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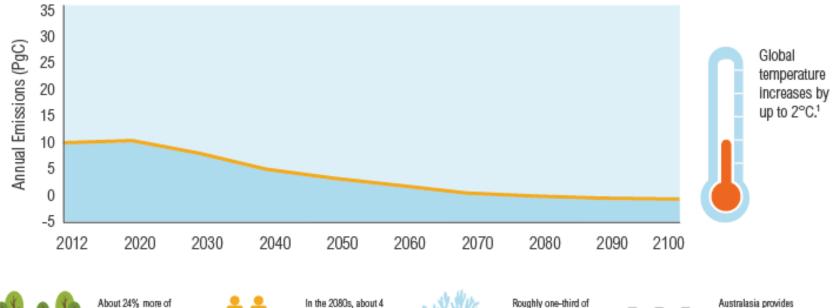
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BEYOND OFFSETS

INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO ACHIEVING AND EXCEEDING OUR CLIMATE COMMITMENTS

LOW EMISSIONS PATHWAY

Carbon dioxide emissions peak by 2020 and then drop 66 percent below 2010 levels by 2050. While the world will still experience some climate impacts under this pathway, they grow exponentially worse under higher emissions scenarios.





About 24% more of the projected global population will face reduced renewable groundwater resources by the 2080s compared to the 1980s.



In the 2080s, about 4 times as many people are expected to be annually exposed to the amount of water associated with a 100-year flood compared to the 1980s.



the world's coral reefs, which provide habitat and resources to more than 500 million people, will experience long-term degradation over the next few decades.



Australasia provides more than 40% of global dairy products. With 1°C of warming by 2030, dairy production will likely decline throughout Australia.

Global Action

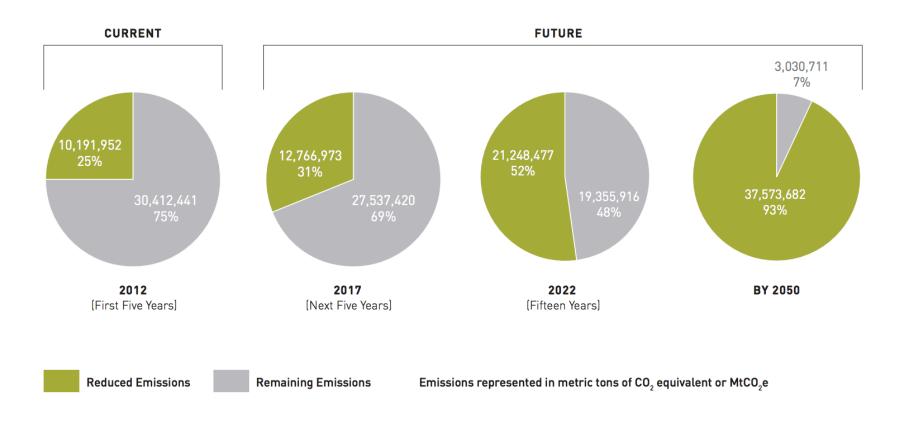
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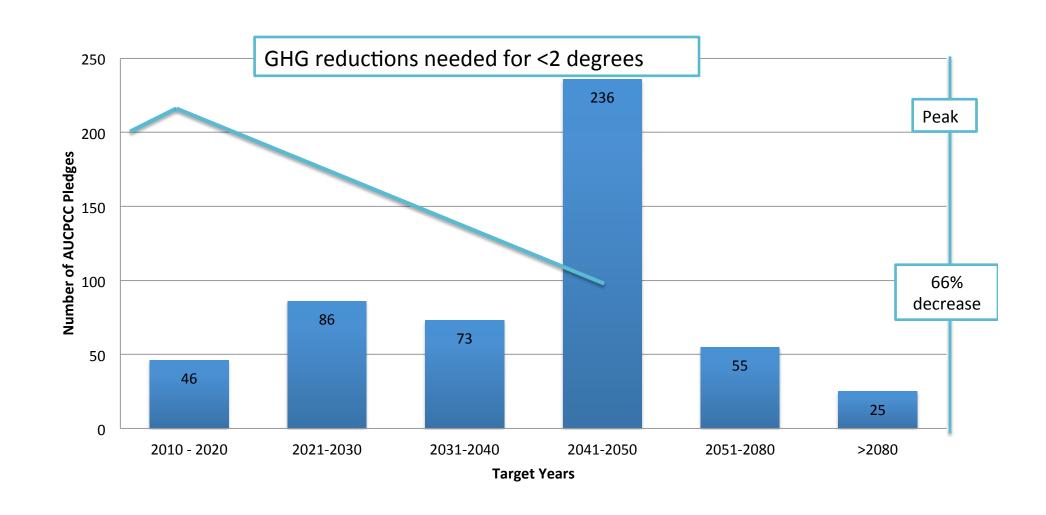




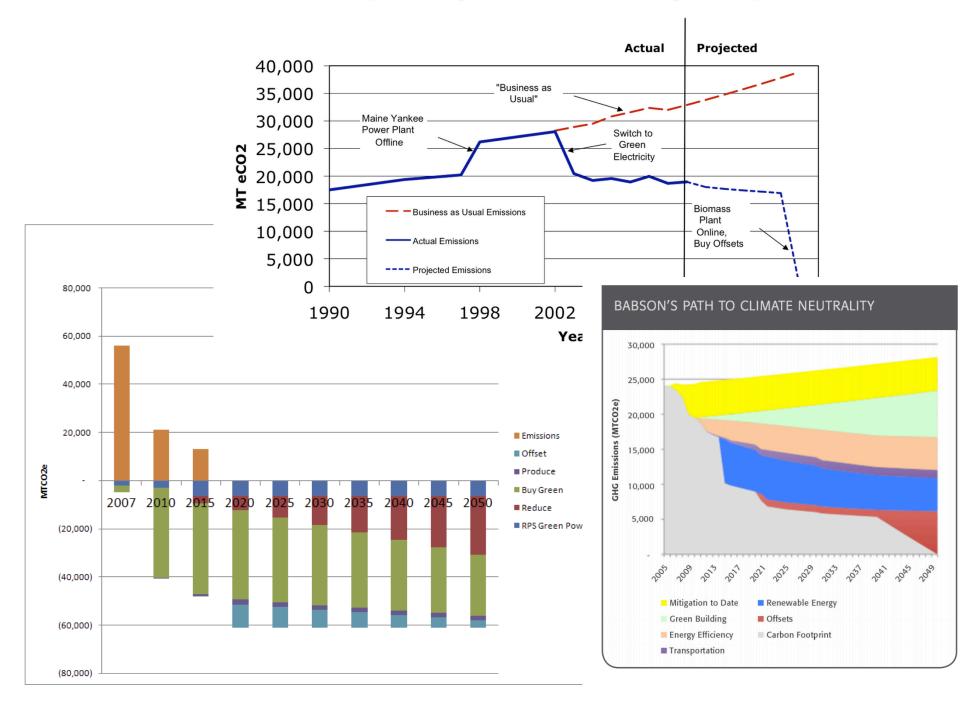
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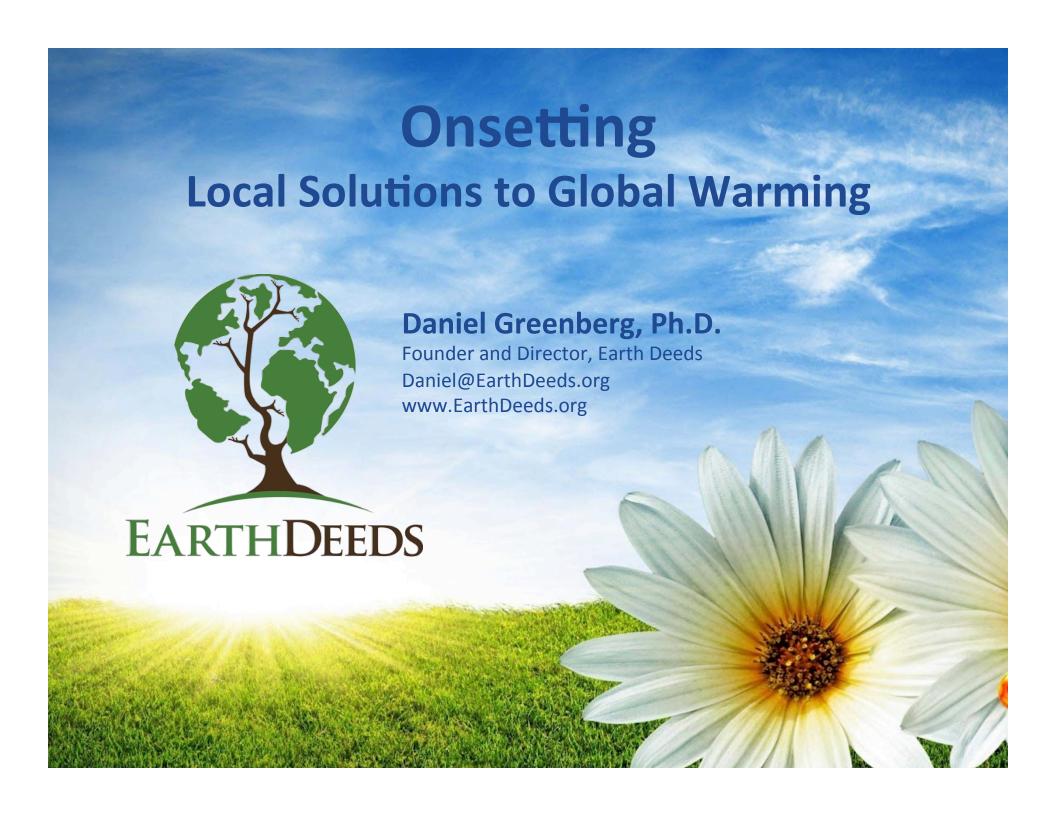


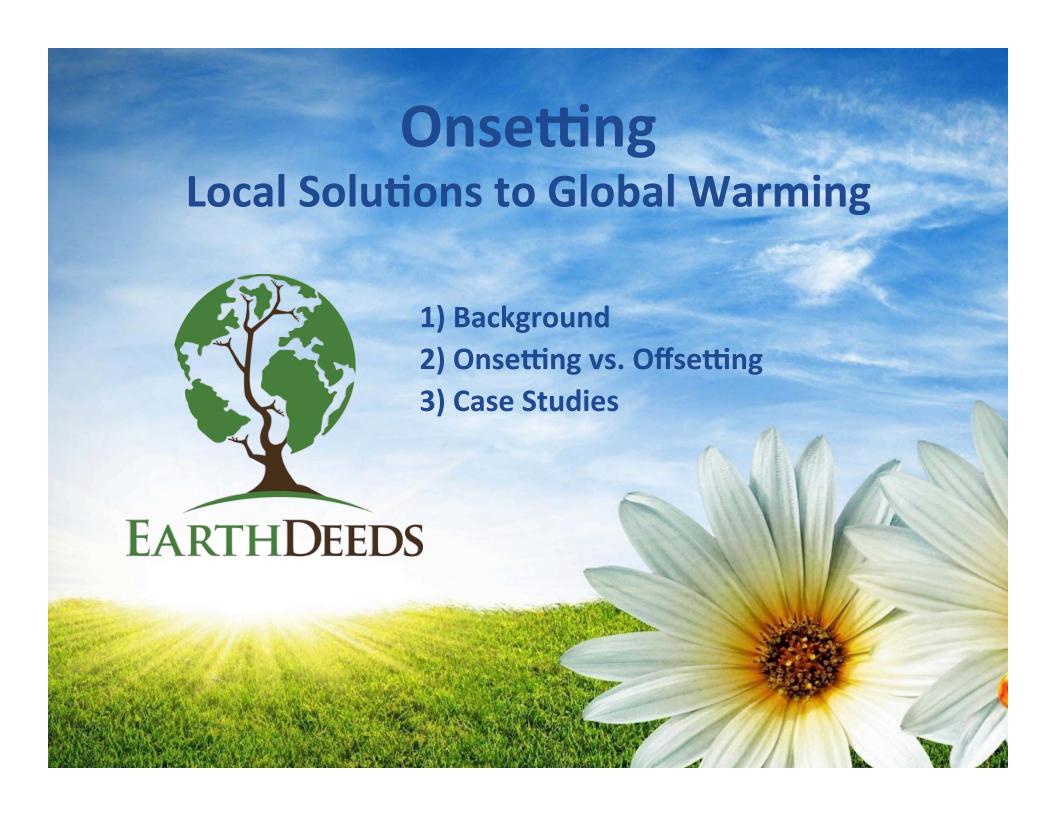
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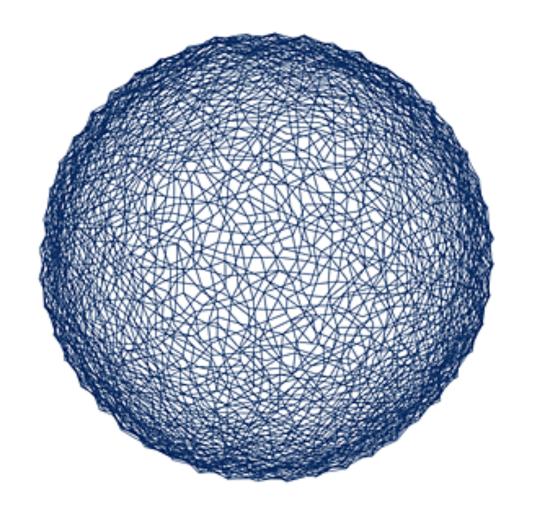


Agenda

- Setting the stage
 - Laura Draucker, Amherst College
- Introduction to Onsetting
 - Daniel Greenberg, Earthdeeds
- Introduction to Handprinting
 - Greg Norris, Harvard School of Public Health/Living Futures Institute
- Synergies
- Breakout and Discussion







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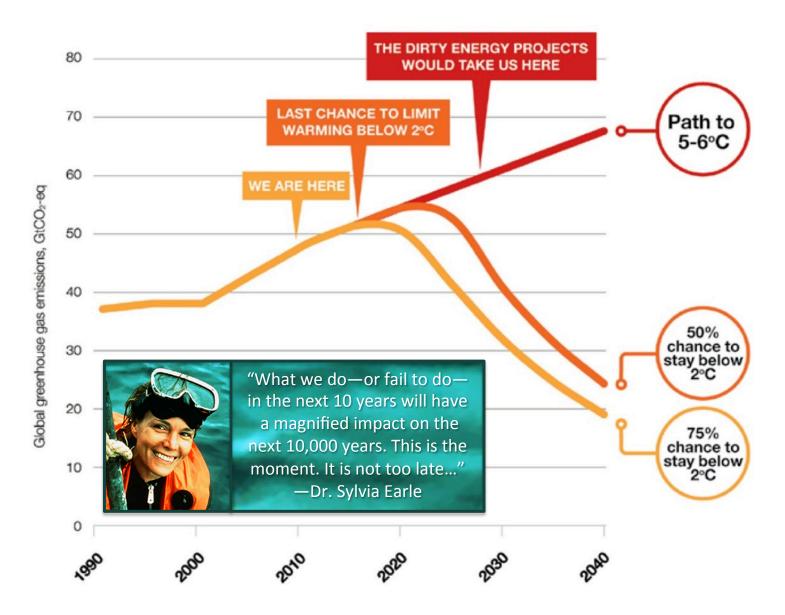








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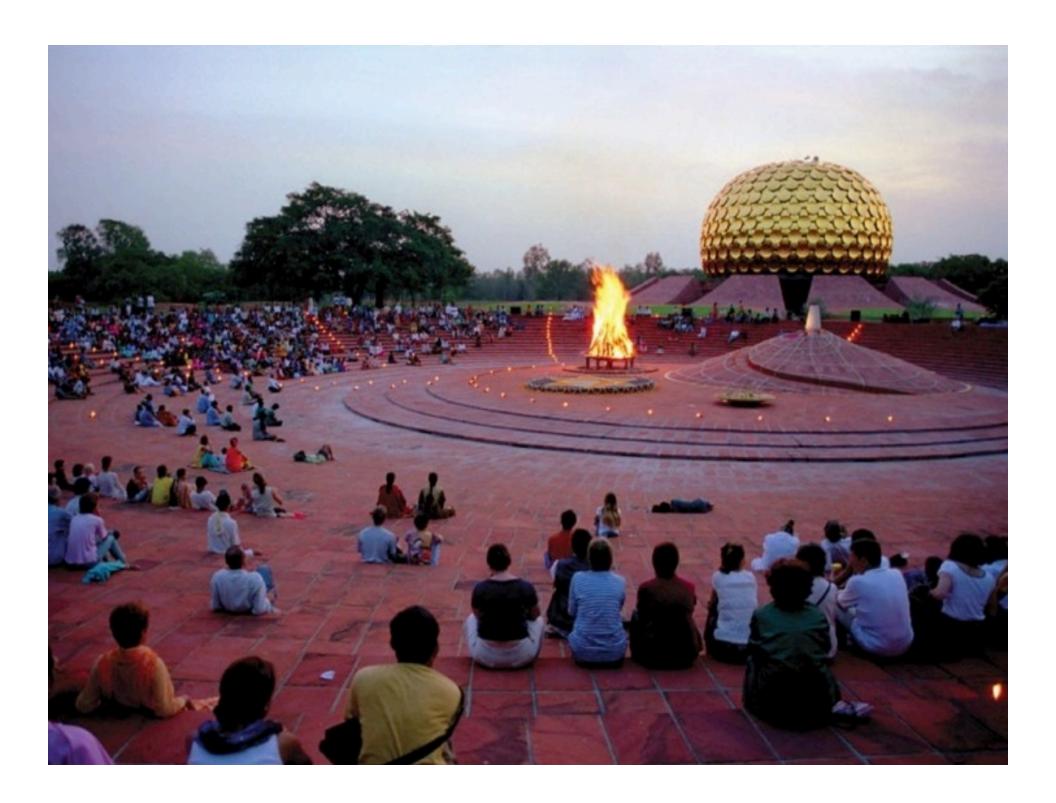




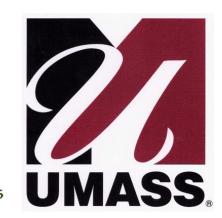


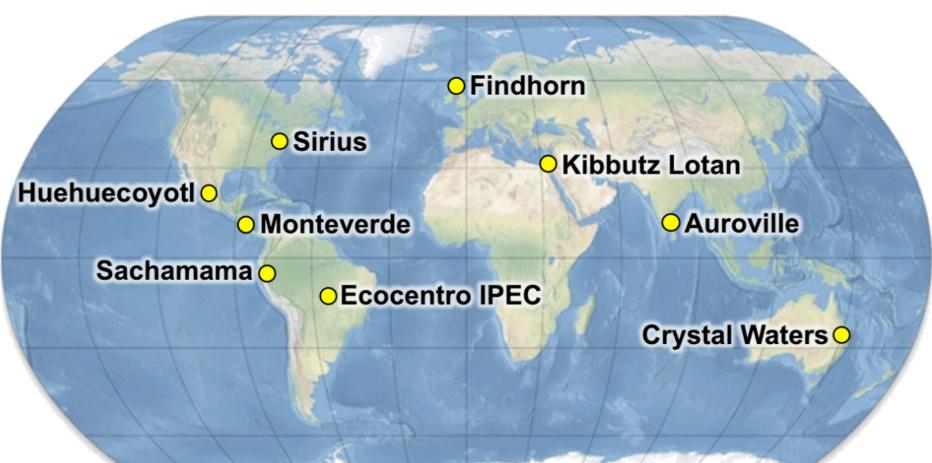






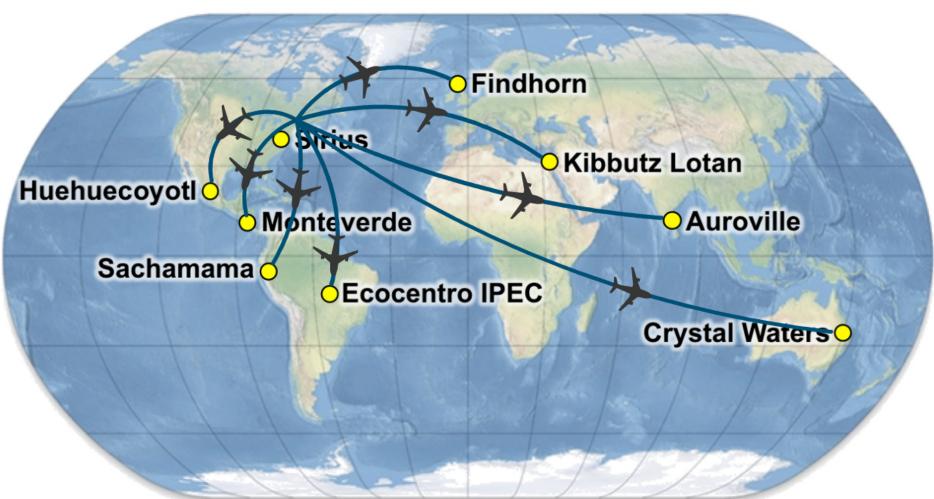






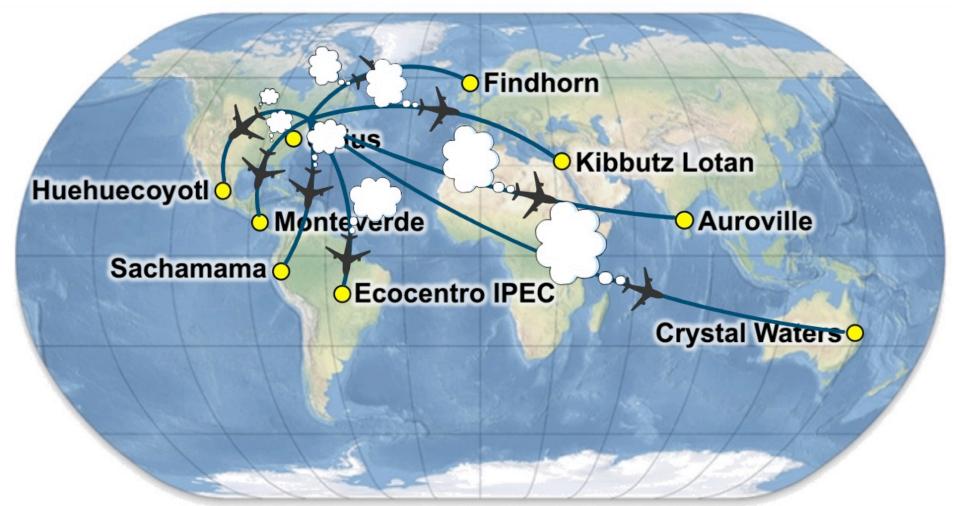




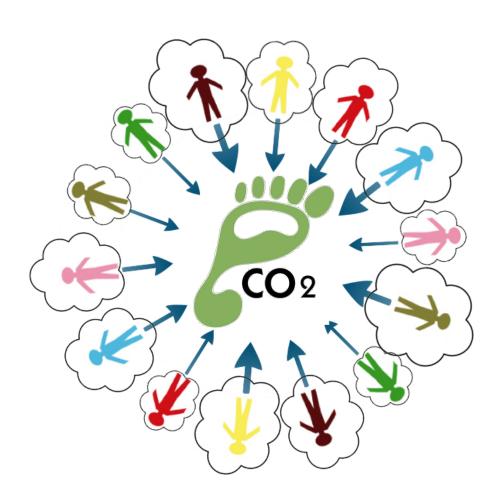




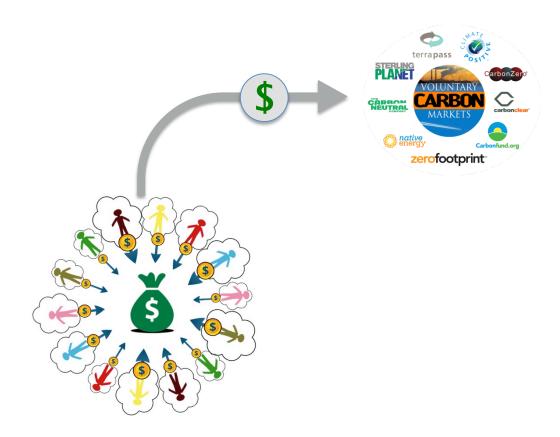




















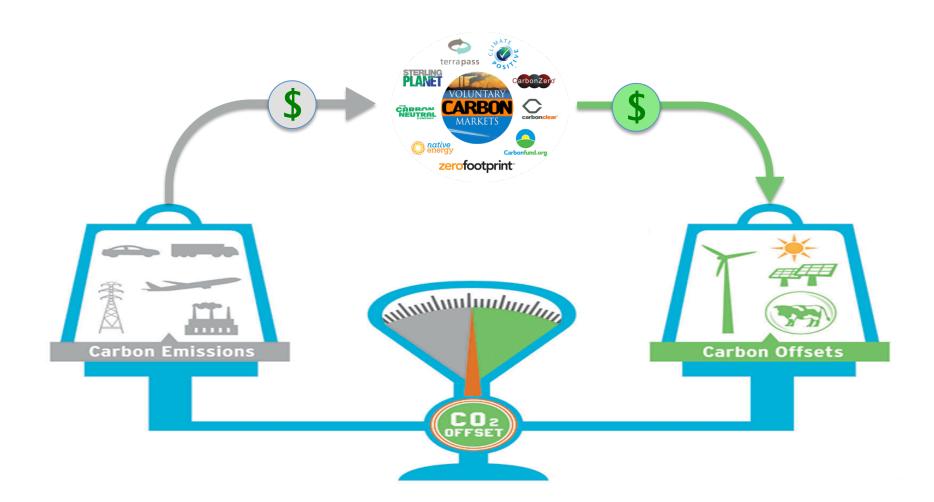


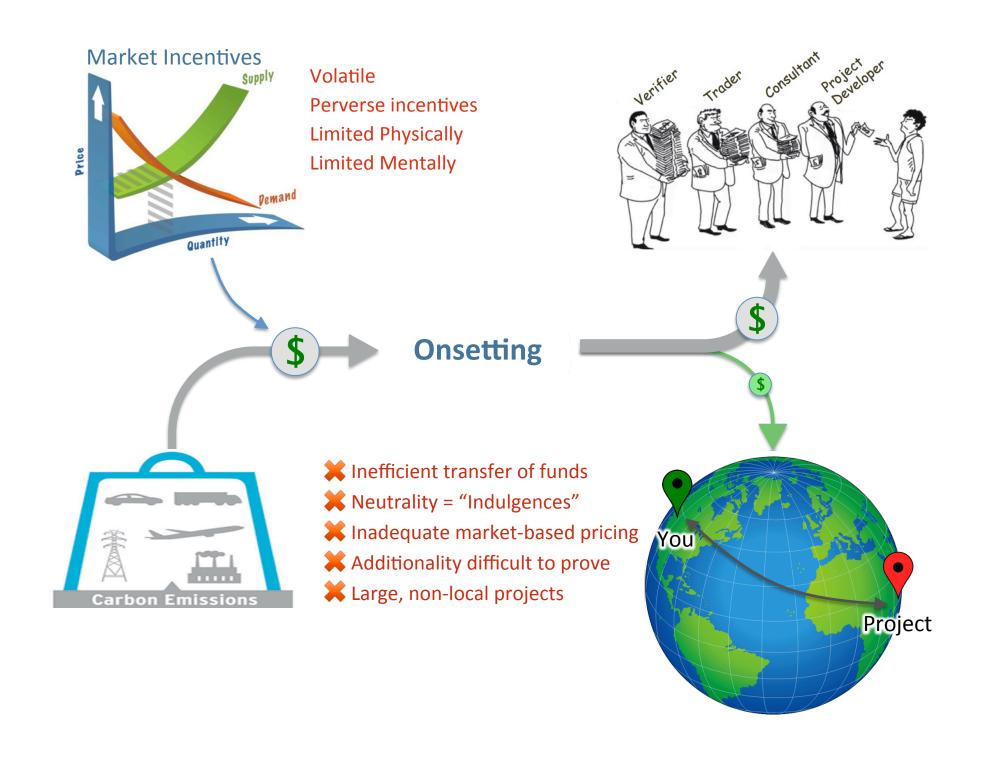


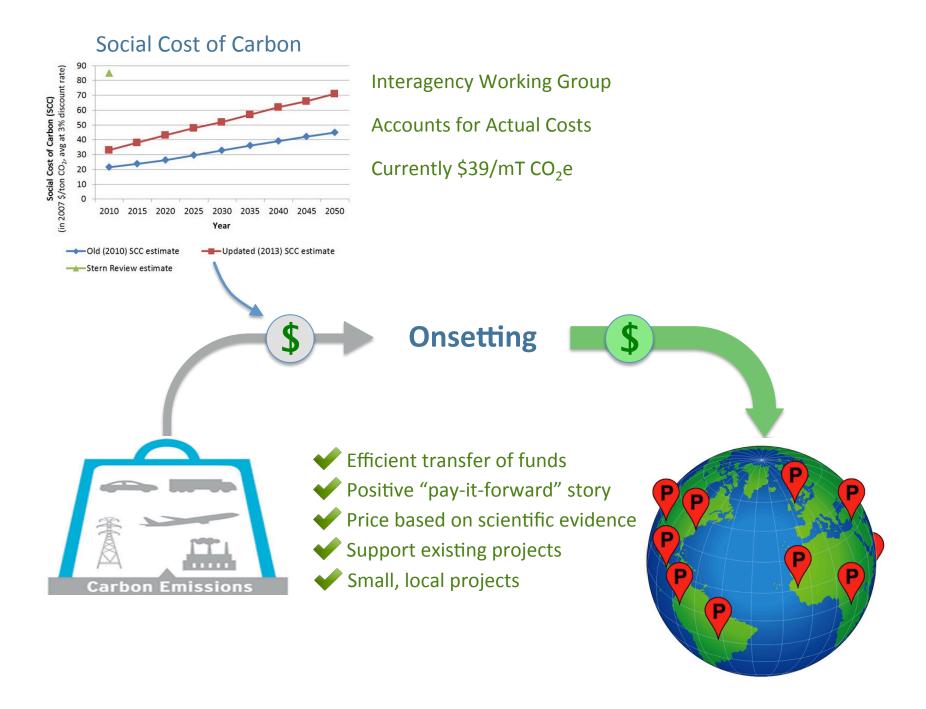




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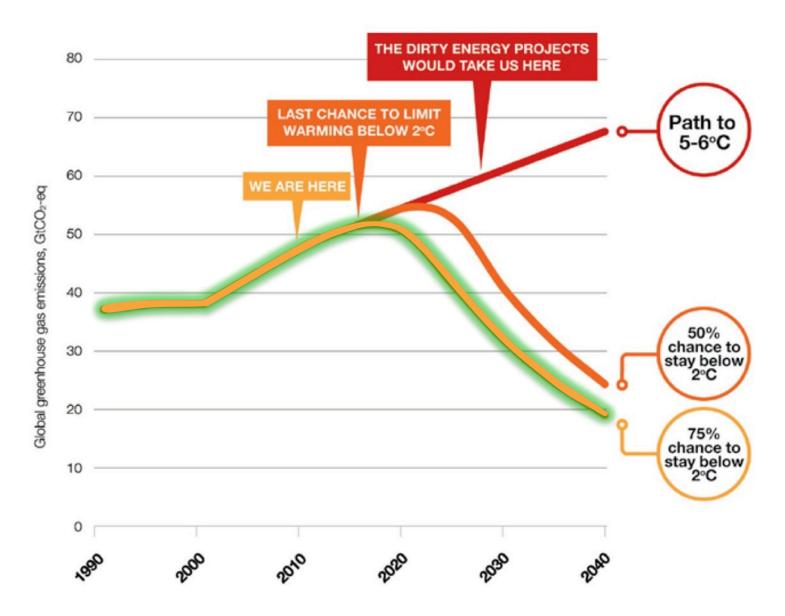




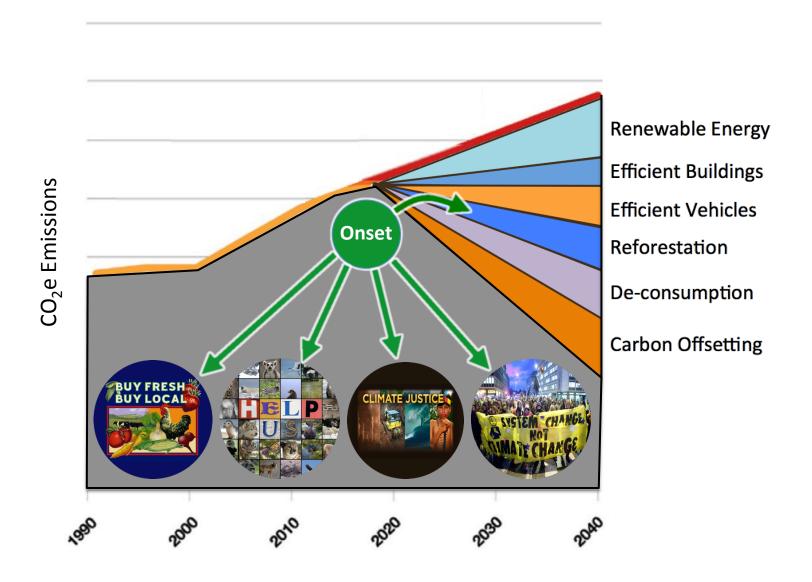


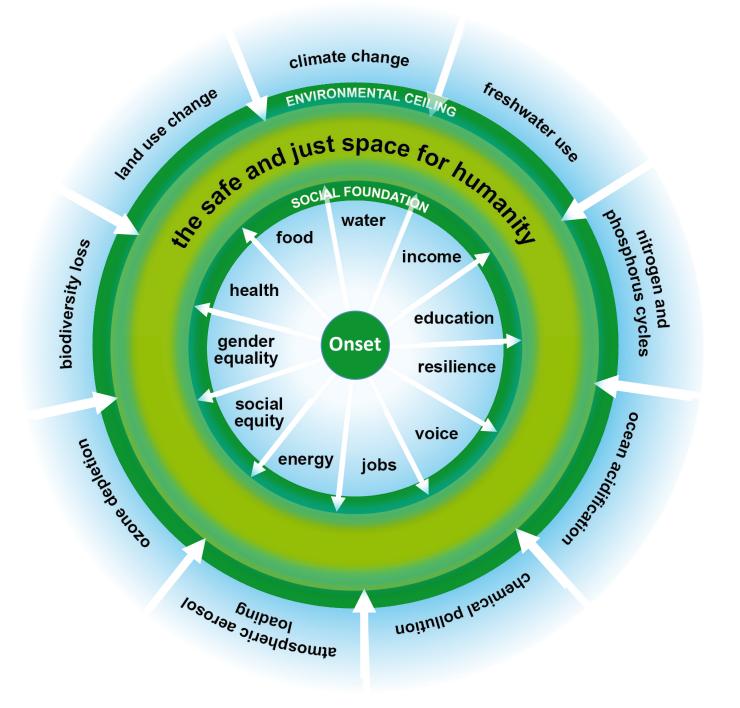


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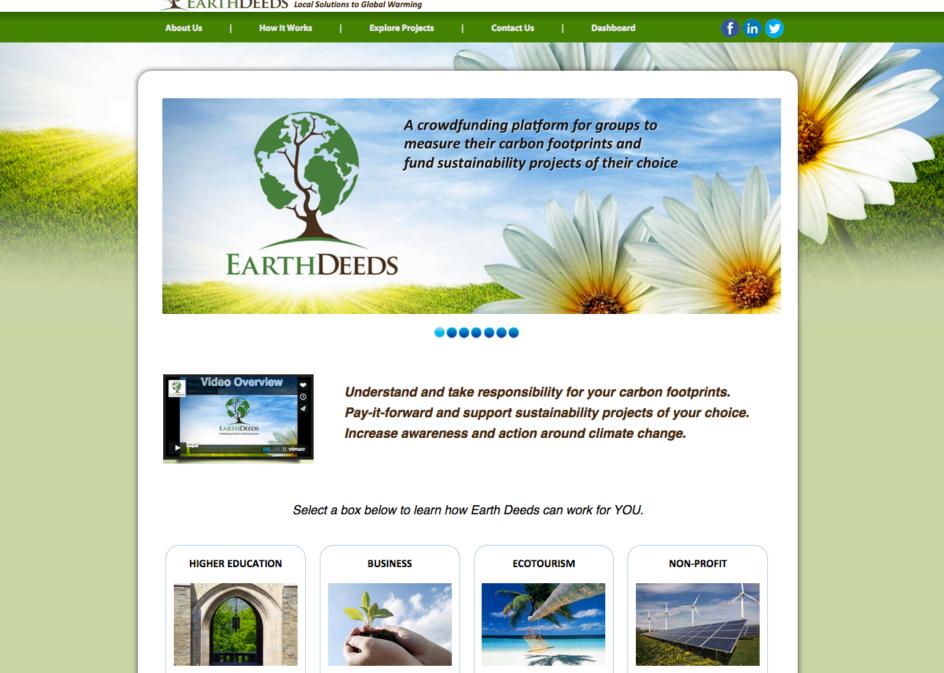
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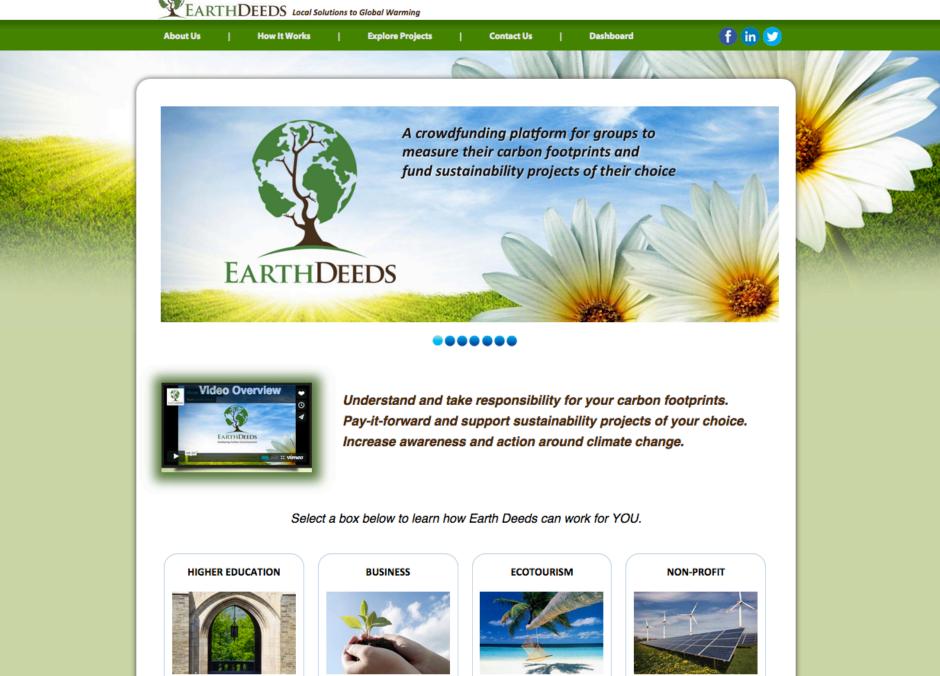
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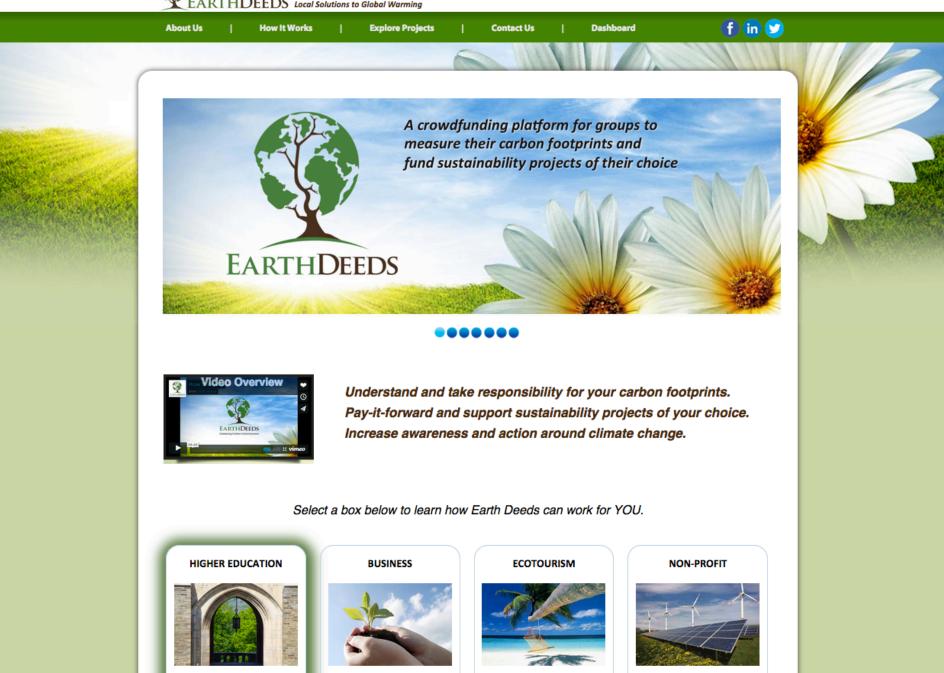
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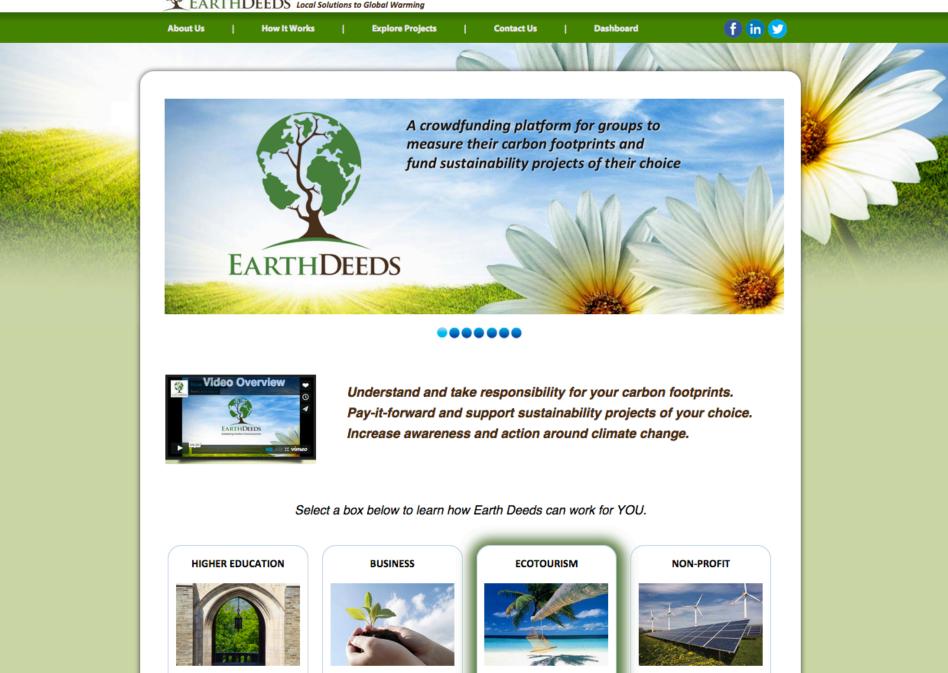
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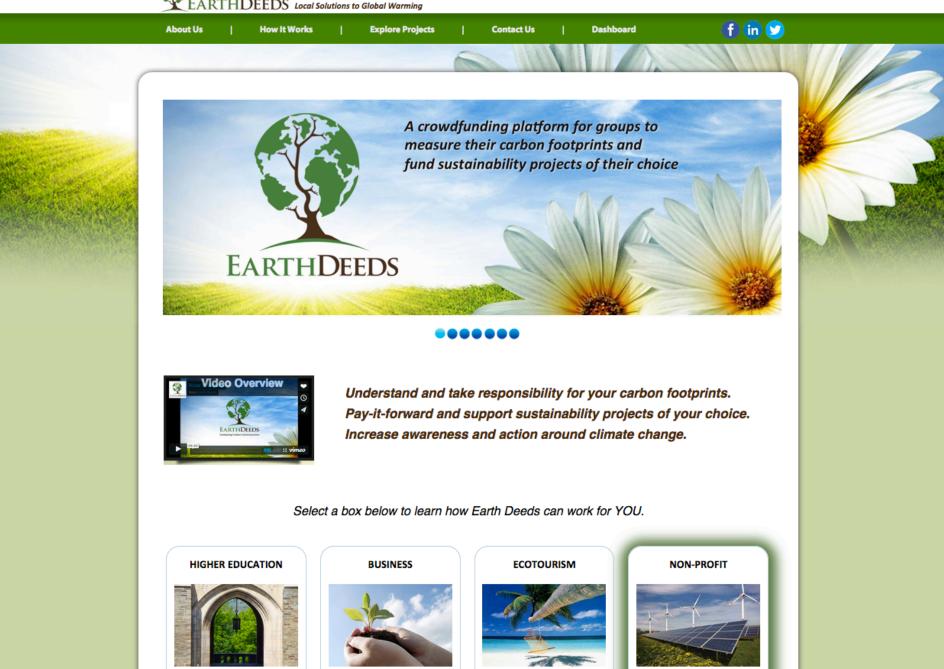
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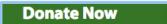
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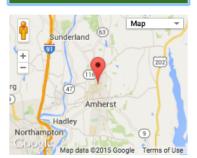






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Summary



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Grupo Fenix is a consortium of entities and people revolving around renewable energy and sustainable development in Nicaragua, formed in 1996. It consists of several small organizations, projects and individuals located in Managua, the rural north of Nicaragua and the United States. Members of Grupo Fenix include: PFAE (Alternative Energy Source Program), COOMUSOT (Cooperativa Multisectorial "Mujeres Solares de Totogalpa", SuniSolar and Skyheat. PFAE at the National Engineering University (UNI) in Managua serves as the legal base for and directs "Grupo Fenix".

Grupo Fenix's projects are developed through cooperation between community members, Nicaraguan engineers, universities, like-minded organizations, interested third party donors, and volunteers. Projects are created to gain and maintain self-sufficiency within communities, Grupo Fénix is not a charity in its classical sense, but rather an example of how communities can work with outside groups to shape and develop their own destiny.

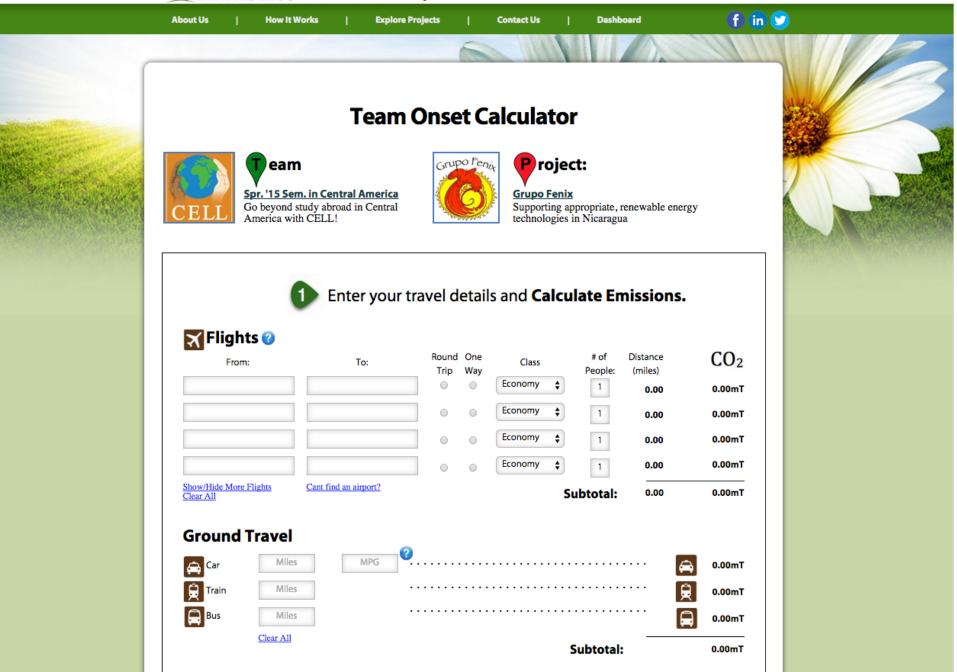
Mission

Contribute to the well-being of rural communities by offering alternatives to harmful environmental practices, creating an awareness of sustainable life-styles through technical and cultural exchange, promotion and investigation in the field of renewable energy technologies. The guiding principles



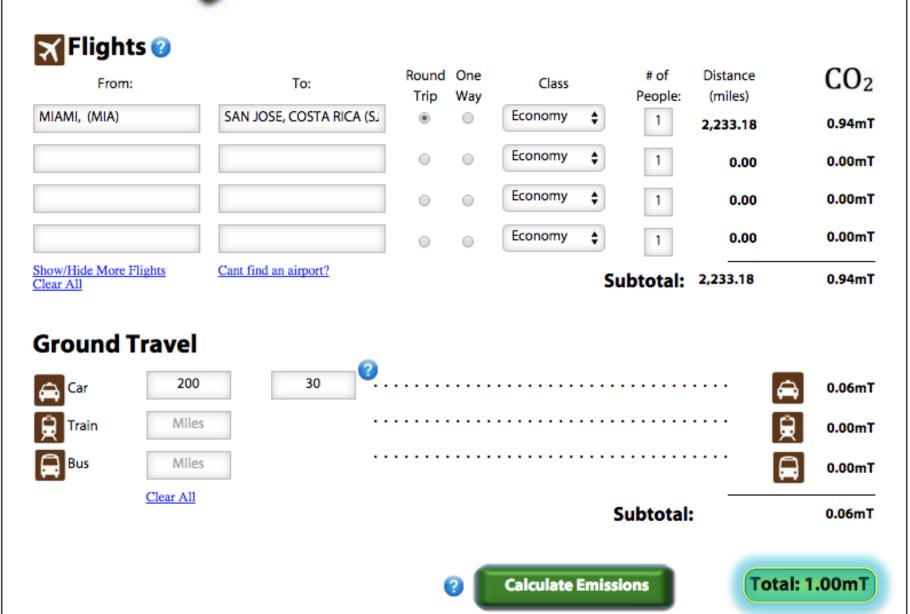
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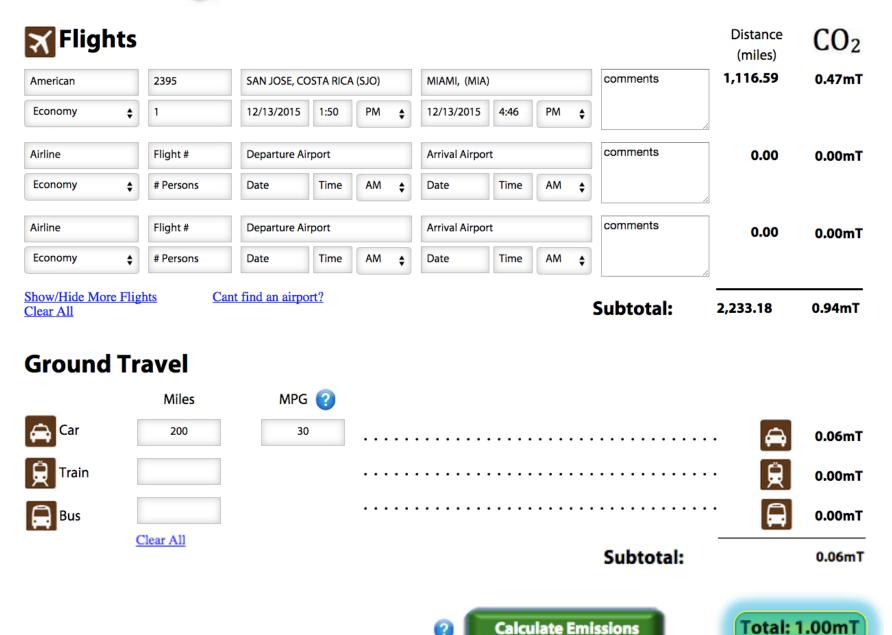


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the annual emission of someone in El Salvador



6% of the annual emission of someone in USA



25% of the annual emission of an average human



50% of the fair Earth share of your annual emissions



292 hours talking on a cellphone



100,000 plastic supermarket bags



83,333 paper supermarket bags



667 Sunday New York Times (recycled)



400 Cheesburgers



1,000 Veggie Burgers



1,111 imported bottles of beer



3,333 locally brewed cask ale



2,941 large lattes



11,111 hours watching TV (34-37" LCD)



2,222 toilet paper rolls(recycled)



250,000 emails



12,500 bananas



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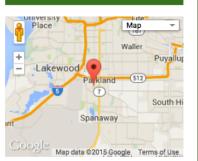




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GATEWAY SEMESTER PROGRAMS



Chengdu, China

Open to all majors and language levels, students take courses at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China. At SCU, in addition to classes in Mandarin and Chinese culture, students take assorted courses that are taught in English.



Oslo, Norway

Explore Peace and Conflict Studies and Norway's successful implementation globally with respect to aid



Oaxaca, Mexico

This program explores the intersection of development, culture, and social change through the lens of the dynamic and evolving context of contemporary Mexico. Internship option; courses taught in Spanish.



Caribbean - Trinidad & Tobago

This program provides students a unique opportunity to explore the islands and the varied heritage of this multicultural society. Open to all majors; courses taught in English.



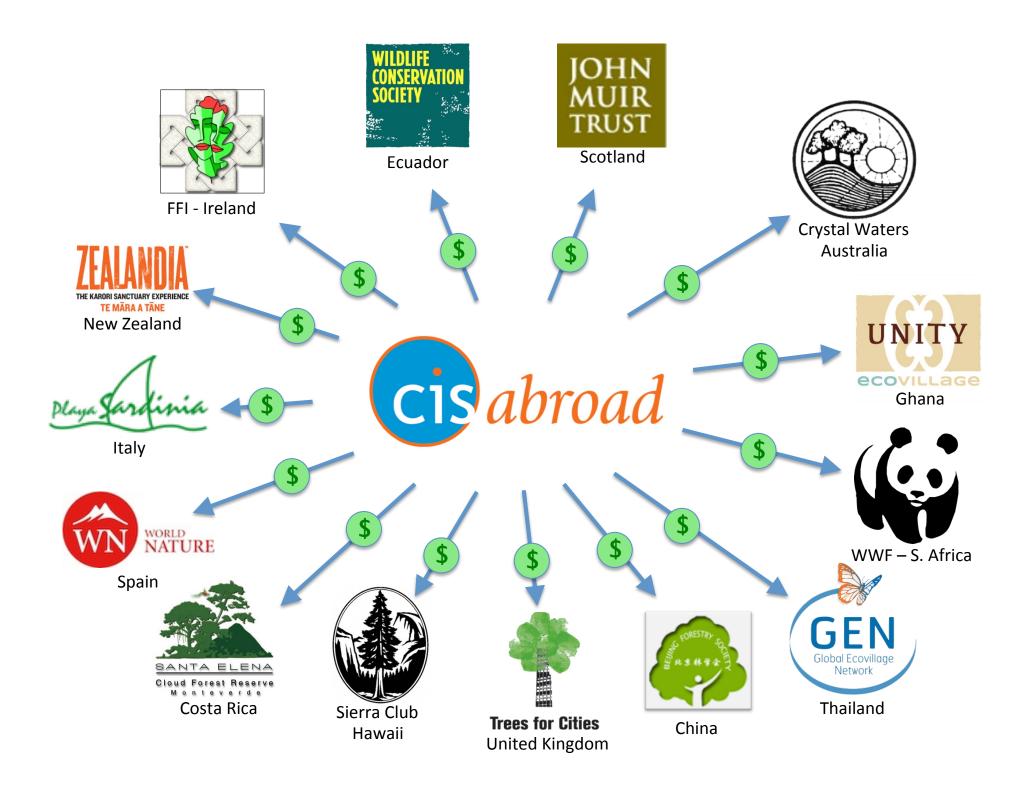
Telemark, Norway

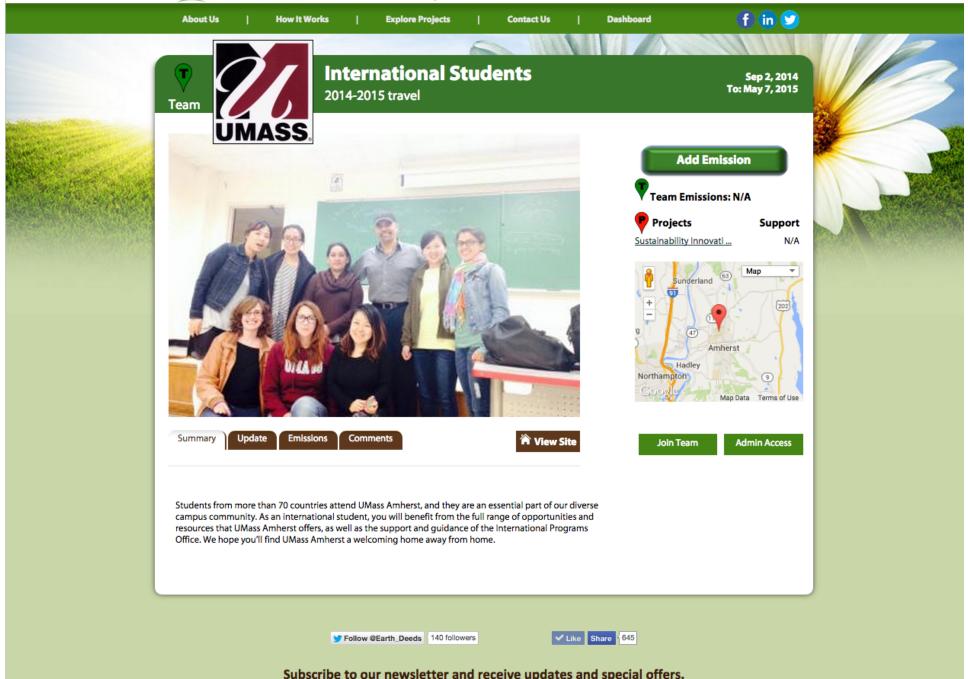
Open to all language levels, the Telemark University College program offers Scandinavian Studies,



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PLU International Honors Program in Social Justice in Oxford, England. Throughout history, some





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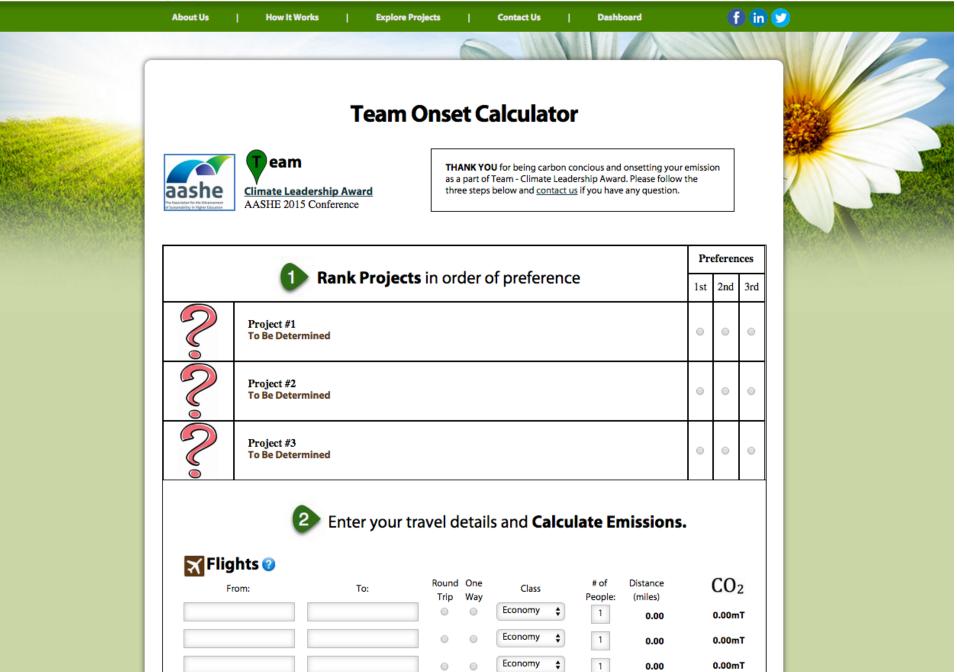
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The Sustainability Innovation & Engagement Fund was established in August 2013 to foster a strong culture of sustainability on the UMass campus by incentivizing students, faculty, and staff involvement. This particular fund is available to any international student propose and carry out a sustainability project.

Projects completed or in process during the Summer of 2014 include:

- 1. Sustainable showerheads
- 2. Minute Riders bicycle pick-up of compost
- 3. New2U Reuse Collection and Tag Sale
- 4. Random Acts of Sustainability
- 5. Pollinator Hotels
- 6. Paperless Campus Recreation







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PROPOSAL:

- 1) Drop neutrality requirement
- 2) Price carbon based on the SCC



BENEFITS:

- 1) Support Campus/Community Projects
- 2) Increase Efficiency
- 3) Offer Pedagogical Value
- 4) Avoid Controversies
- 5) Access New Funding Sources
- 6) Eliminate Excuses for Inaction
- 7) Have a Positive Story



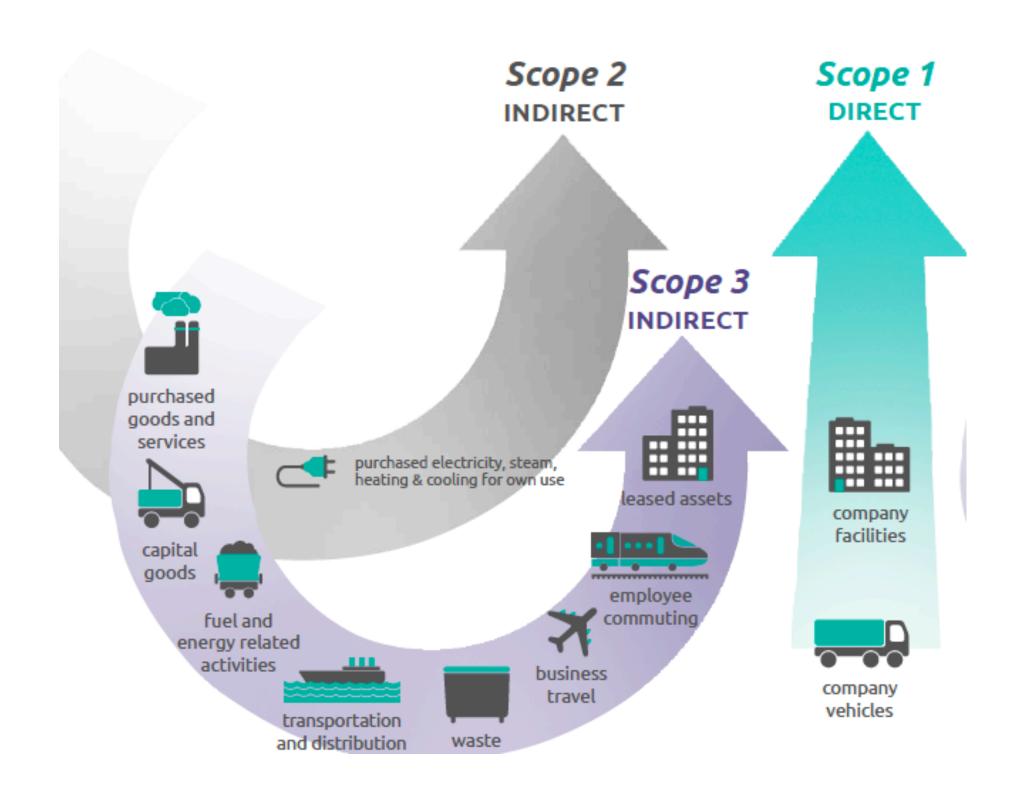




Achieving NetPositive Sustainability by Creating Handprints Bigger than your Footprints

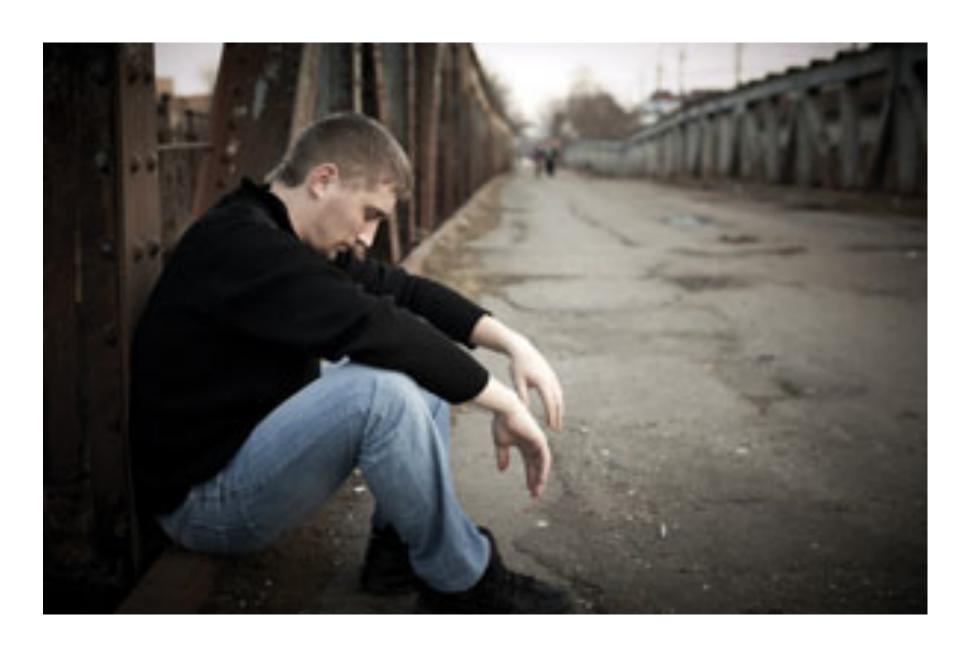
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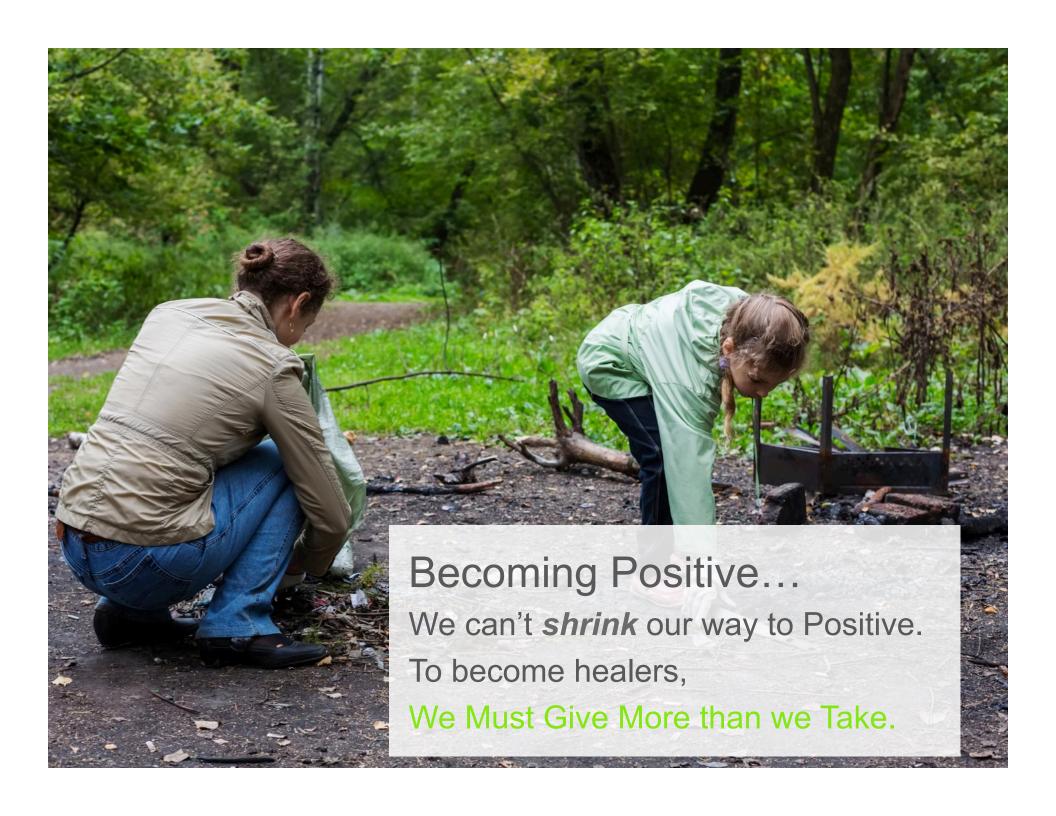






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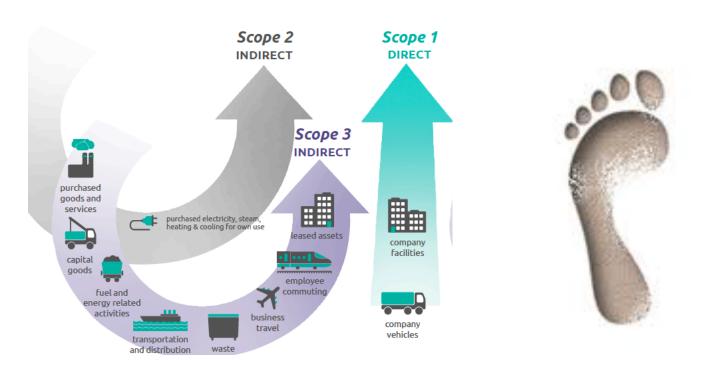


What do you Take?

Person: What is required to sustain you.

Organization: What is required to enable you to offer what you offer to the world.

Product: What is required to offer it to the world.

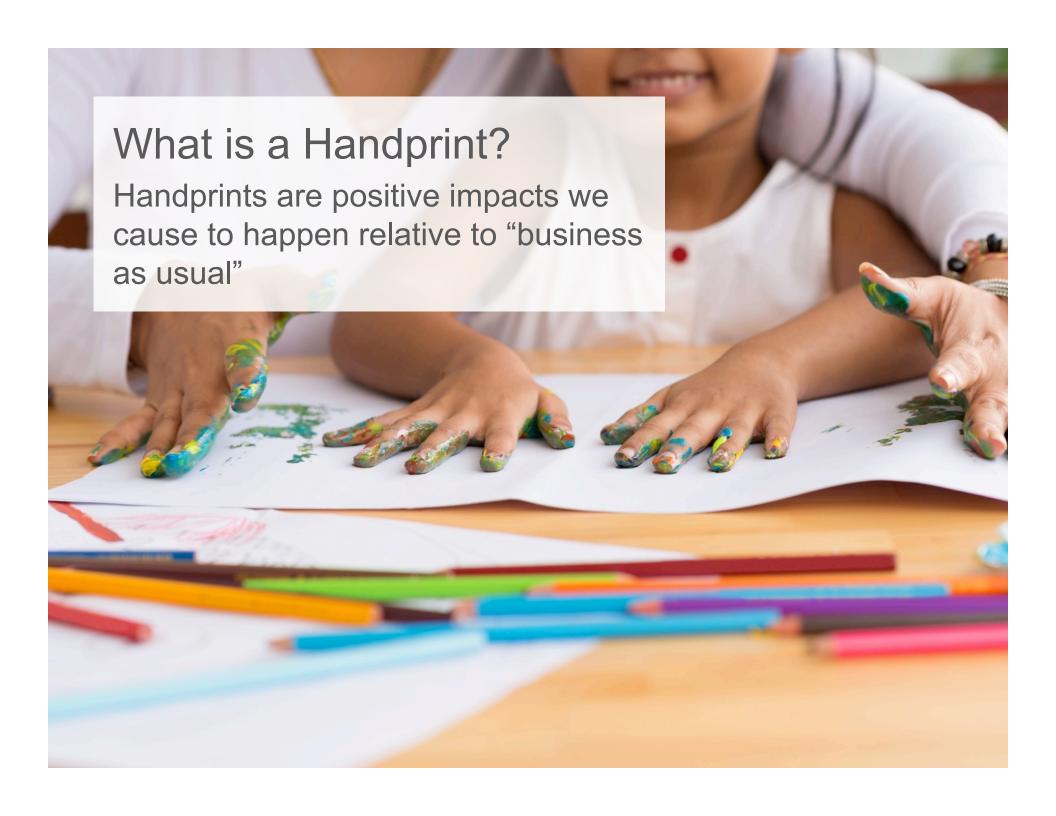


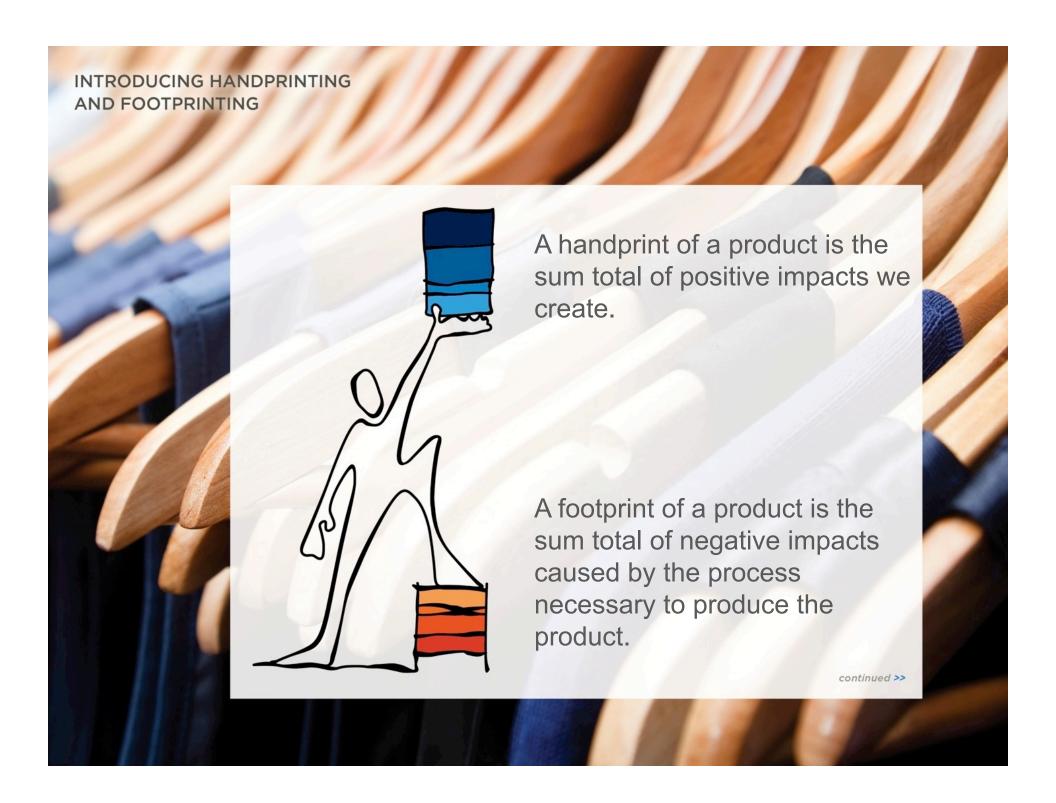
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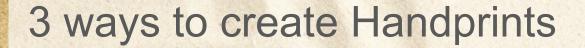
We've Got To Learn To Give.





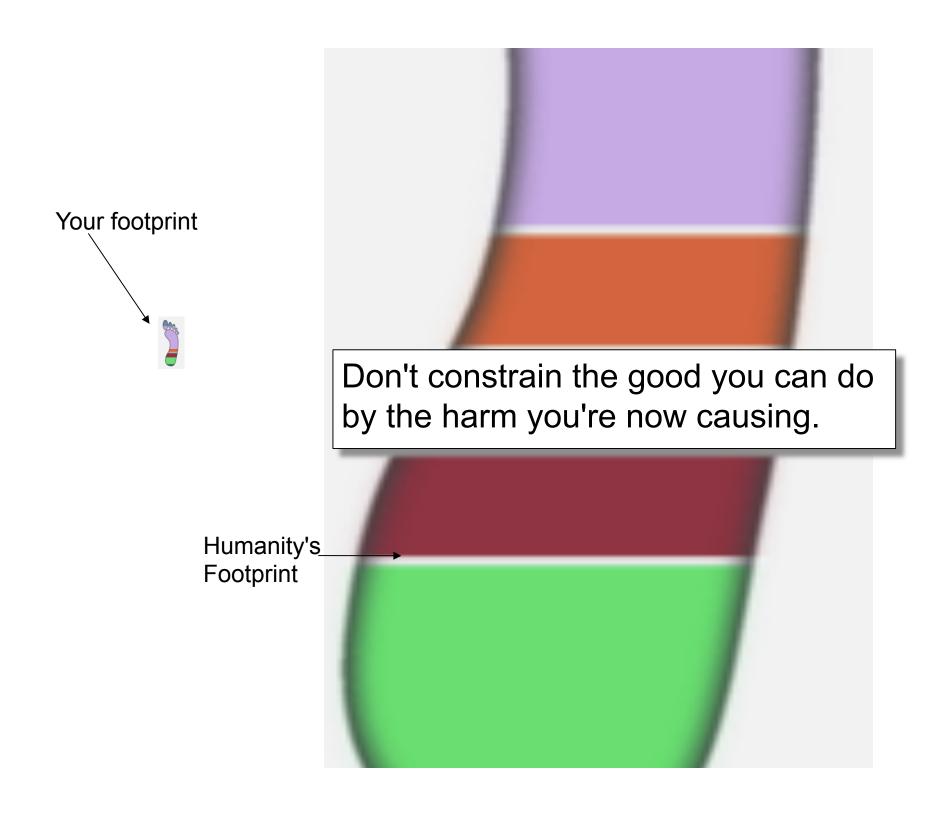






Step 1: Reduce your own footprint:

- * Reformulate/redesign your good or service
- * Switch suppliers, or promote innovation in your supply chain
- * Green your own production operations

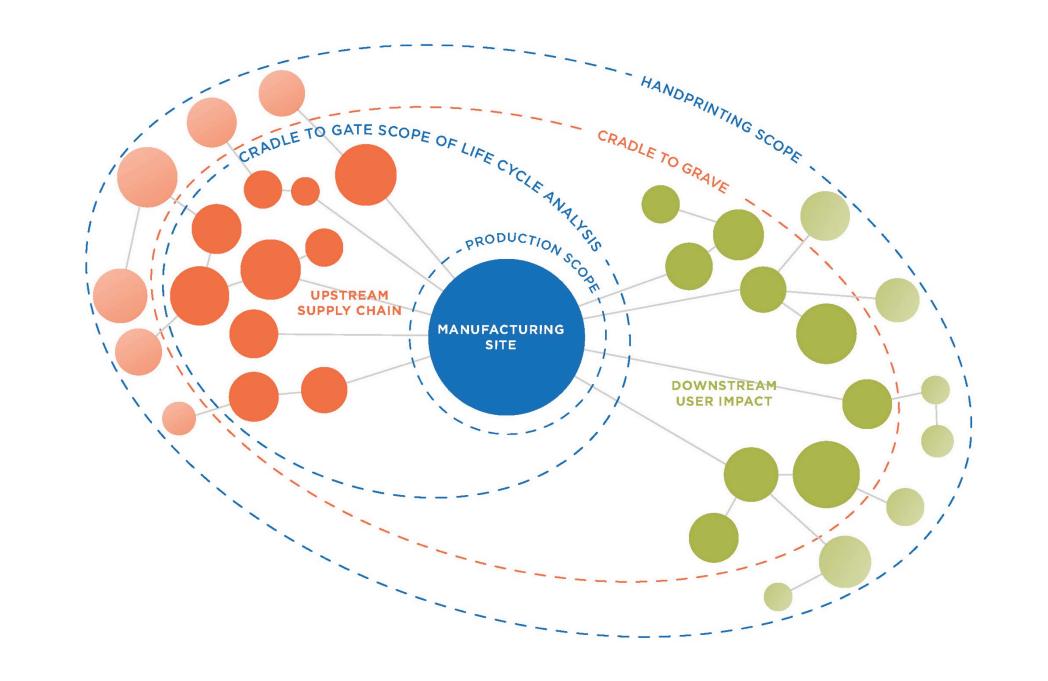


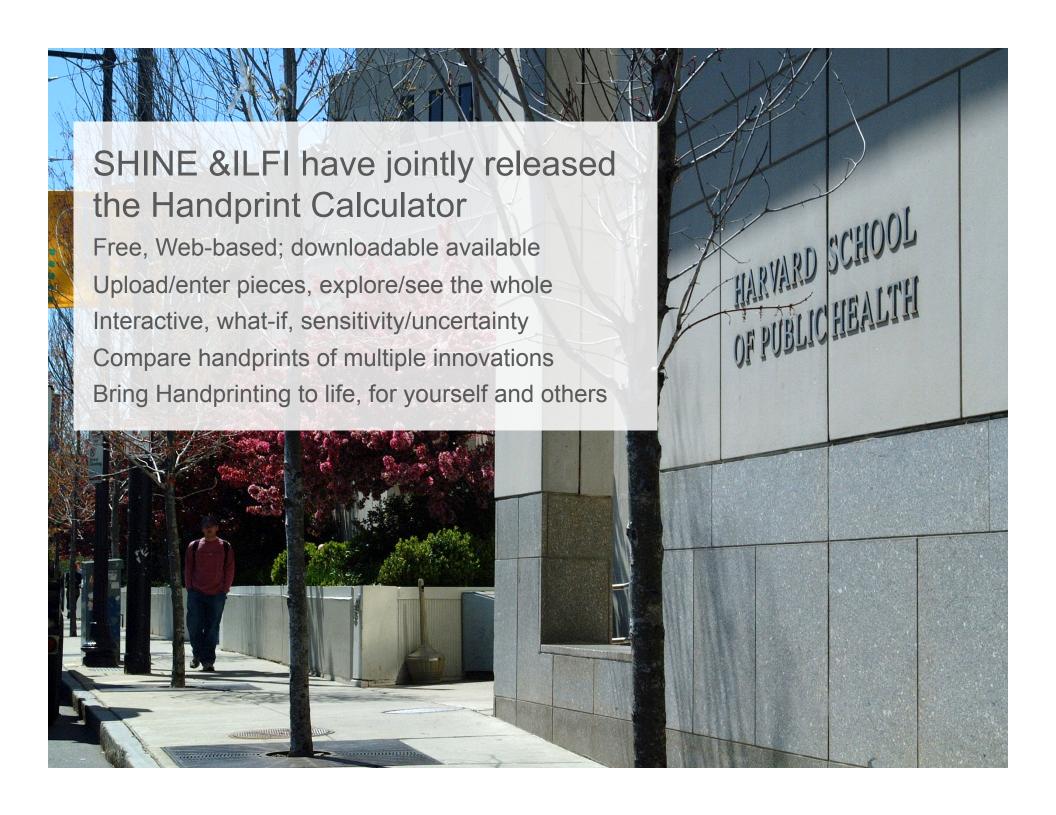


- * Make your product more efficient for others to use
- * Engage/inform/inspire users to use more wisely
- * Share innovations or research
- * Grow demand for NetPositive goods and services



- * Plant a tree
- * Protect or restore habitat or other ecosystems
- * Promote healing, health, and human development





Handprint Calculator

The Handpint Calculator will appear below. Model may take a few moments to load; please be patient.

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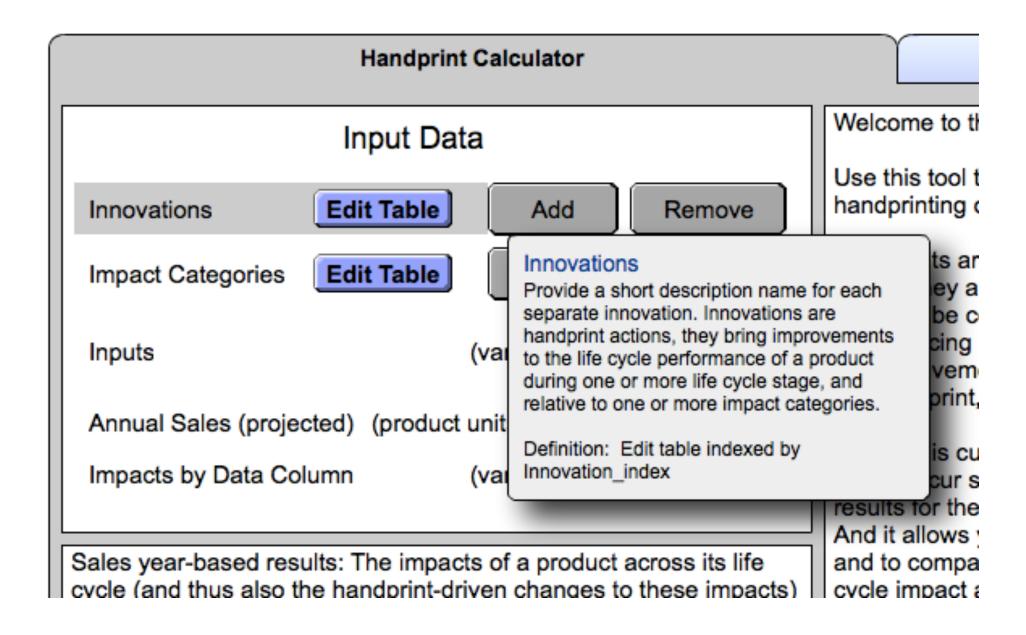


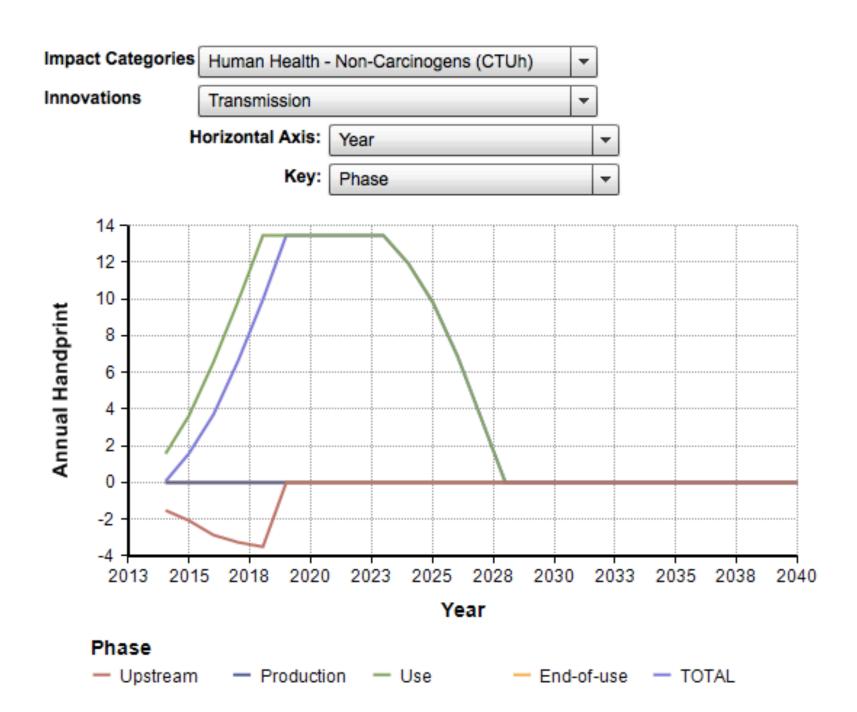


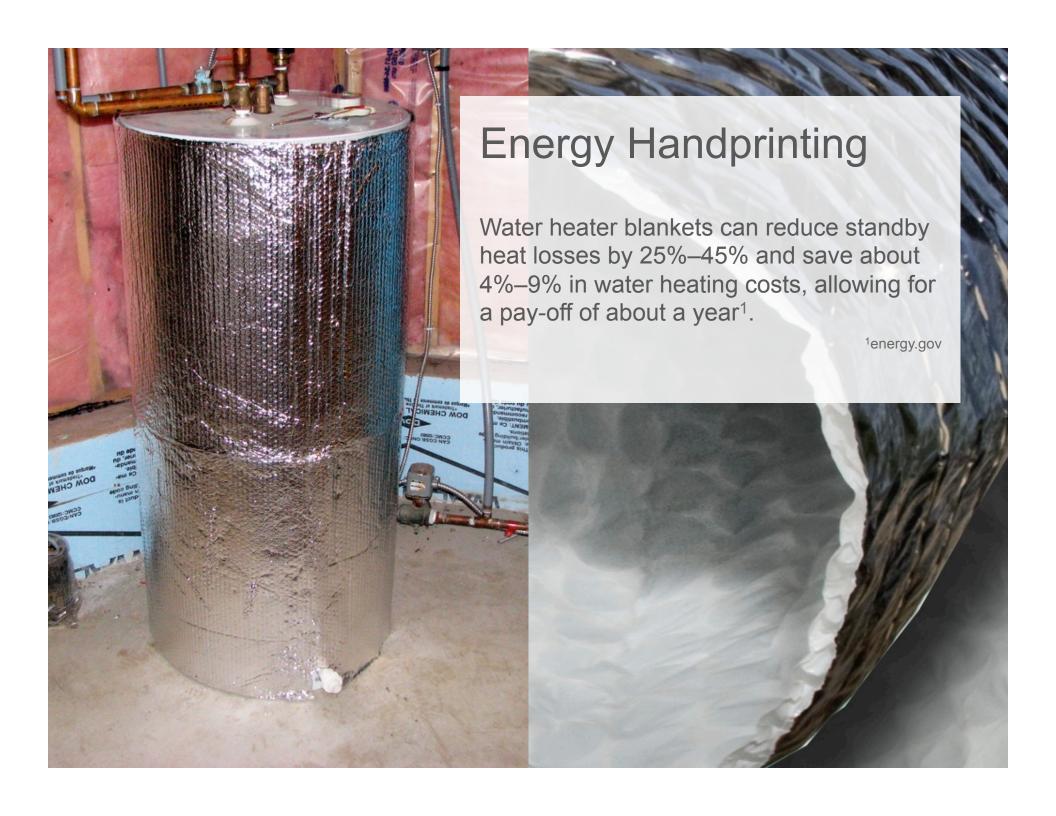
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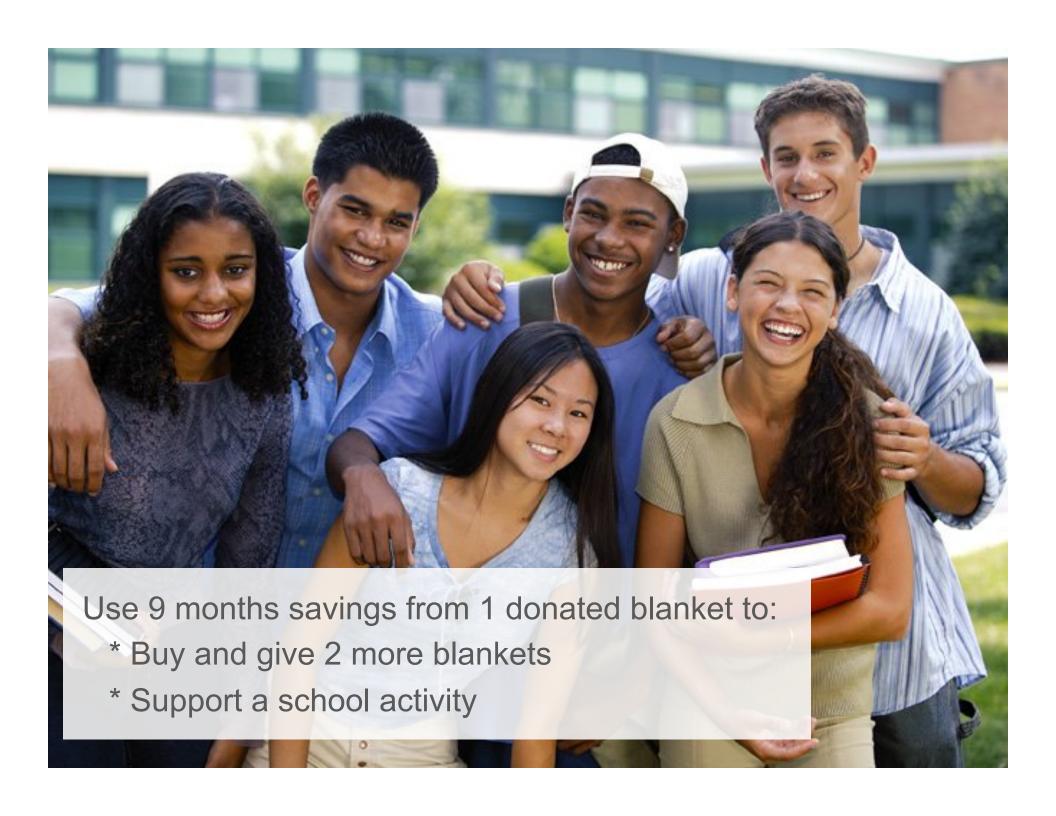
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- Your footprint remains in the limelight.
- And shares it with your handprint.



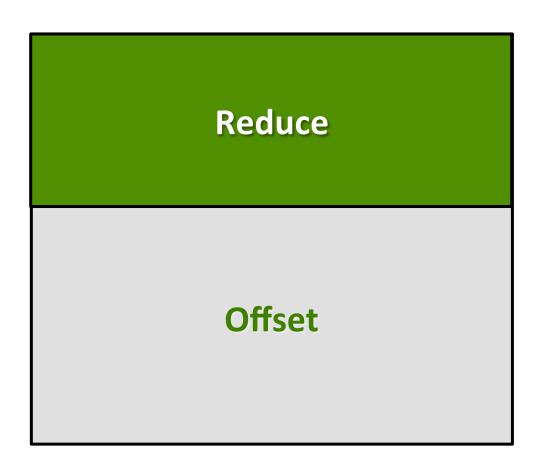
Handprints are About Change

- You create a handprint when you cause a change to business as usual (BAU).
- For a business, basic BAU = responding to this year's demand with last year's product.

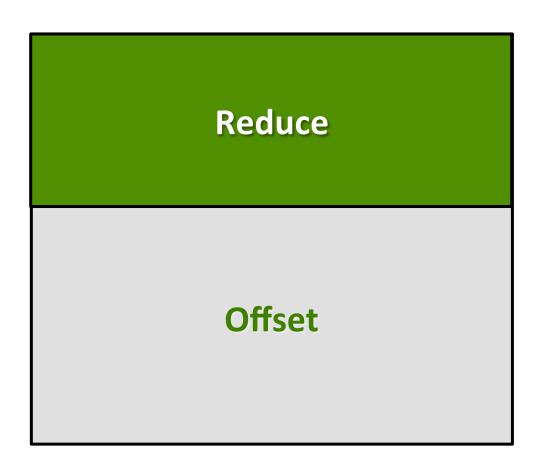




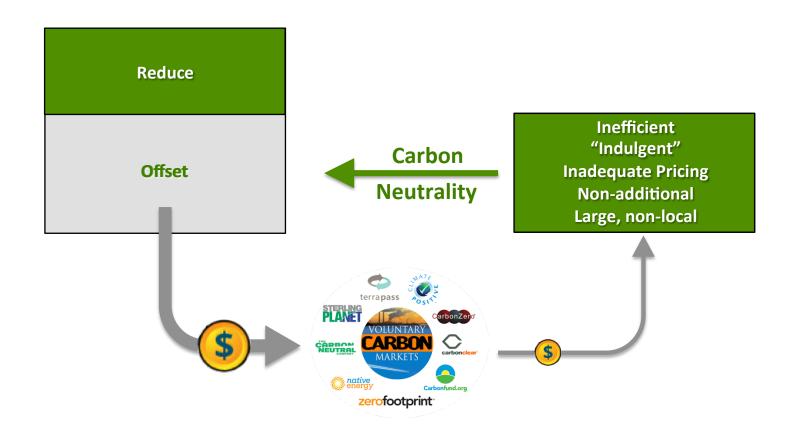
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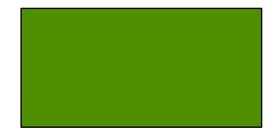


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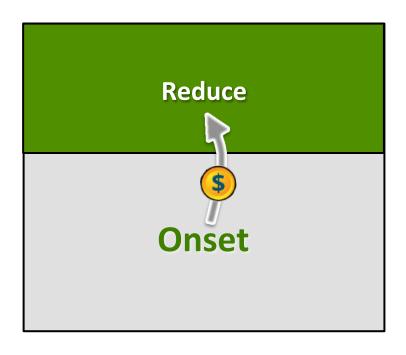


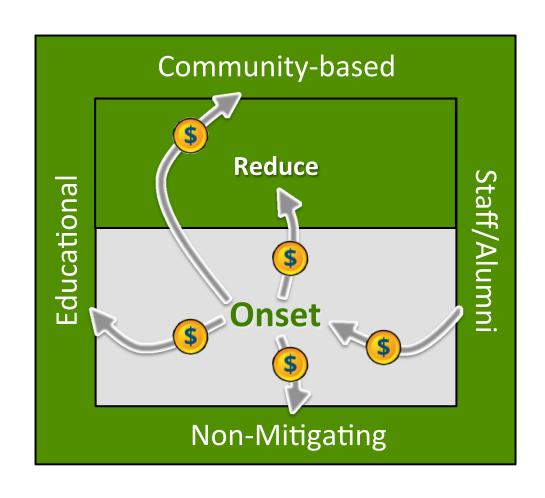
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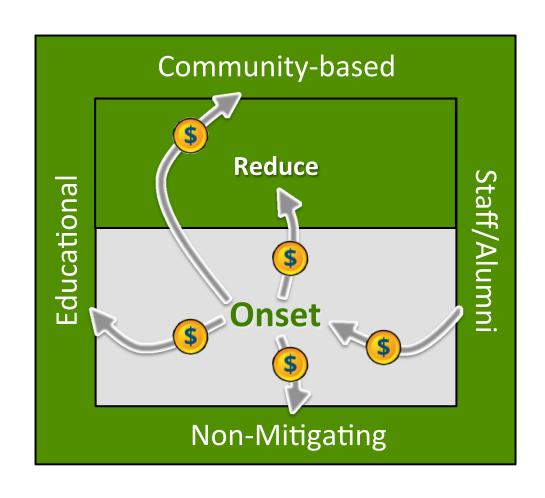
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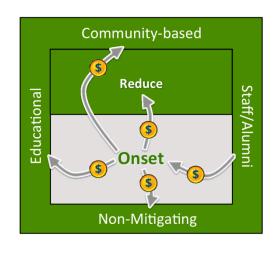












Offsets

handprints Community-based Reduce Staff/Alumni Non-Mitigating Offsets

Discussion

- Turn to your neighbors, discuss the concepts presented and any questions to bring back to the group.
- Think about onsetting/handprinting projects you might do on campus, and how it might influence your greenhouse gas reduction strategy.
- How can we work together to keep this conversation going?