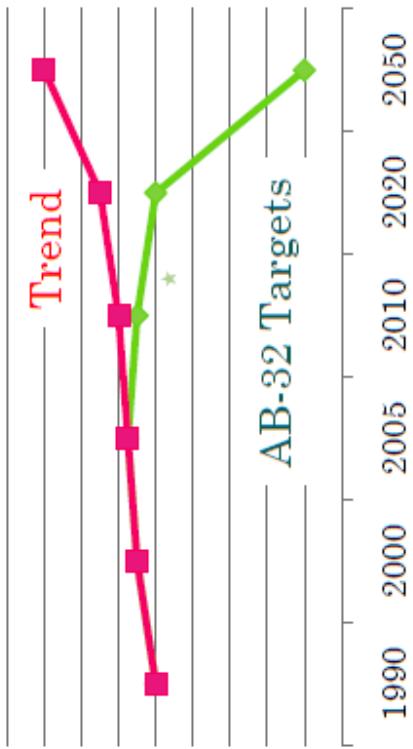


## Why Develop a Community Inventory of GHG Emissions?

- o AB-32, California's Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
  - *"Ensure rigorous and consistent accounting of emissions"*
- o Specific Targets defined in AB32 - reduce statewide GHG emissions to . . .
  - 2000 levels by 2010
  - 1990 levels by 2020
  - 80% below 1990 by 2050
- o Many cities are now engaged in GHG inventory activity
  - Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Woodside, San Carlos
  - South San Francisco, Daly City, Monte Sereno, Cupertino, Mountain View,
  - Redwood City, Brisbane, San Bruno, Saratoga, Hillsborough, Foster City,
  - Los Gatos, Half Moon Bay, Los Altos, Campbell, Milpitas, etc.



Source: Presentation by ICLEI and Los Altos Hills, LAH GHG Emissions Inventory

## How does Community GHG Inventory Data Help?

- o Provides a Baseline and Context



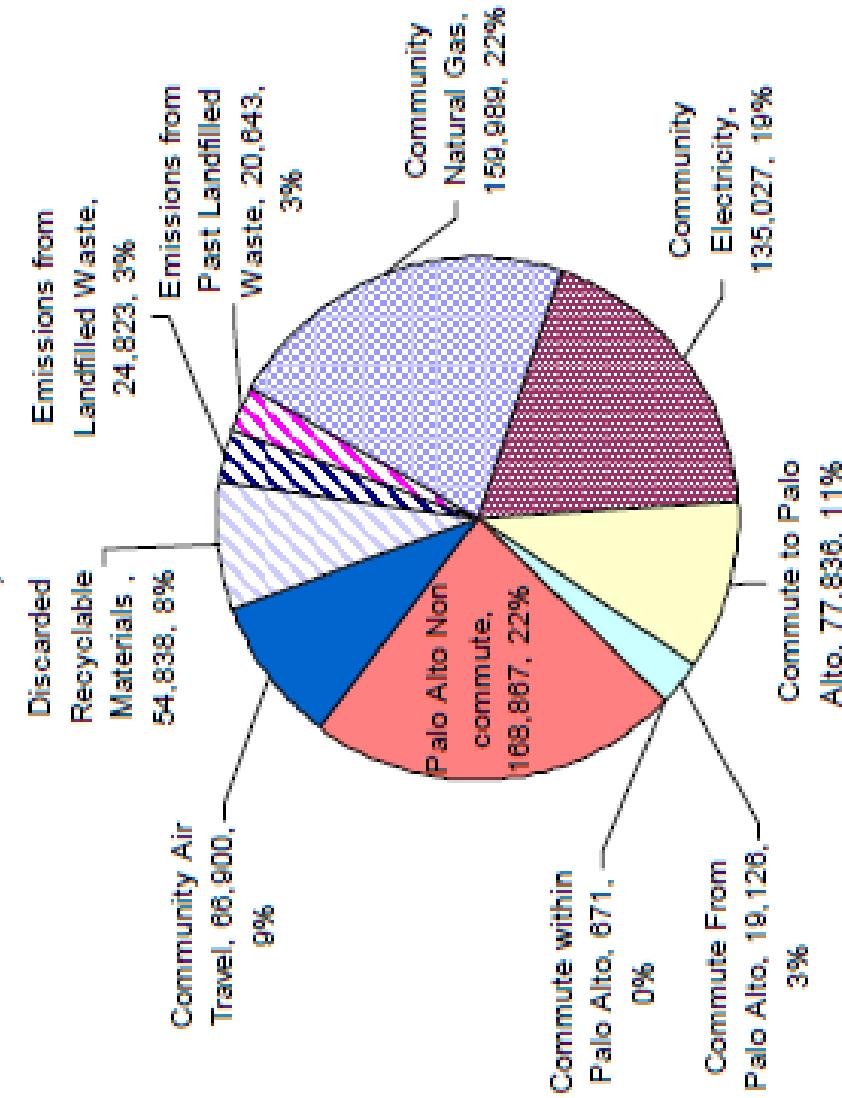
*it's like weighing yourself before starting a weight loss program – you can't improve what you can't measure . . .*

- o Finding the Low-hanging Fruit
- o Focusing Reduction Efforts on Biggest Impacts, Best Opportunities
- o Applying Scarce Resources Effectively

## Examples - Palo Alto Community GHG Inventory

**Figure 2.4. Community Emissions**

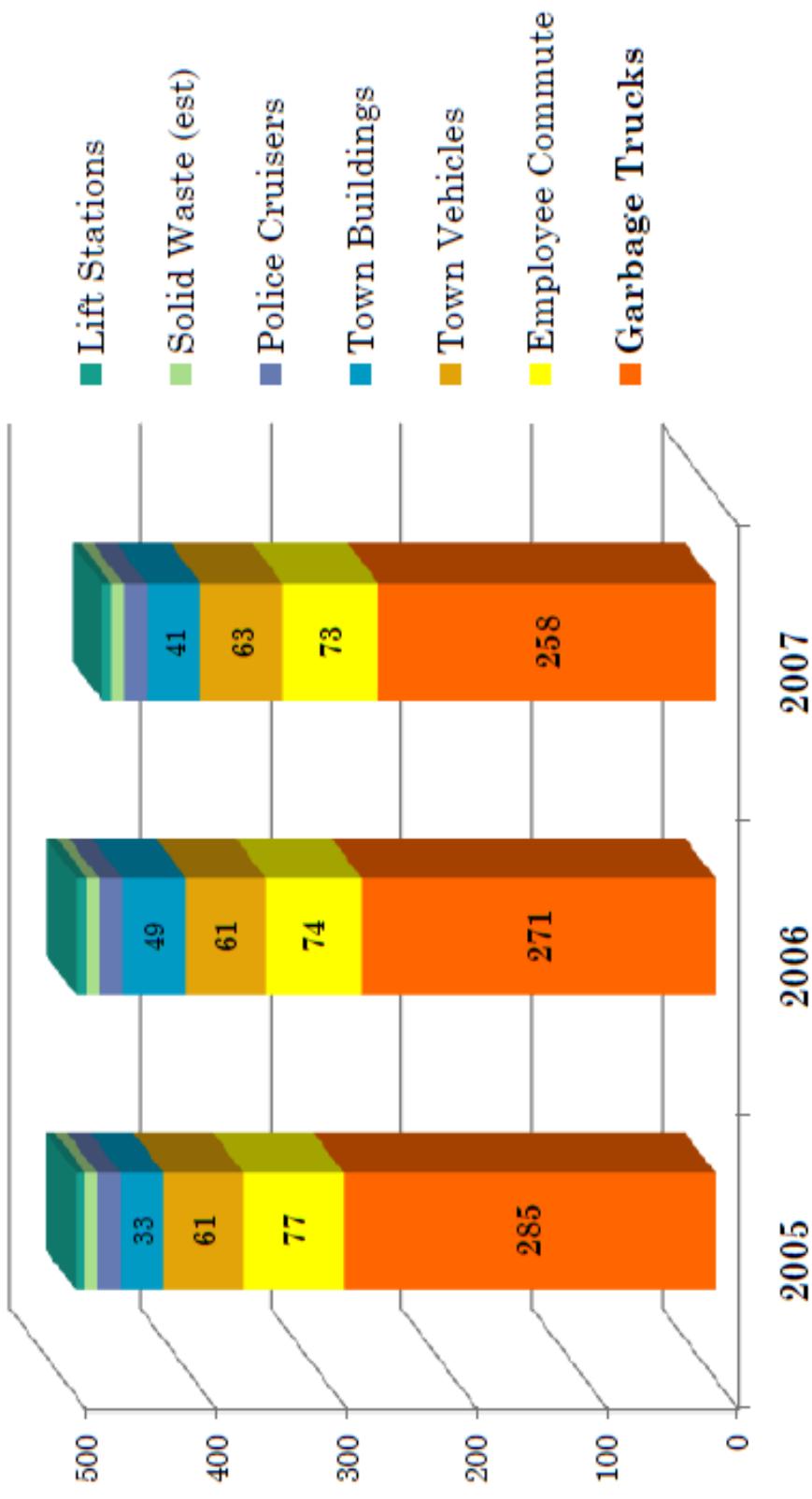
Total 728,720 mtCO<sub>2</sub>e



Source: Palo Alto Climate Protection Plan, approved December 2007; data represents 2005 baseline year emissions

## Examples - Los Altos Hills Municipal Inventory

**LAH Municipal CO<sub>2</sub>e Emissions (tons)**  
*Best Data as of September 2008*



Source: Presentation by ICLEI and Los Altos Hills, LAH GHG Emissions Inventory

## **Interim Findings and Next Steps**

- o Municipal inventory typically more detailed and time consuming than community inventory, despite smaller scope
- o Key data points for community inventory
  - Electricity and Gas use – available from PG&E
  - Solid Waste
  - Auto transportation
  - Air Travel
- o Different cities have put varying levels of effort into auto/air estimates; standard estimates exist based on population numbers
  - LAH used estimates
  - PA used data from survey results conducted by PA GRCC
- o Steve Schmidt of LAH estimates 40-80 hours of work to put together community inventory, with little/no time required of city staff
- o Next steps
  - confirm availability/capabilities of current ICLEI model, informal ICLEI assistance
  - develop recommendations on approach for community inventory