"I have been impressed with the urgency of doing. Knowing is not enough: we must apply. Being willing is not enough: we must do."

Leonardo da Vinci



3 billion more middle-class consumers expected to be in the global economy by 2030

80% rise in steel demand projected from 2010 to 2030

147% increase in real commodity prices since the turn of the century

44 million

people driven into poverty by rising food prices in the second half of 2010, according to the World Bank

100% increase in the average cost to bring a new oil well on line over the past decade

Up to \$1.1 trillion spent annually on resource subsidies

The challenge

McKinsey Global Institute reports on...

of a lifetime

\$2.9 trillion

of savings in 2030 from capturing the resource productivity potential...

*\$3.7 trillion

if carbon is priced at \$30 per tonne, subsidies on water, energy, and agriculture are eliminated, and energy taxes are removed

70%

of productivity opportunities have an internal rate of return of more than 10% at current prices... rising to

> if adjusted for subsidies, carbon pricing, energy taxes, and a societal discount rate of 4%

At least \$1 trillion

more investment in the resource system needed each year to meet future resource demands

15 opportunities

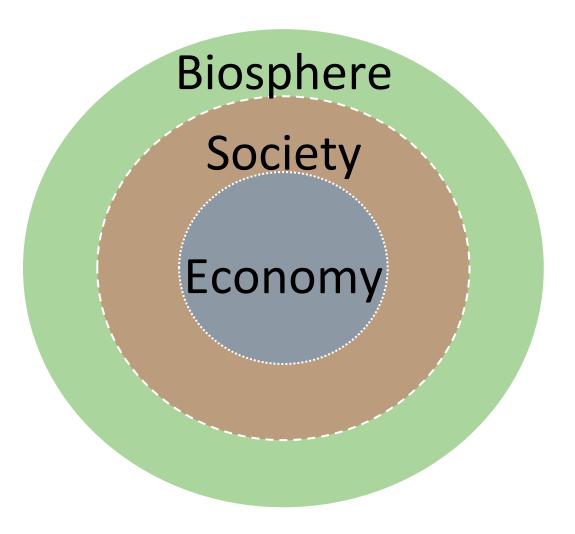
deliver about 75% of total resource productivity benefits

And our world's greatest opportunity

The Big Question

How do we create a decent quality of life for all current and future humans on a planet whose capacity to support life is precarious?

Physical Reality



Climate Crisis Math

2 degrees C

Limit: **565** gigatons

Proven FF reserves: **2765** gigatons

How did we get here?

Humans dominant and separate from nature

Earth: infinite giver

Linear thinking

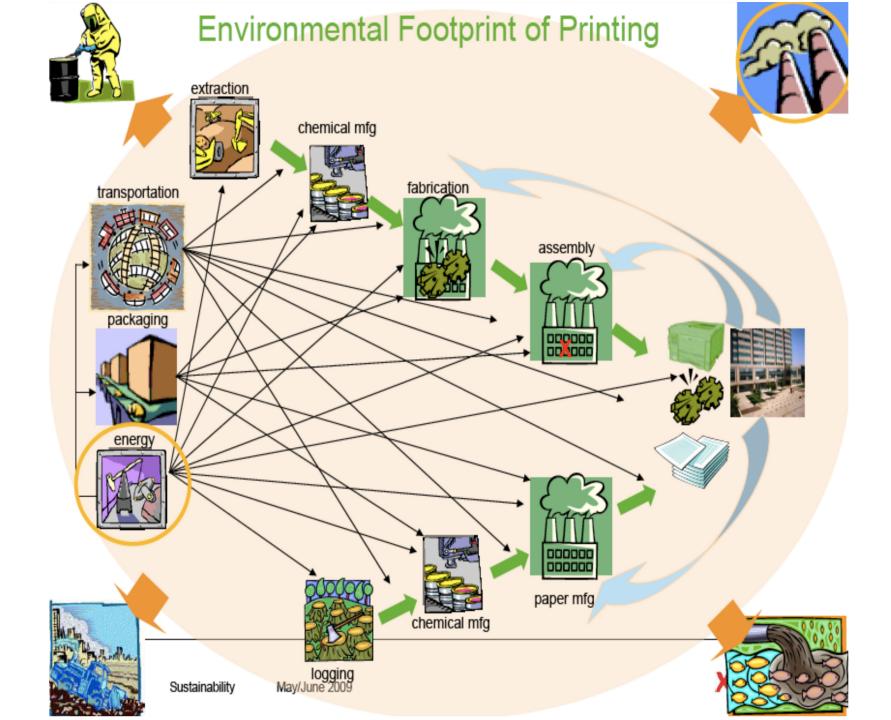
Increased consumption = success



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Making the "invisible" "visible"

- Systemic life cycle impacts
- True cost pricing & accounting
- Better measures of well-being
- Timely ecological and social signals

A New Human Story?

Sufficiency: Needs over wants

Community

Cooperation and collaboration

Caring for all life: golden rule

Sustainable economy

A Change in Mindset

Problem Solving to Creating

Flourishing and Sustainable Human Society

Circular Production

Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

Nature's Interest





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Transforming Higher Education

- Content of learning
- Context of learning
- Process of learning
- Institutional Practice of Sustainability
- Partnerships with Local & Regional Communities





The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)

Climate Leadership in Higher Education



The ACUPCC Initiative



- Led by presidents & chancellors
- 665 + institutions
- 50 States & one-third of student population
- Action plan for climate neutrality
- Research & education
- Public accountability





NC ACUPCC Signatories

Appalachian State University

Blue Ridge Community College

Carteret Community College

Catawba College

Central Carolina Community College

Davidson College

Duke University

Durham Technical Community College

Elizabeth City State University

Fayetteville State University

Guilford College

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North Carolina Central University

North Carolina Community College District

North Carolina State University

Queens University of Charlotte

Southeastern Community College

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

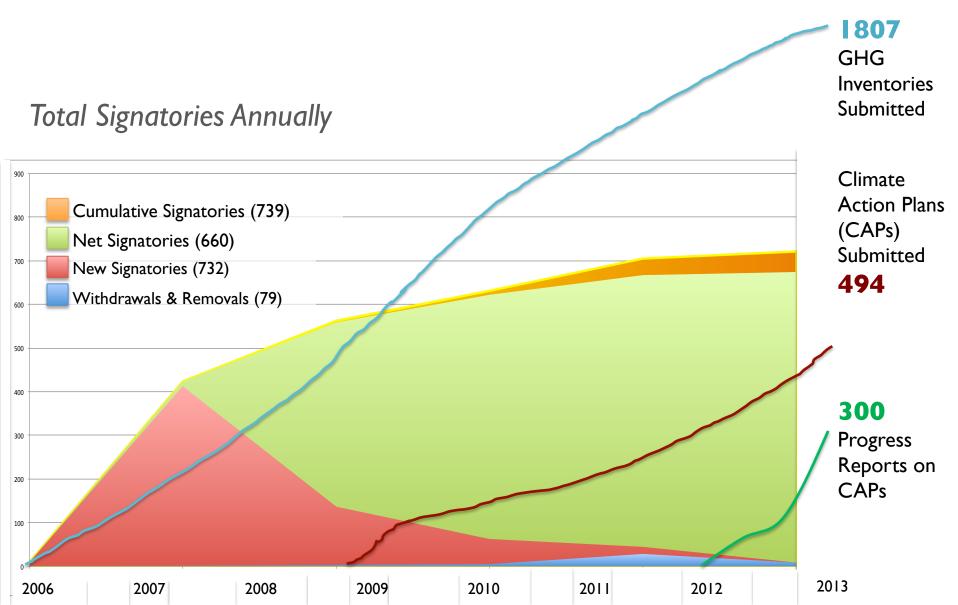
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Wake Technical Community College

Warren Wilson College

Wilson Community College

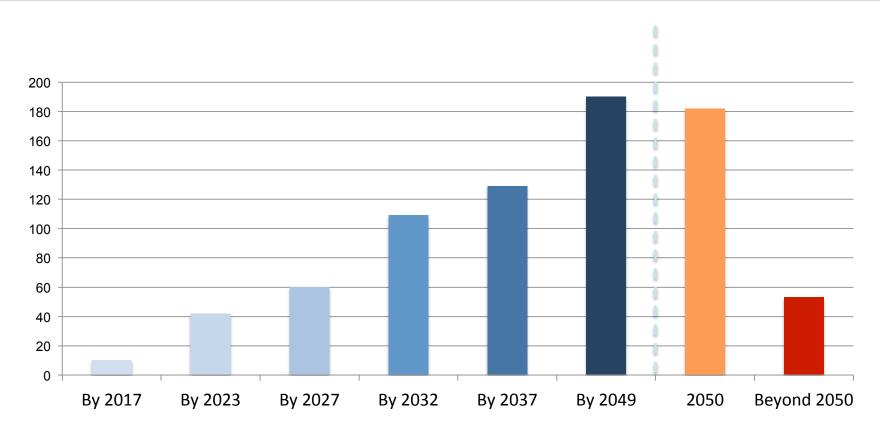
The Sequence of Success





Climate Neutrality Target Dates







Summary of Progress



Financial Savings

• 69% of signatories report CAP implementation has saved money.

208 institutions saved total of \$139 Million

Funding Secured from Outside Sources

136 signatories secured funding totaling \$304,290,148





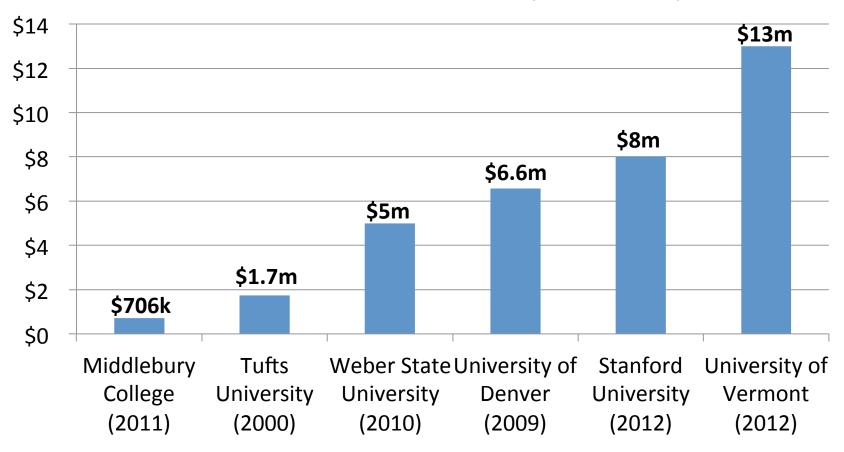
Green Revolving Funds

76 institutions
\$111 million in capital
Ave annual return = 28%

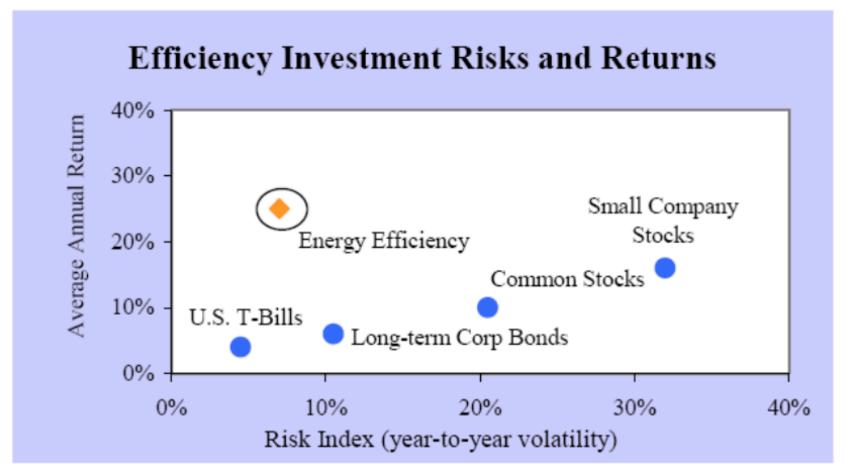
http://greenbillion.org/

Billion Dollar Challenge: Green Revolving Funds

Current/Committed Fund Size (in \$millions)



Energy Efficiency is the **Best Investment**



Source: Adapted by ACEEE from the EPA and the Vanguard Group (see Laitner 2008)

Reduce 80,000 tons / year

Save \$2,000,000 per year



Total Reduction 80,000 tons / year

Total Savings \$2,000,000 per year



Produce 6.5 million kwh / year

Save \$4 million

per year



First Institution to Become Grid Positive

Total Savings \$50-75
Million over next 15 years



Institutionalizing Sustainability

- Integral to University Mission
- Integral to Academic and Campus Master Plan
- Sustainability Policies and Measurement
- Rewards, Incentives & Staff Development
- Development Priority/Alumni Tracking
- Communications & Marketing
- Collaboration with Other Sectors

