

# *Climate Action Briefing*

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# What is a Climate Action Plan?

## Climate Action Plan

- Specific climate assessment providing recommendations for reducing GHG emissions
- Extensive modeling and analysis
- Prescribed actions to take to shift towards low-carbon usage with goals to attain every 5 years

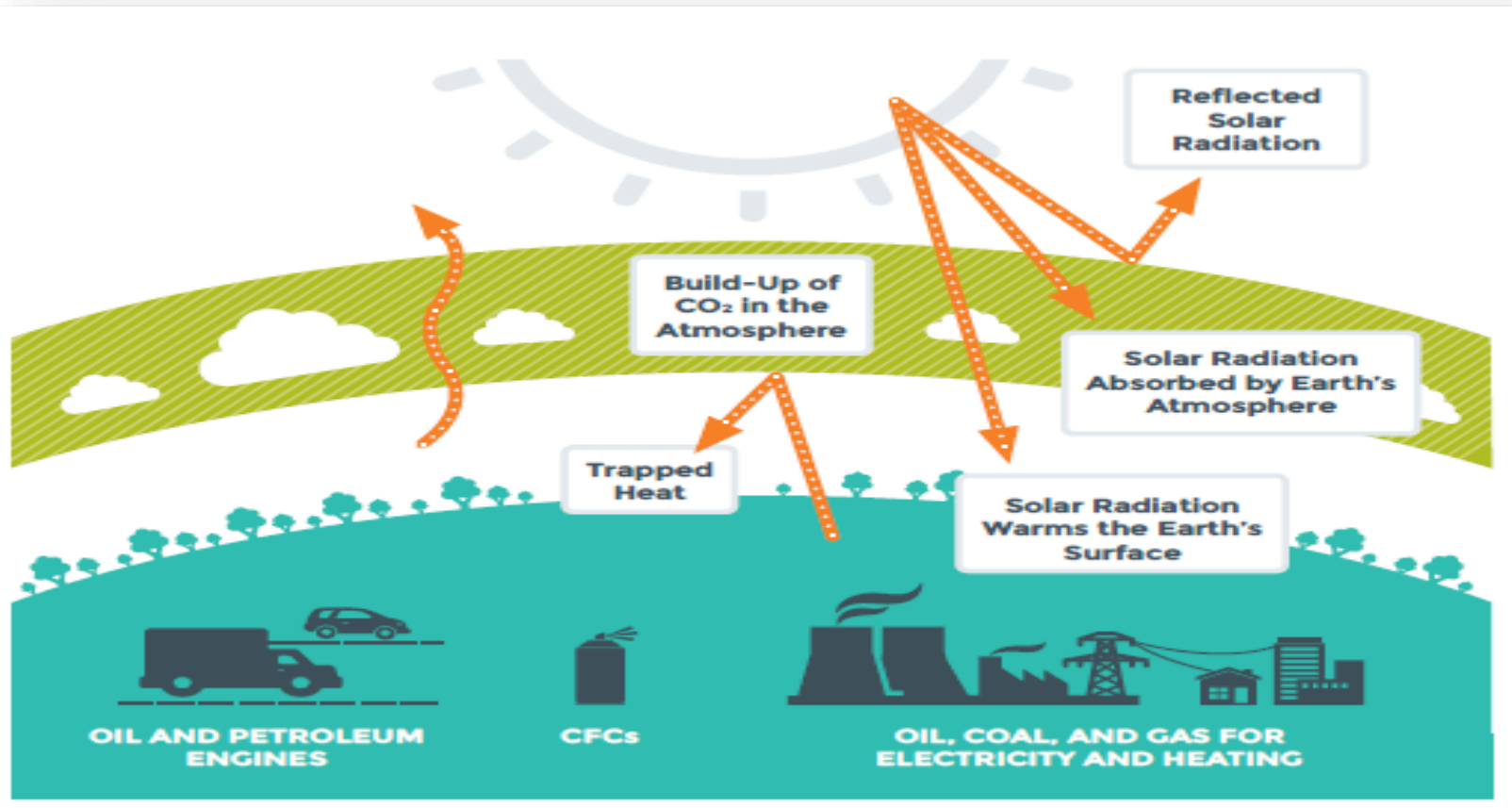
## Scope of a Climate Action Plan

- Build upon existing community greenhouse gas inventory
- \$125,000-200,000 (based on depth of modeling and analysis)
- A chronological outline of milestones, resources, and metrics of specific actions and goals that San Antonio can implement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

# Benefits of a Climate Action Plan

- Good Air Quality Indicator
- Helps Build Community Resilience
- Promotes Economic Competitiveness
- Helps Ensure Public Health, Welfare and Safety
- Take Action Prior to Federal Mandates
- Show National and International Leadership
- Helps Avoid the Costs of Not Taking Action

# The Greenhouse Gas Effect



# Signs & Impact of Climate Change



# Local Climate Trends



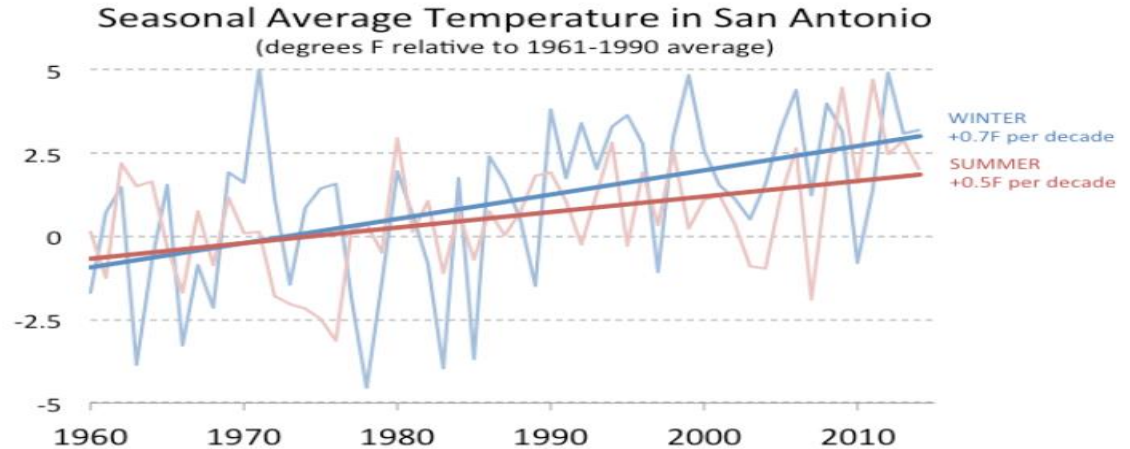
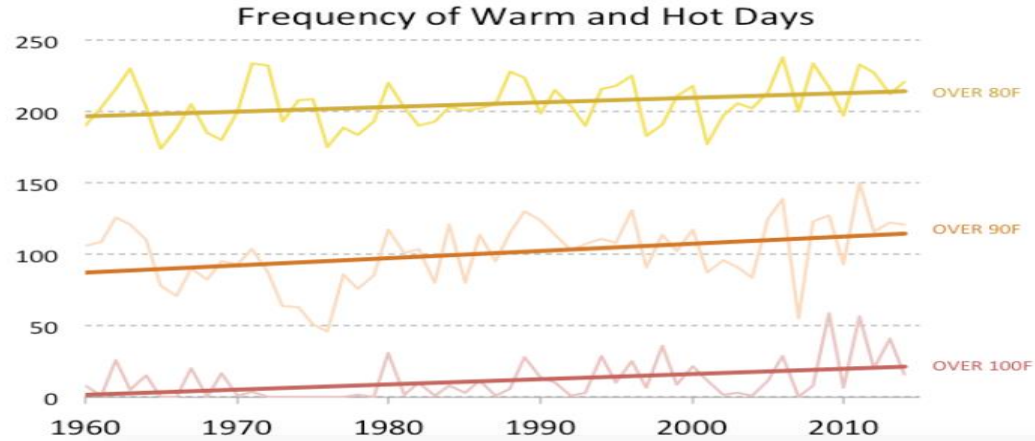
## Climate trends in San Antonio and an overview of climate projections for the South Central region

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In this report, we discuss what scientists know about why climate is changing, and what this means for the future. We analyze observed trends in San Antonio and compare them with those seen across Texas and South Central region. Finally, we summarize qualitative projected future changes across the South Central region as described in the U.S. National Climate Assessment.





# Local Climate Trends

## Temperature Averages

Warmer nights  
and hotter days  
per decade  
(1960-2014)

## Temperature Extremes

Increase in  
number of days  
over 80, 90 and  
100 degree  
(1960-2014)

## Precipitation Averages

Increase in  
average  
number of dry  
days per year,  
average rainfall  
intensity, and  
the amount of  
rainfall in the  
wettest 5 days  
of the year.

## Precipitation Extremes

Increase  
variability in  
precipitation  
starting in  
1980's.

# Local Vulnerability Assessment Findings

Vulnerability Ranking Table
Potential Opportunity
Low Vulnerability
Medium-Low Vulnerability
Medium Vulnerability
Medium-High Vulnerability
High Vulnerability

## High Vulnerability

- Extreme heat and impacts to vulnerable populations
- Vector borne diseases

## Medium-High Vulnerability

- Critical/public infrastructure and assets in 100yr floodplain (communications, power, etc.)
- Critical transportation infrastructure
- Low water crossings high call rescue sites
- Local food security

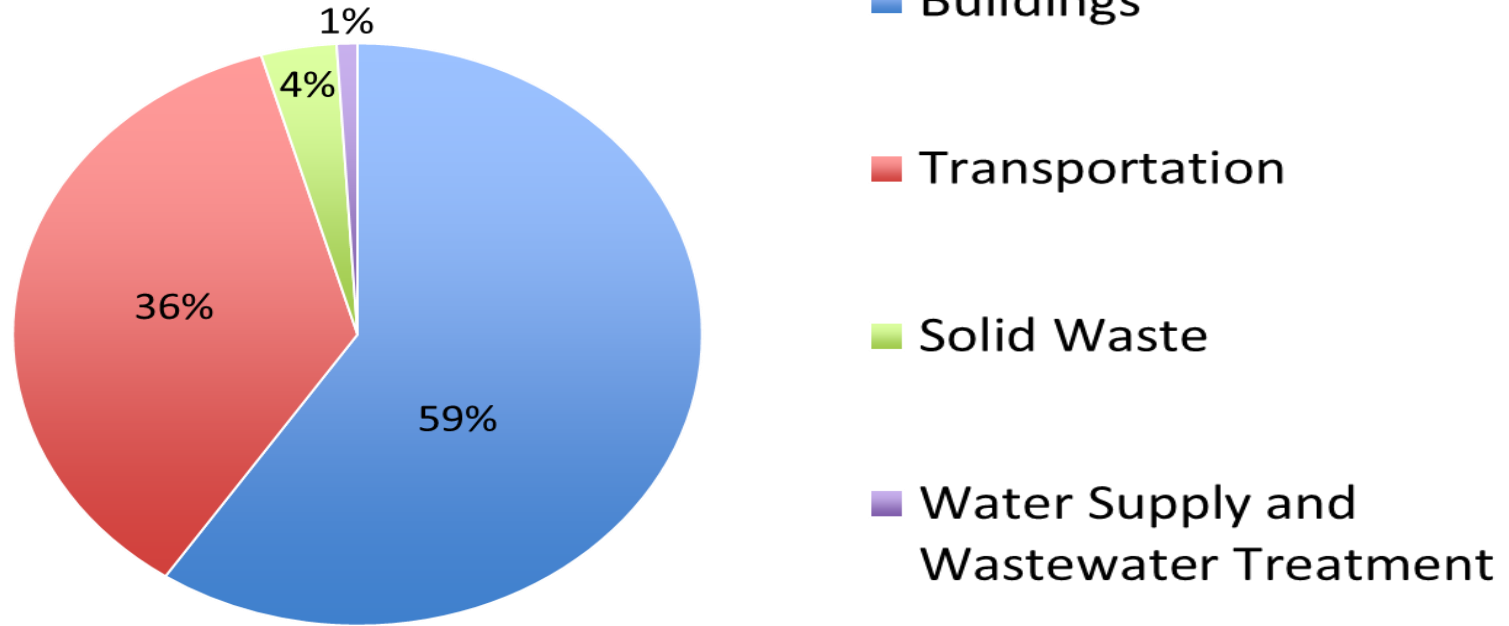
## Medium Vulnerability

- Wildfires and the potential for increased incidence
- Impacts to multifamily in 100 year flood plain



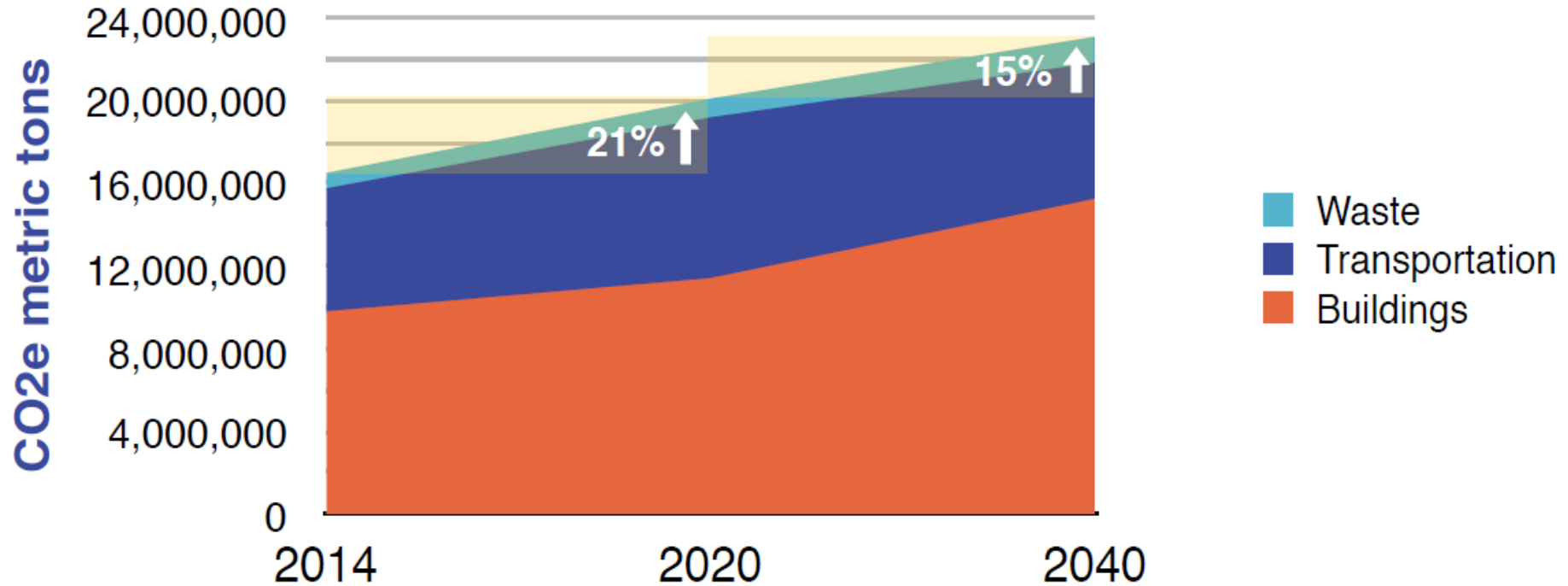
# 2014 Greenhouse Gas Inventory

16,498,864 metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>e



San Antonio Community GHG Emissions (by Sector)

# San Antonio Forecast



# Climate Action Planning



# Next Steps

- Preliminary TTU Briefing : September 2016
- Begin Preliminary Community Education: November 2016 – March 2017
- TTU Briefing: April 2017
- Potential Council Resolution: May 2017
- Develop Scope and Secure Consultant: Date Dependent on Funding
- Develop Climate Action Plan: One Year Public Process

