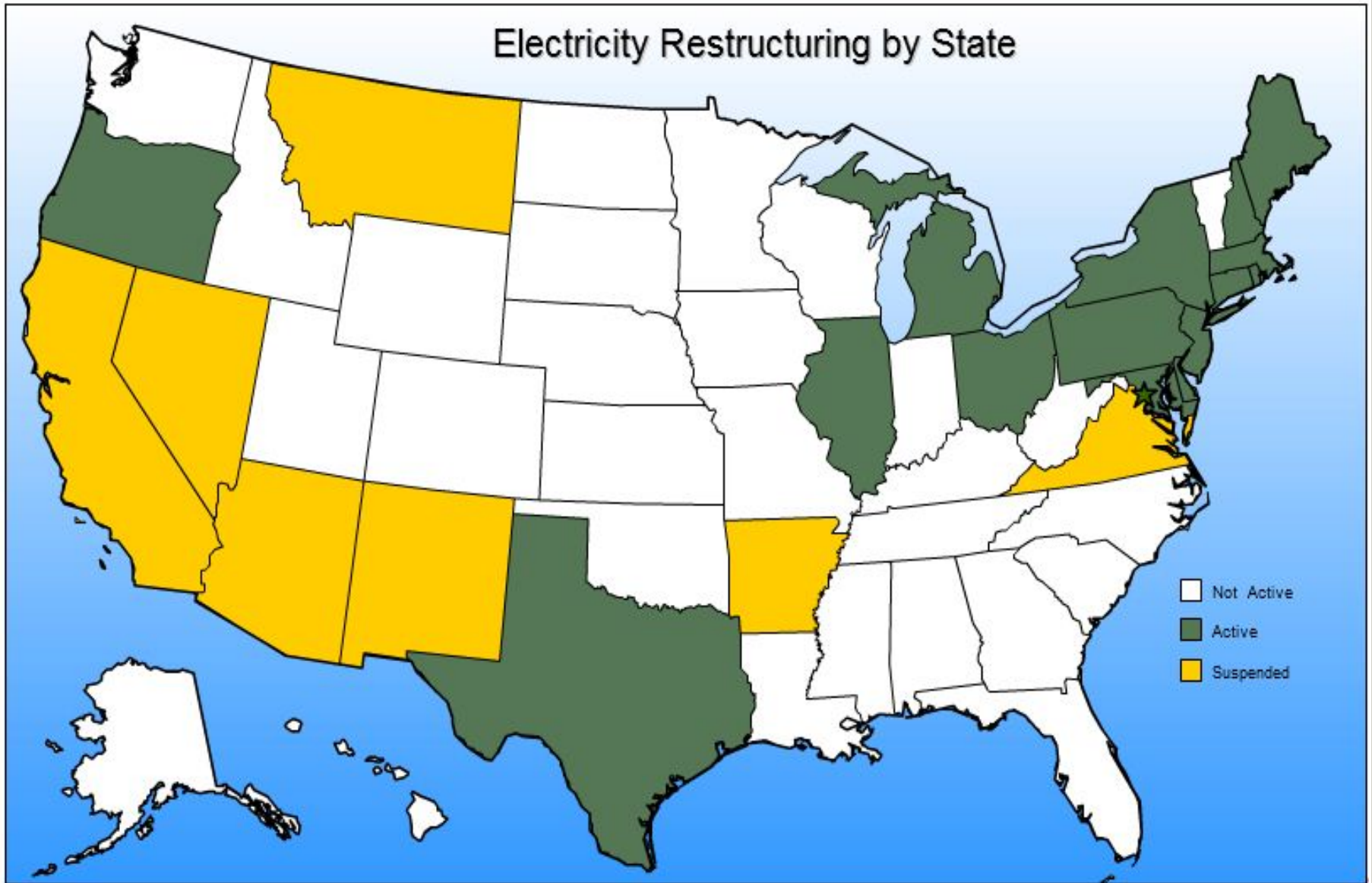
# State Energy Policy

- Policies vary widely among states
- State grant programs
- Loan programs
- Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards
- Net Metering Tariffs





## Electricity Restructuring by State



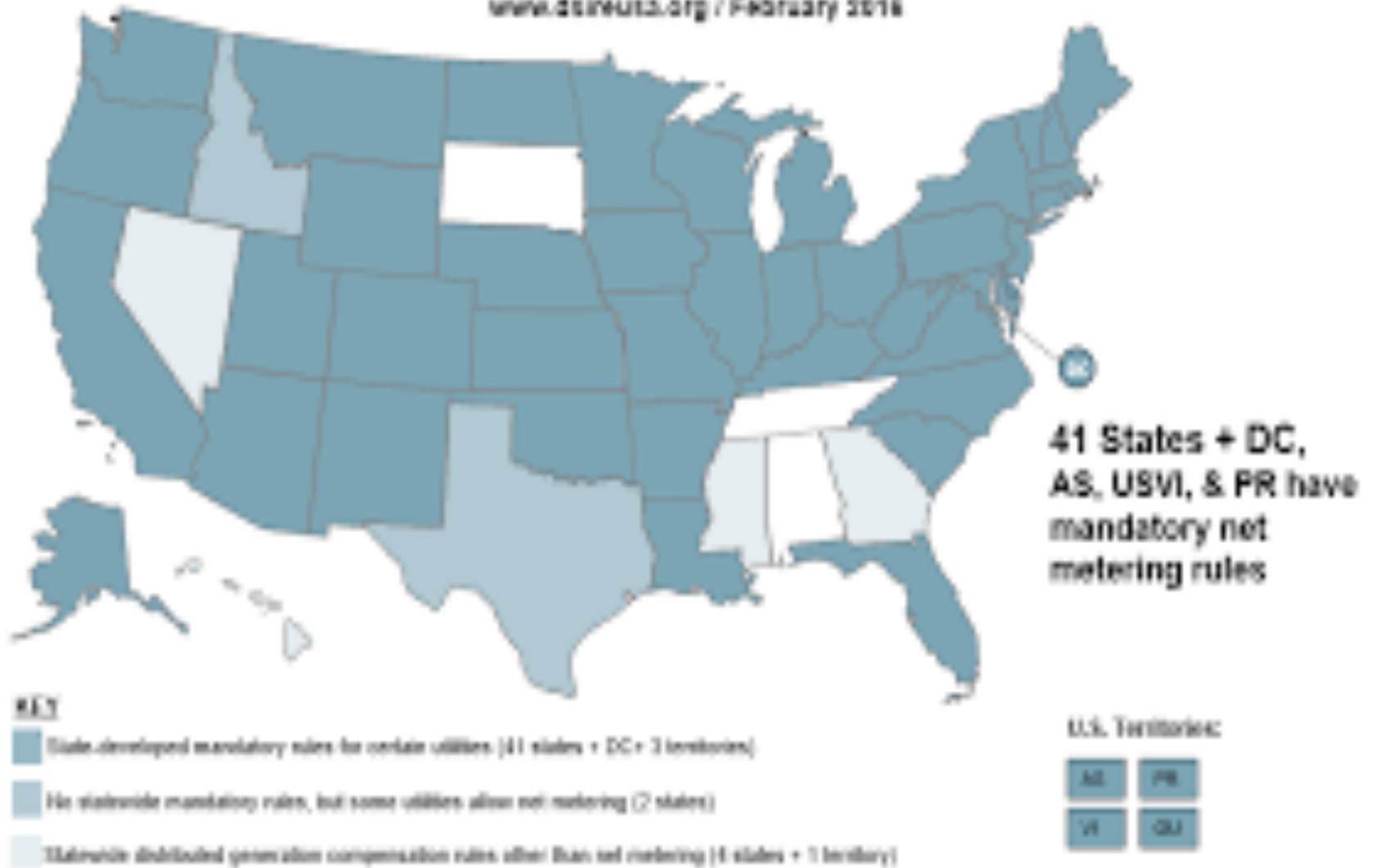
National Energy Act 1992- allowed states to de-regulate electricity

# Renewable Portfolio Standards



# Net Metering

[www.dsireusa.org](http://www.dsireusa.org) / February 2016





# Local Energy Policy

- Policies vary widely among local jurisdictions
- Zoning Ordinances for solar and wind installations
- Adopt renewable energy in municipal buildings
- Educate citizens





# Zoning Ordinances

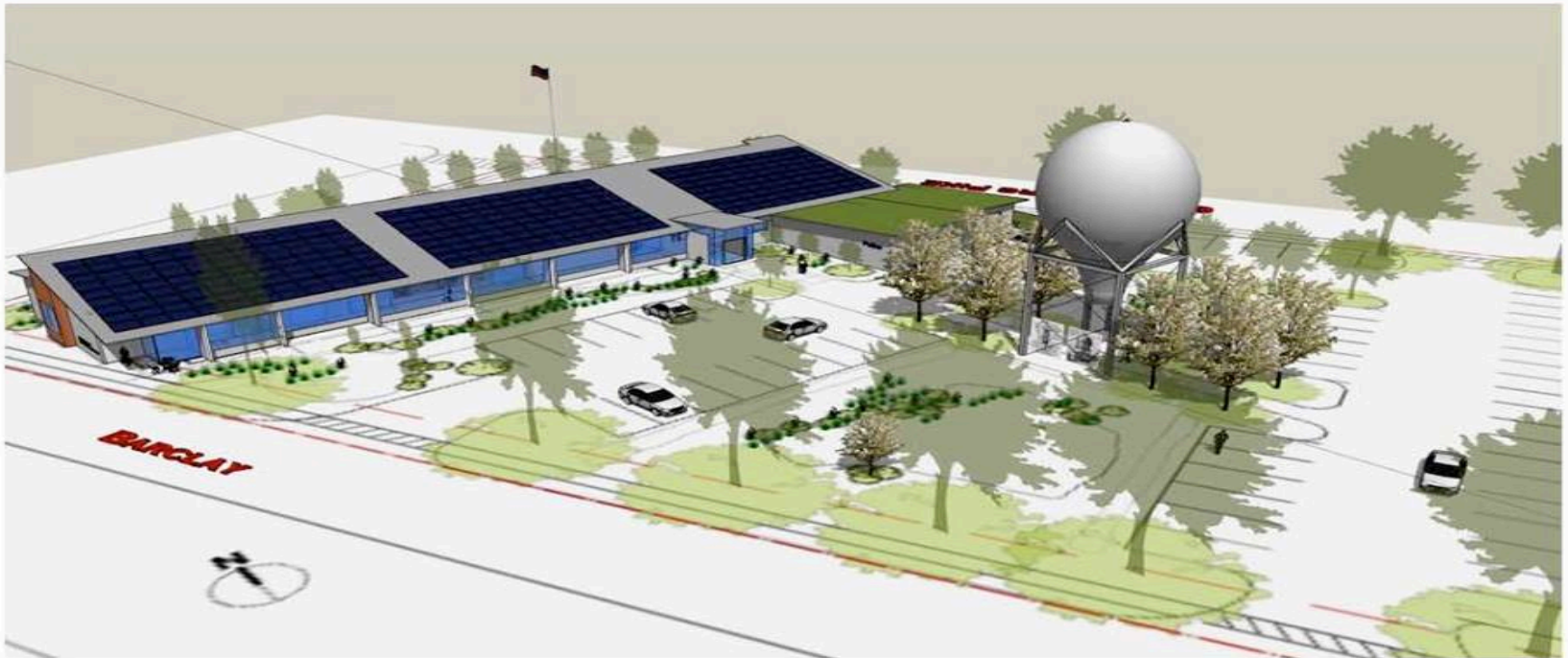
- May define land uses to promote renewable energy
- May grant variances in positioning buildings for optimum passive solar
- May define wind turbine height, placement and setbacks
- May establish safety and inspection requirements



# Local Government



# Zoning Allowances



Forest Hills Municipal Building

Final Schematic Design  
PFAFFMANN + ASSOCIATES



# Community Education







**Will we leave  
our children  
a living Earth?**

**Or will we be part  
of the next  
great extinction  
of species?**