

EVANSTON'S ENERGY FUTURE



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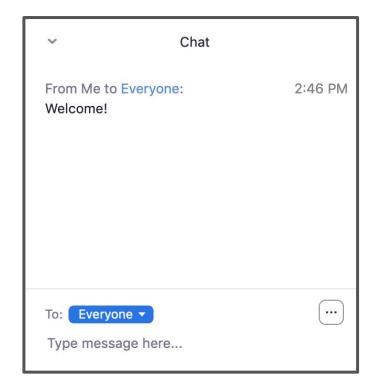
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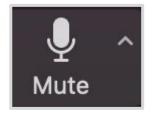
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Zoom Tools





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2019-2020

City Council Goals



Invest in City Infrastructure and Facilities



Enhance Community Development and Job Creation Citywide



Expand Affordable Housing Options



Ensure Equity in All City Operations



Stabilize Long-term City Finances

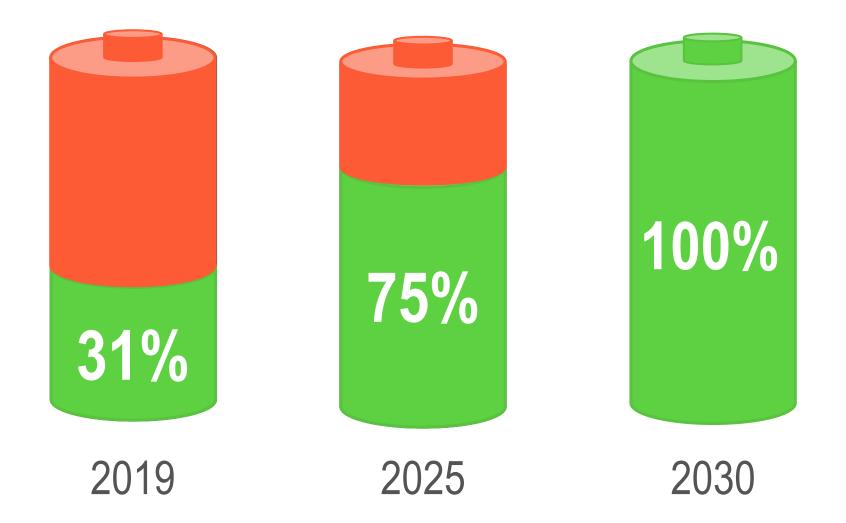


Why 2020 is crucial

- The City is approaching the expiration of 3 agreements:
 - ComEd Franchise Agreement
 - Municipal Electric Supply Agreement
 - Community Choice Electricity Aggregation (CCA)
- We have the ability to leverage these agreements and we want feedback on your energy priorities

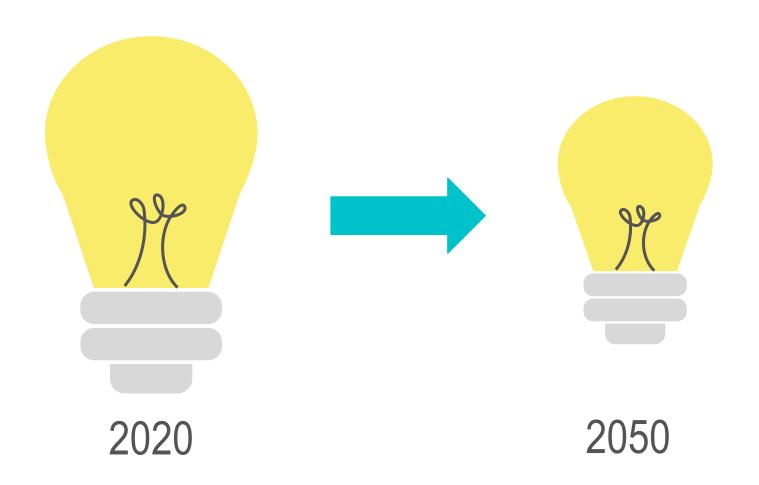


100% Renewable Energy by 2030

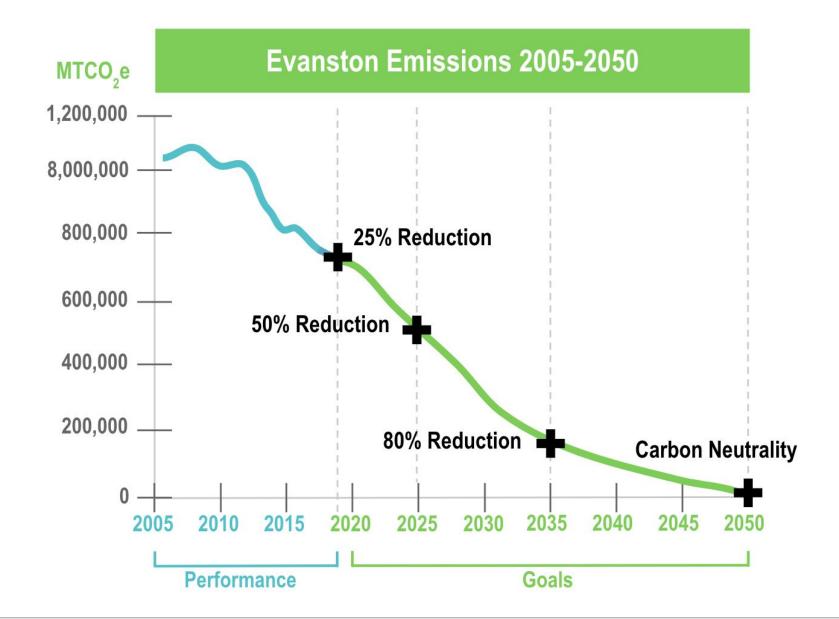




Reduce energy consumption by 50% by 2050

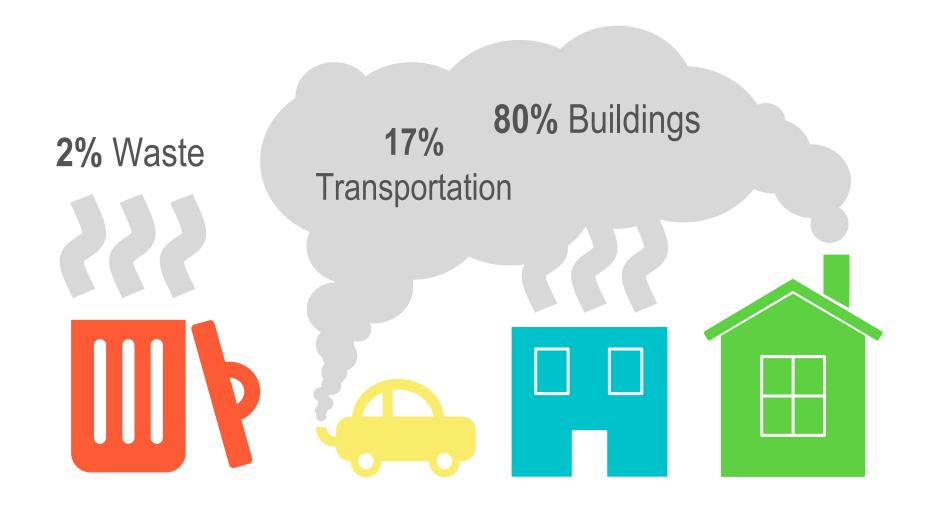






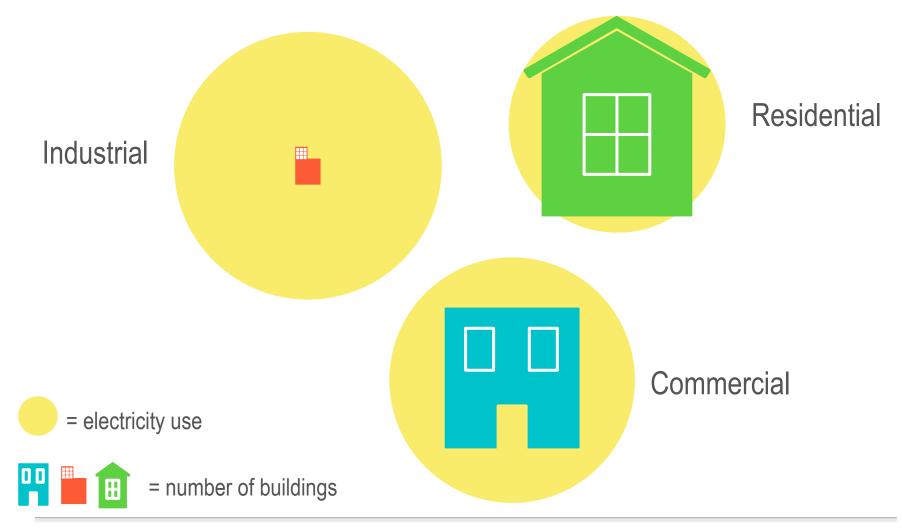


Greenhouse Gas Sources



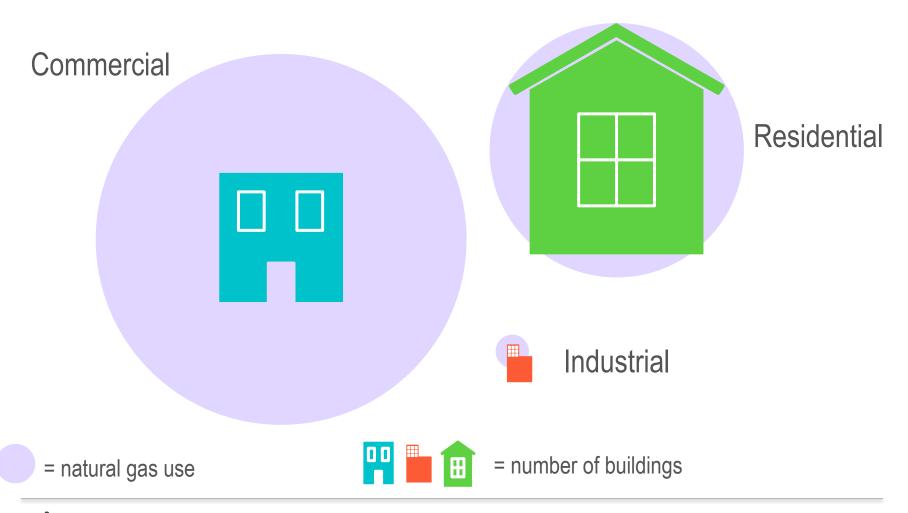


Electricity Use by Building Type





Natural Gas Use by Building Type





Housing Cost Burden

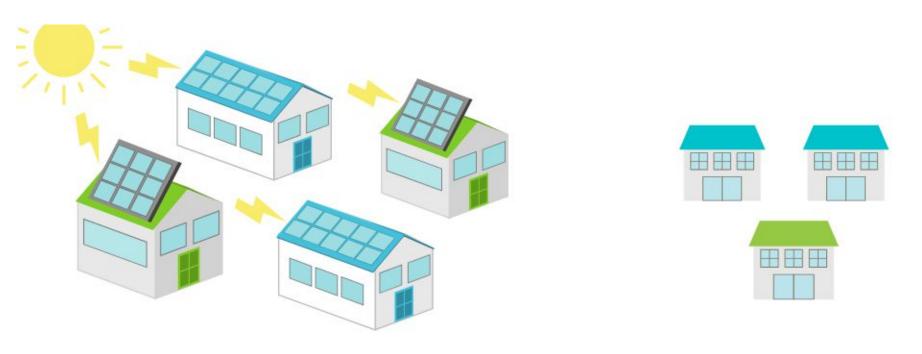


60%
40%
20%
Renters Owners

40% of households are housing cost burdened

51.5% of renters are housing cost burdened compared to 30.7% of owners





In 2019, Evanston saw a solar boom with solar installations doubling. There are now 98 solar installations in Evanston but few, if any, are providing renewable energy to low-income residents.



Illinois Solar For All



Low-Income Distributed Generation

- Properties with solar potential get installations w/ no upfront costs
- Monthly costs of the lease never exceed 50% of the value of energy created.
- Excess energy produced is sent back to the grid, allowing for reductions in ComEd bills.
- Vendor benefits by receiving large RECs paid for by utility companies.

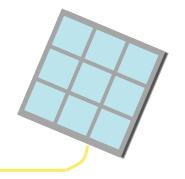


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Low-Income Community Solar

- Households without solar potential buy shares from a community solar system
- They receive credits on bills based on the energy produced by their share
- No upfront costs/ongoing costs reduced







Community Choice Aggregation

- In May 2020, City Council signed a contract with Dynegy Energy
- All residents and small businesses are supplied with 100% renewable energy at a similar cost to previous energy sources
- Residents may opt out



Energy Efficiency Rebates

- Nicor Gas and ComEd provide rebates for Evanston residents
 - Attic Insulation up to \$300
 - Smart thermostat \$75
 - ENERGY STAR® Appliances \$50







LIHEAP & General Assistance





\$ = 100,000 dollars

N More than 600 residents a year qualify for the Low Income Home Energy / Assistance Program and receive over \$350,000 in assistance annually.

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residents apply for general assistance from the City to help meet basic needs including paying for utilities each year.





Virtual Solar Power Hour

Mon. July 27th 1:00 - 2:00

Hosted by Seven Generations Ahead - register here

Illinois homeowners can **cover up to 60%** of the cost of solar through federal & state incentives. And with **Solarize Chicagoland** you can save even more!

Solarize Chicagoland is a community education program combining consumer solar education with a limited time solar discount.

Come to our **virtual presentation** to learn the basics of solar and its financial implications for your household.

For additional dates & to learn more visit: www.SolarizeChicagoland.com

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Solar Permit

Allows for a streamlined installation process

Solar Permit Application

For: Thermal, Photovoltaic and Hybrid Systems Please type or print in ink. All applicable lines must be completed. **General Information** Property Address (1234 Main Street format only, please): _____ Email Address: _____ Phone Number: X Applicant Name: _____ Phone #:_____ Address (if different): _ _____ Work Valuation (required): \$___ Email Address: Architecture Firm: Phone #: Architect Email Address: **Building Use** (Check all that apply) 24 HOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT ■ Multi-Family Rental: # of units **DURING CONSTRUCTION HOURS** ☐ Single Family □ Commercial ■ Addition ☐ Garage □ Office □ Condo NAME: □ Educational Retail Restaurant PHONE NUMBER ☐ Exterior Reno. ☐ Interior Reno. ☐ Health Care □ Other:



ComEd Solar Calculator

A free ComEd service that determines your building's solar potential





Avoiding Scams



- Always ask to see a company ID
- Beware of faded company logos on clothing
- Do not provide personal information or send payments to third parties
- Report incidents and phone scams to the Citizens' Utility Board and the Attorney General's Office
 - CUB: (312) 263-4282
 - Attorney General's Office: 1 (800) 386-5438



TAKE ACTION

- 1. Take the survey
- 2. Check if you're part of community aggregation through ComEd
- 3. Sign up for a Solar Power Hour



Word Cloud

go to PollEv.com/cityofevanst235 or text cityofevanst235 to 22333



Resources

- Energy Future Survey
- Solarize Chicagoland
- Navigating electricity bills
 - ComEd
- Navigating gas bills -Nicor
- ComEd Solar Potential Calculator

- Solar Incentives and Rebates (DSIRE)
- Illinois Solar for All
- Nicor Energy Rebates
- City of Evanston SolarPermit



Q&A



Thank you!

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