



Small Steps and Big Leaps: Climate Action Mobilization on Salt Spring Island

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**What is Salt
Spring
Doing
On Climate
Change?**

The Salt Spring Energy Strategy:

**A collaboration between
Earth Festival Society, Islands Trust
and Capital Regional District**

TIMELINE:

2002 - Baseline

2005 - Energy Strategy

2007 - Baseline Update

2008 - OCP Revisions

2009 - Baseline Update

TARGETS:

2012 - Hold energy and GHG emissions at 2002 levels

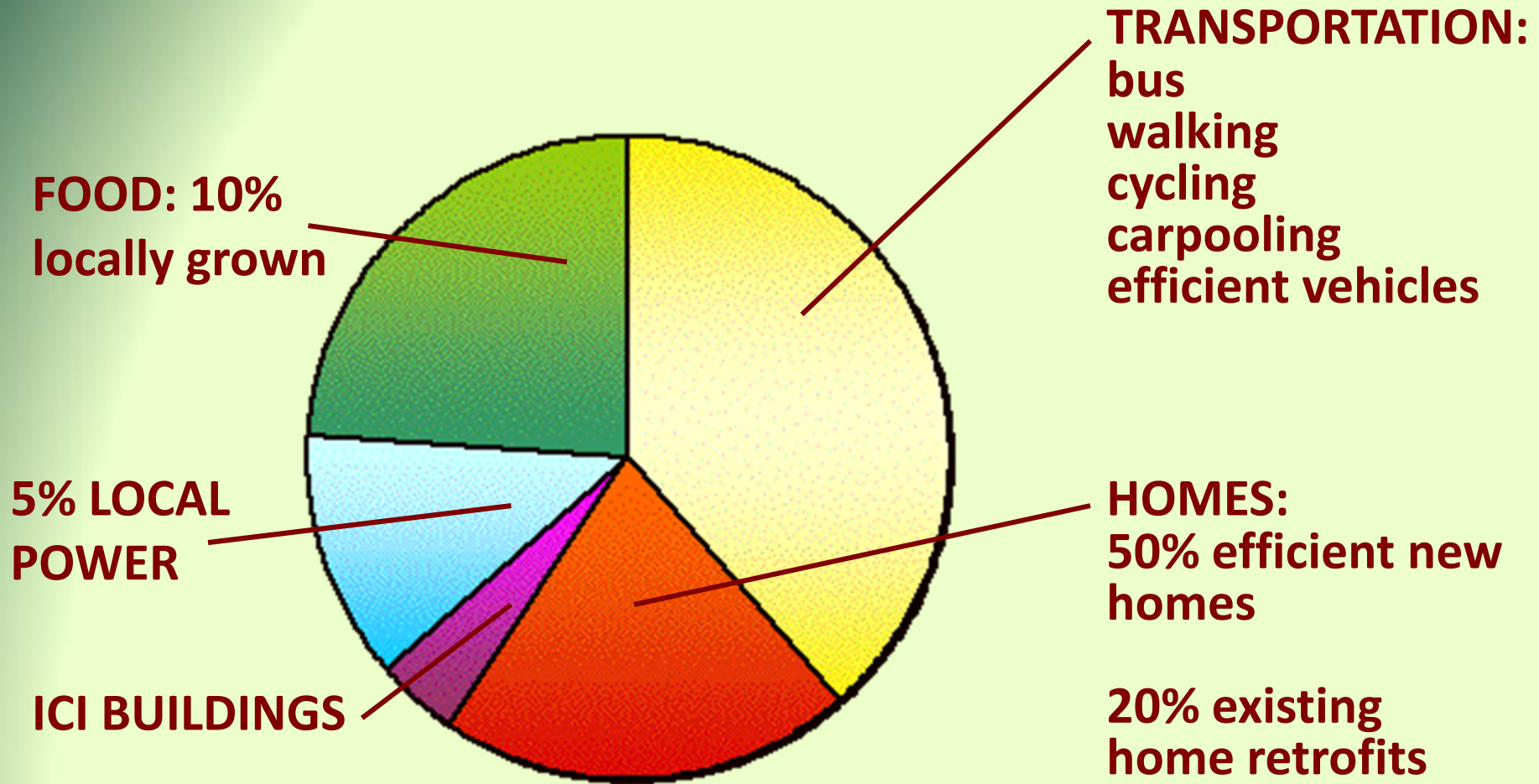
2015 - Reduce GHG emissions by at least 15% below 2007 levels

2020 - Reduce GHG emissions by at least 40% below 2007 levels

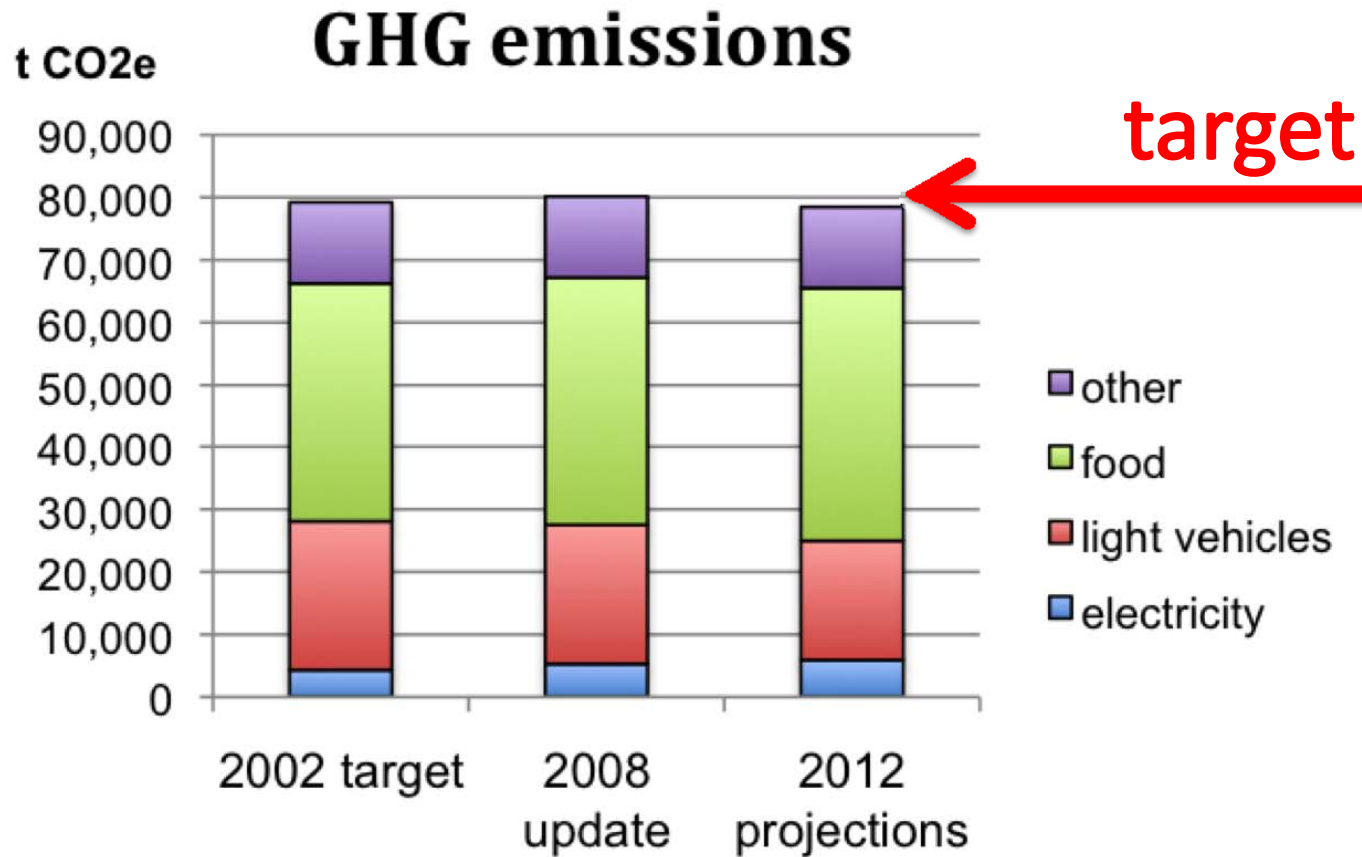
2050 - Reduce GHG emissions by at least 85% below 2007 levels

Community Energy Strategy

Actions to meet 2012 targets



How are we doing to meet early targets?



Successful Actions:

Islanders are driving less and are buying more fuel-efficient vehicles.



Plan to Farm

An Area Farm Plan
for Salt Spring Island
January, 2008



Bus ridership and revenues exceeded expectations
(and won BCTransit award for best small transit service)

Fruit and vegetable production increased 38% over 5 years

Action: Murakami Gardens

affordable housing project

Energy upgrades

- Exterior insulating sheathing
- Solar hot water system
- Heat pump for make-up supply for hallway ventilation

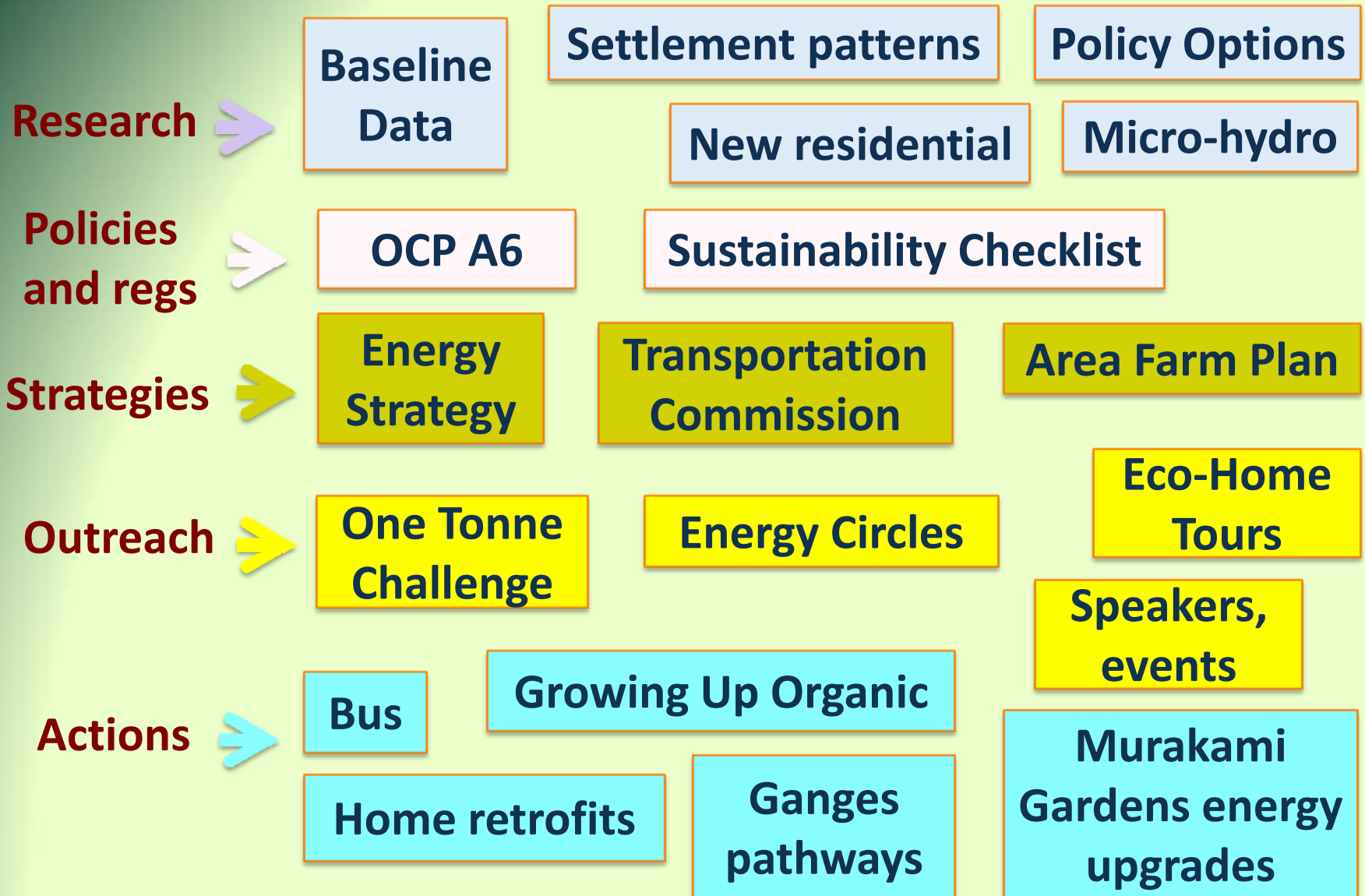


Collaboration is the key !

**“Never doubt
that a small group
of thoughtful, committed citizens
can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing
that ever has.”**

- Margaret Mead

Many Salt Spring Climate Initiatives





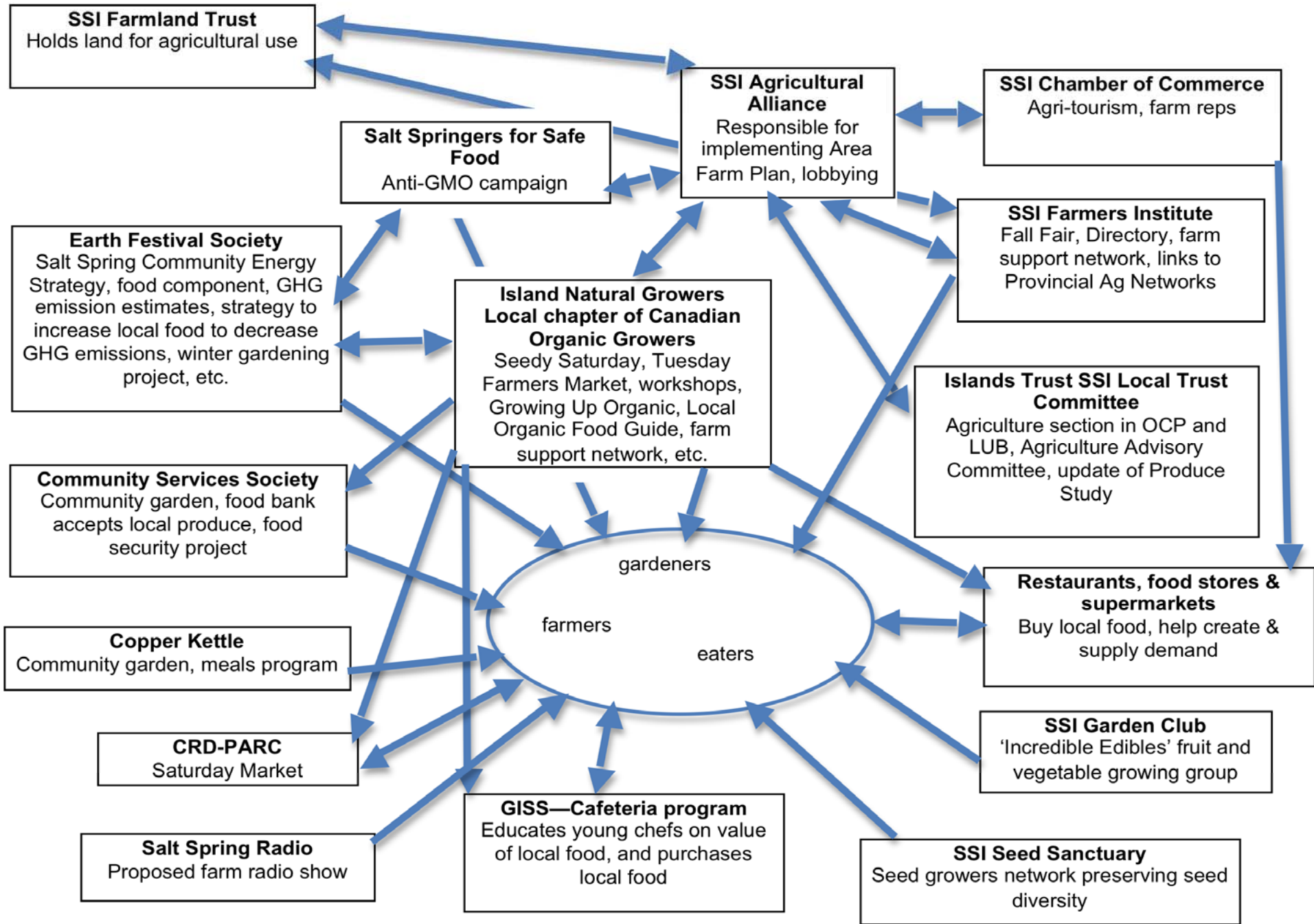
Transition Salt Spring

from oil dependency to local resilience



A network of community groups and individuals taking action to increase community resilience and decrease dependence on carbon-based fuels.

TRANSITIONS—SSI FOOD-GROWING SUPPORT NETWORK



Salt Spring Climate Action Council



- Islands Trust
- Capital Regional District
- SSI Transportation Commission
- SSI Water Council
- Earth Festival Society
- Transition Salt Spring
- Island Pathways
- Institute for Sustainability Education and Action
- SSI Conservancy
- SSI Agricultural Alliance

Salt Spring Climate Action Plan





Where are we headed for the future?

Climate Action Plan 2010-2020

**Electric Vehicle
Conversion**

**Nut capital of Canada
(In more ways than one)**

**Composting
(Backyard and Central)**

**Transition Salt
Spring**
Great Unleashing
10-10-10

Some useful tips we have learned

Local government is
a critical ally
for community groups

Welcome creativity
& individual strengths

Measuring success
is important
to keep on track

Have a BIG vision
that is simple to
understand
and constantly
communicated

Lack of money
never prevents
a good idea from
coming to fruition

Celebrate!
Food stimulates
more than the
appetite

Projects work
better than long
term action plans
BUT
keep them
manageable

Providing seed money
with clear criteria
can stimulate brilliance

If in doubt,
do both!

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