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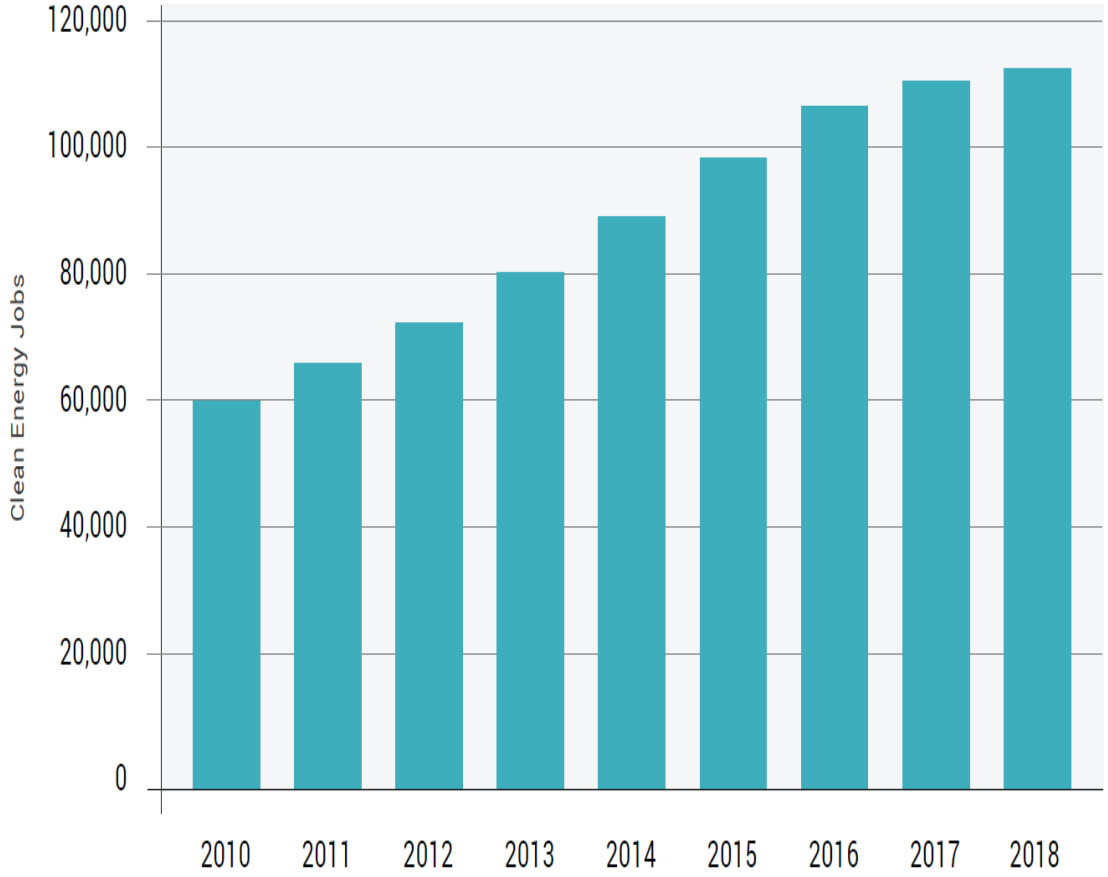
How Far Have We Come?

A Survey of Results

MA Clean Energy Sector Growth

FIGURE 5 | CLEAN ENERGY JOB GROWTH IN MASSACHUSETTS



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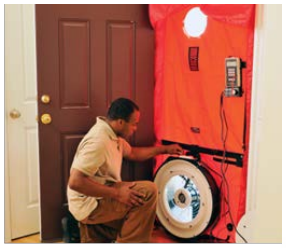

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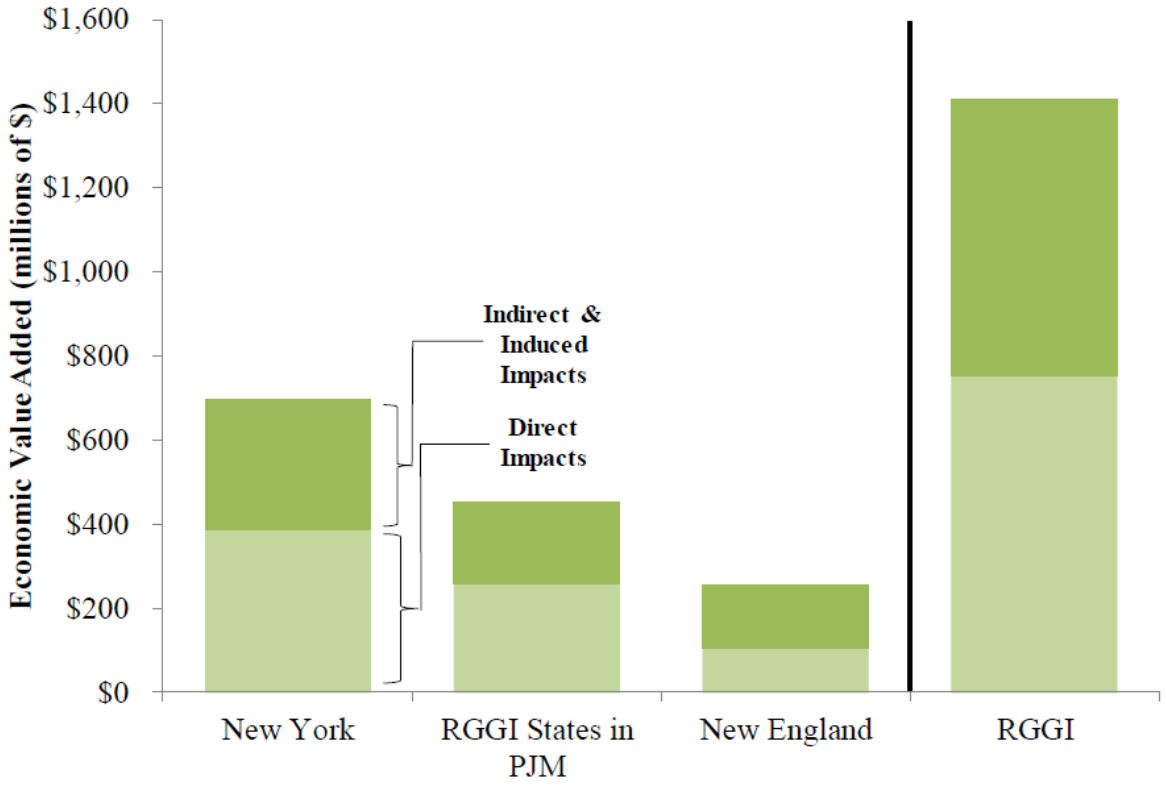
Figure ES-2
Net Economic Impact of the Implementation of RGGI During the 2015-2017 Period (NPV, 2018$)



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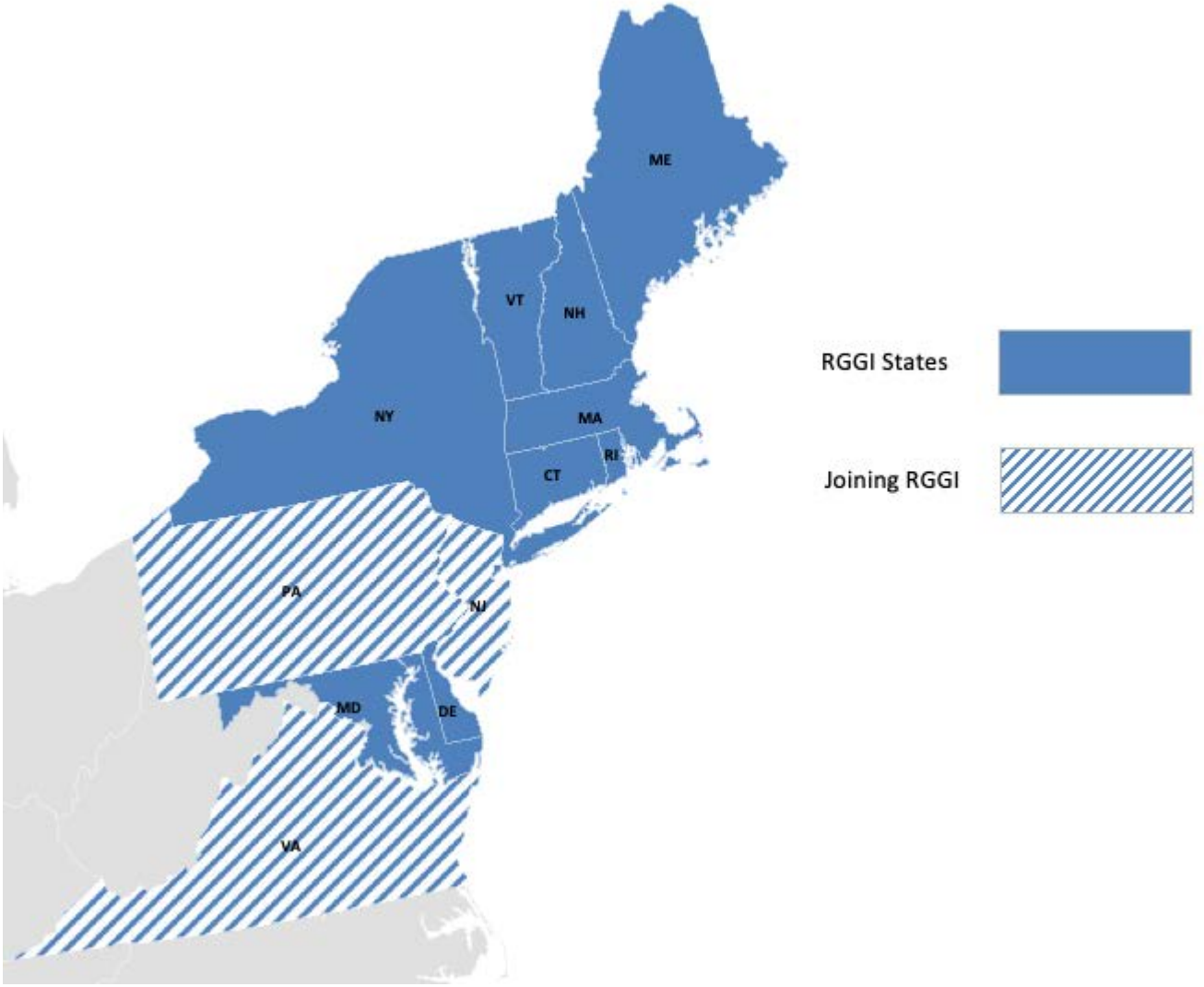
Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative



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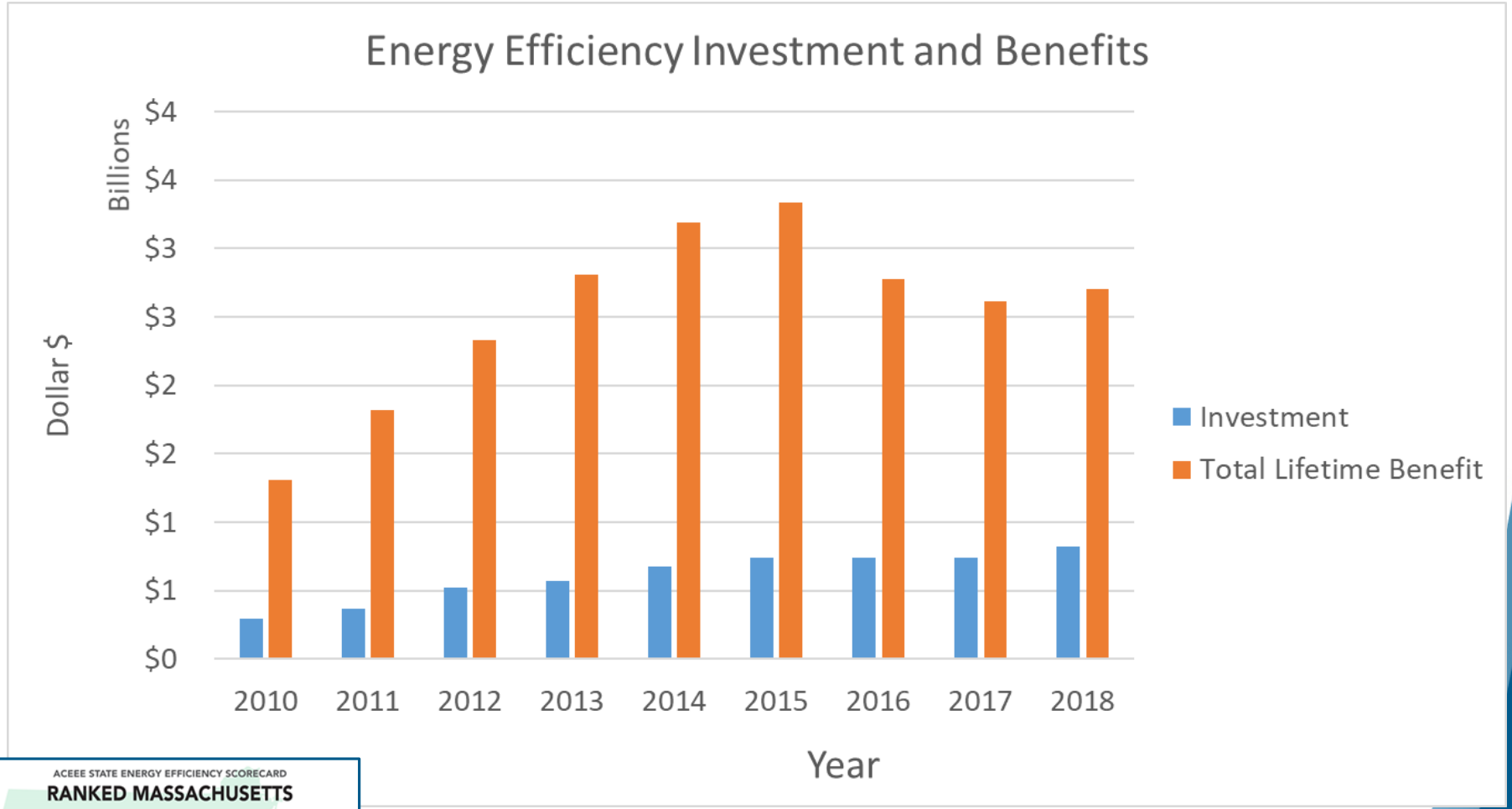
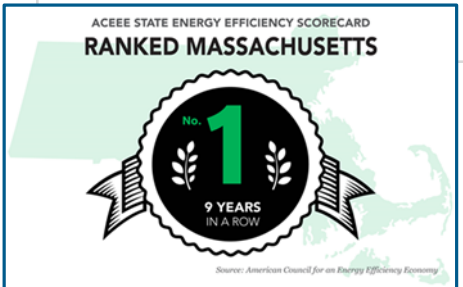
Energy Efficiency: Cheapest "Source" of Energy





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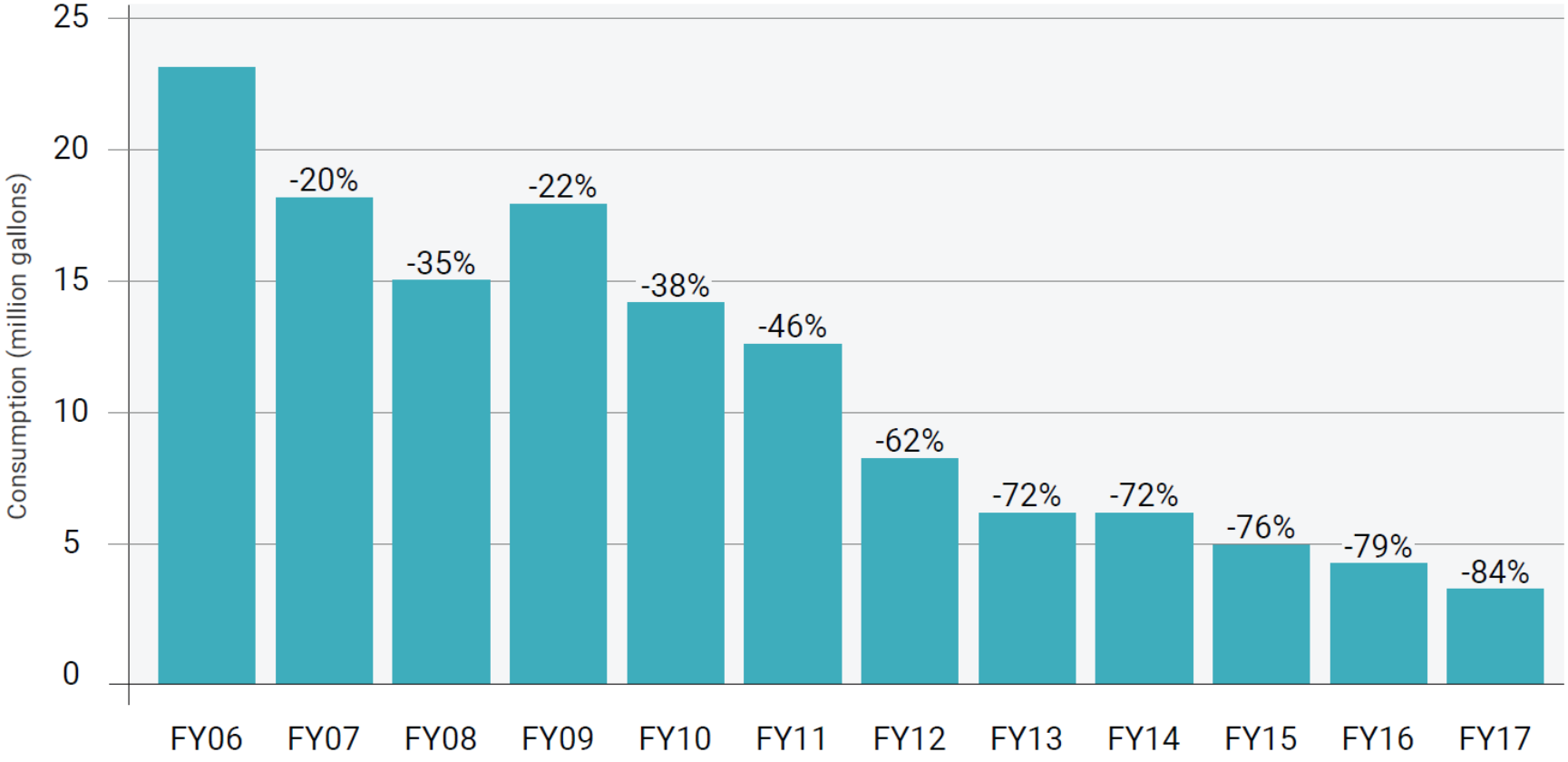
Leading by Example

FIGURE 11 | HEATING OIL CONSUMPTION IN STATE FACILITIES: FY2006–FY2017



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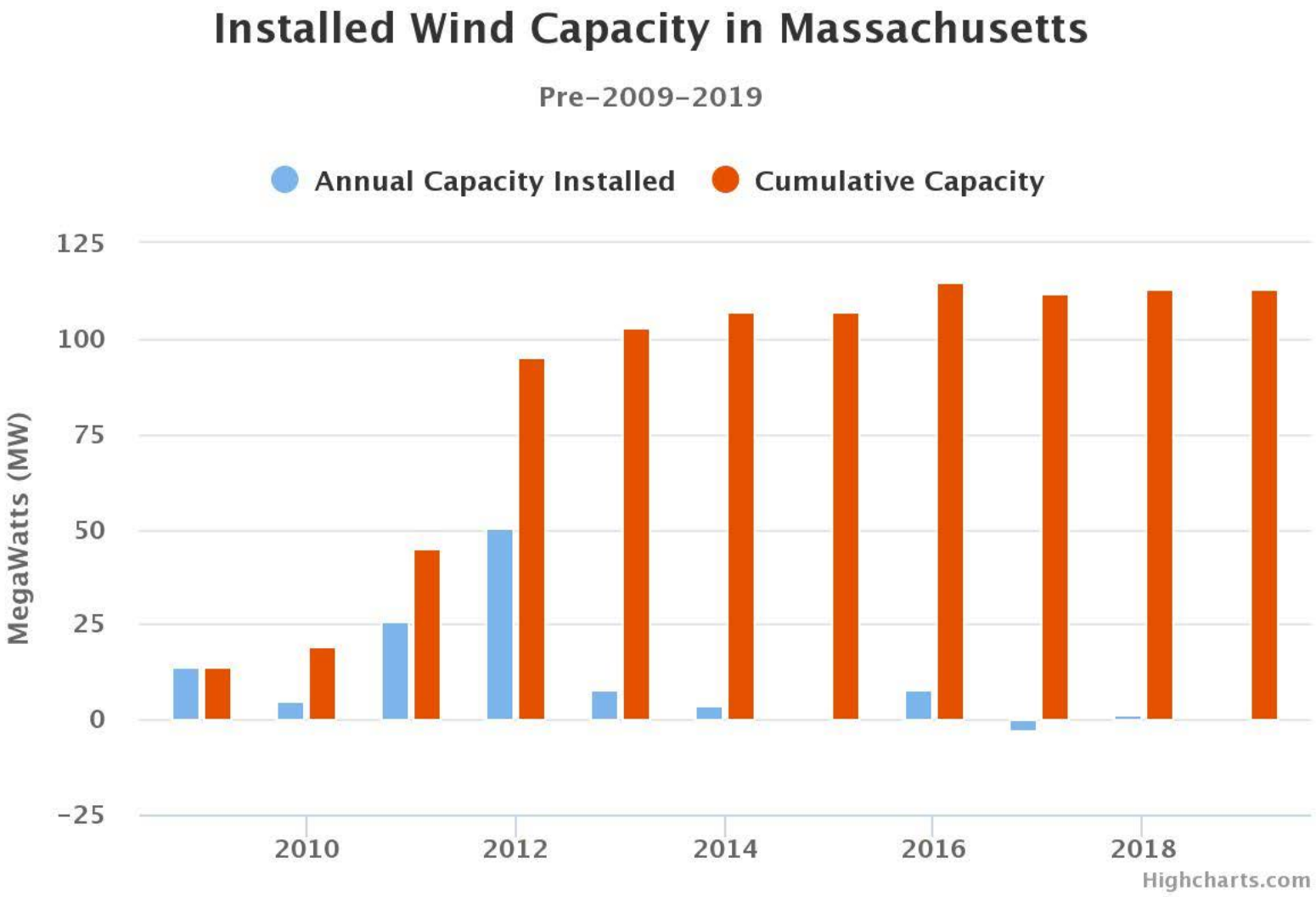

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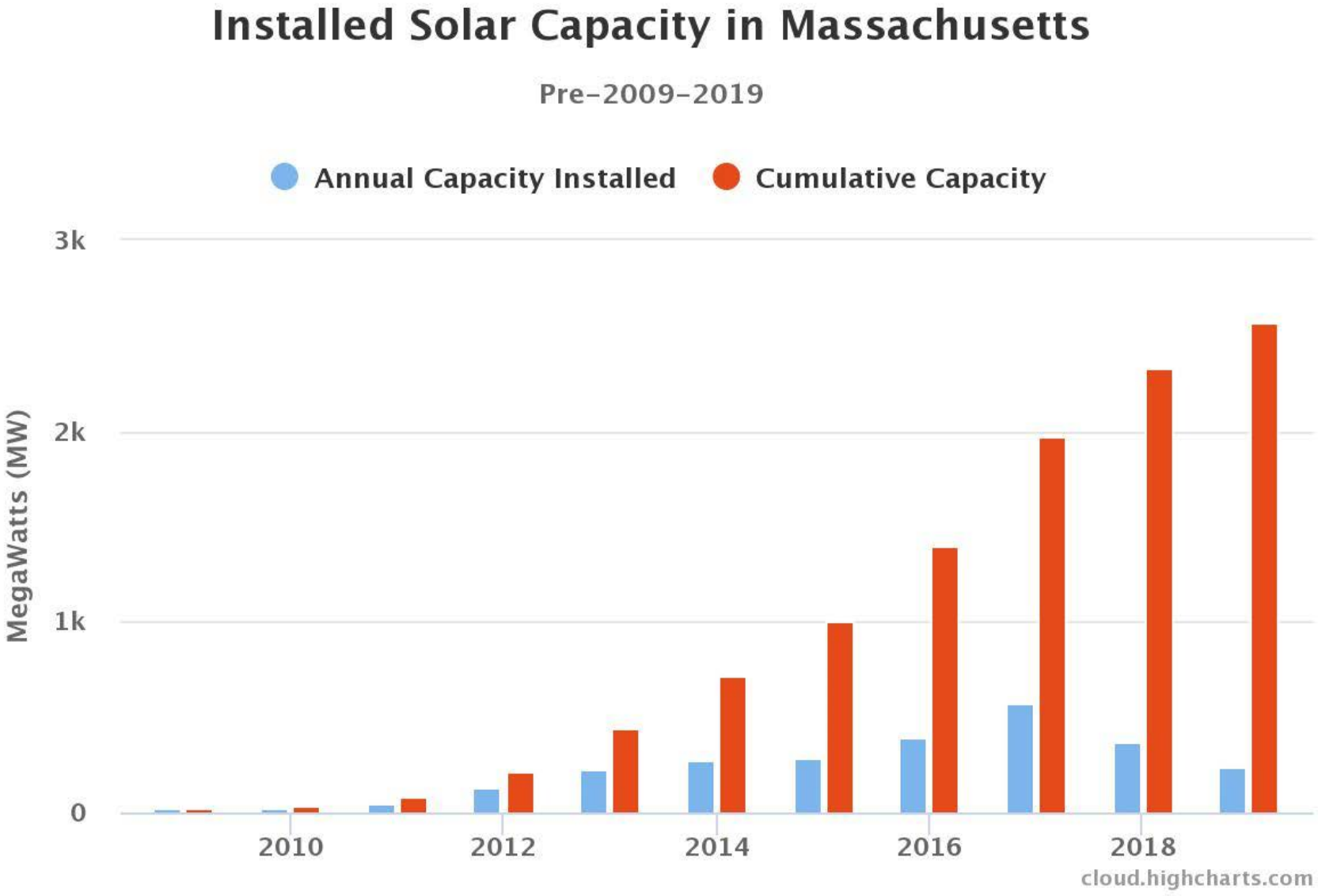

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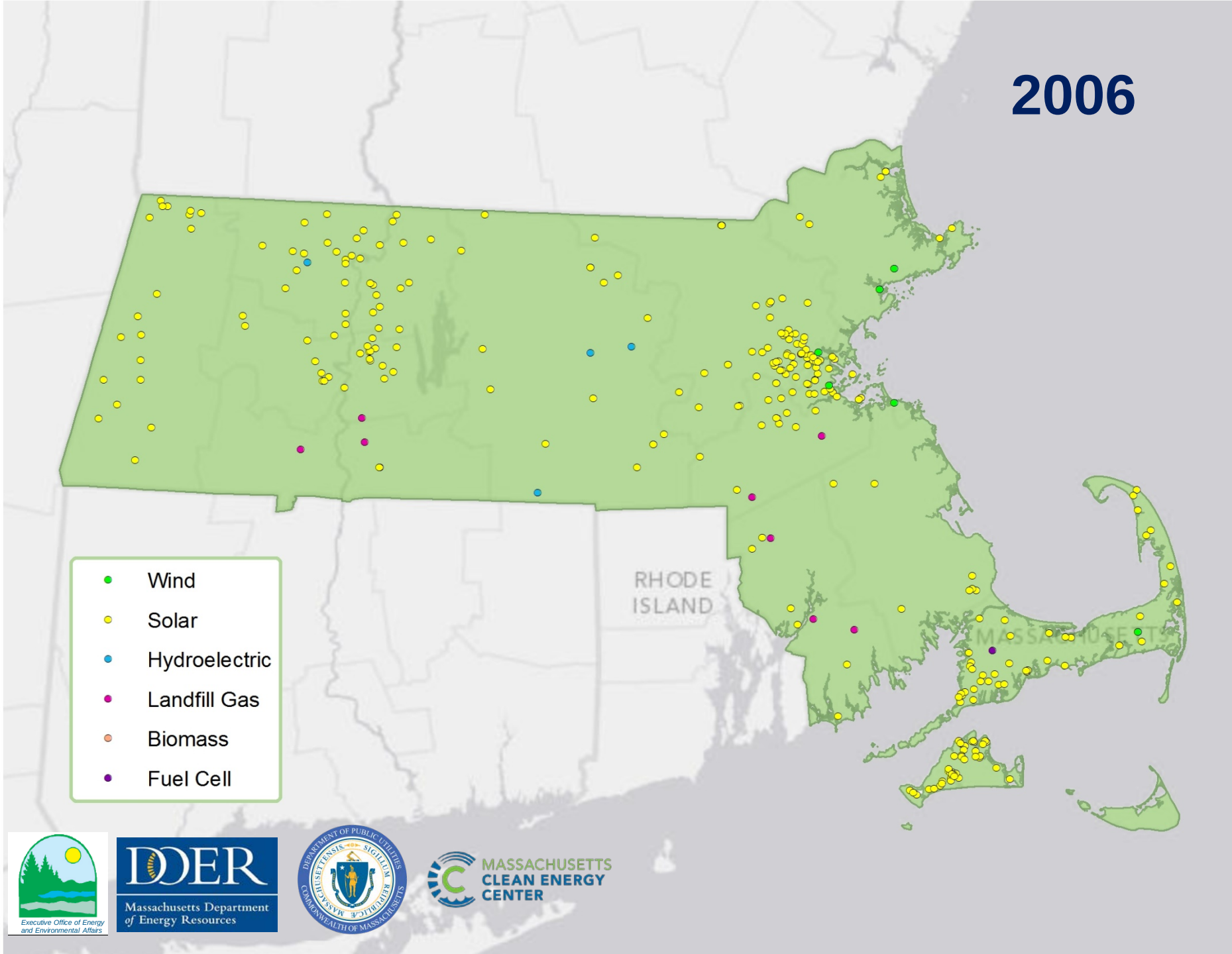

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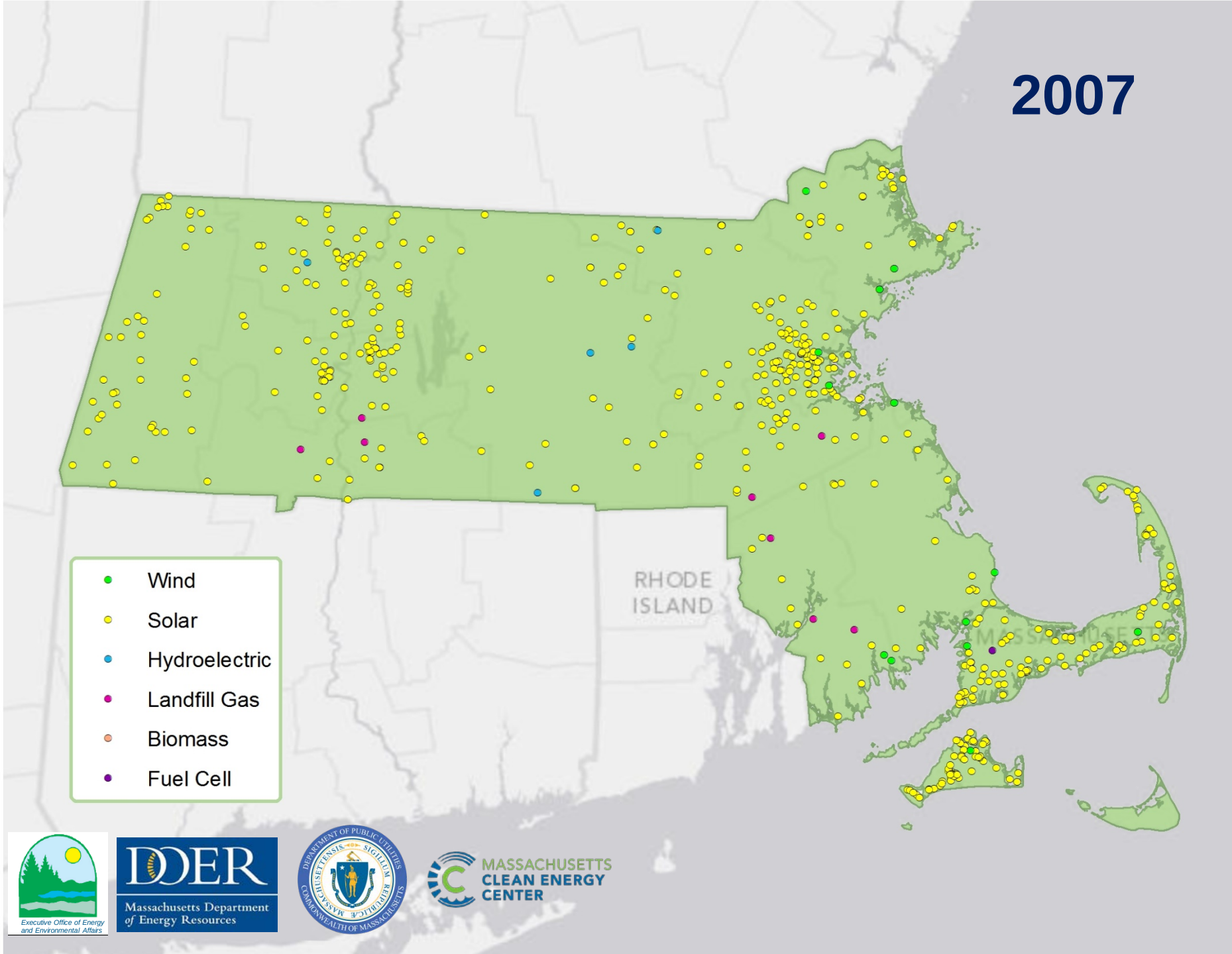

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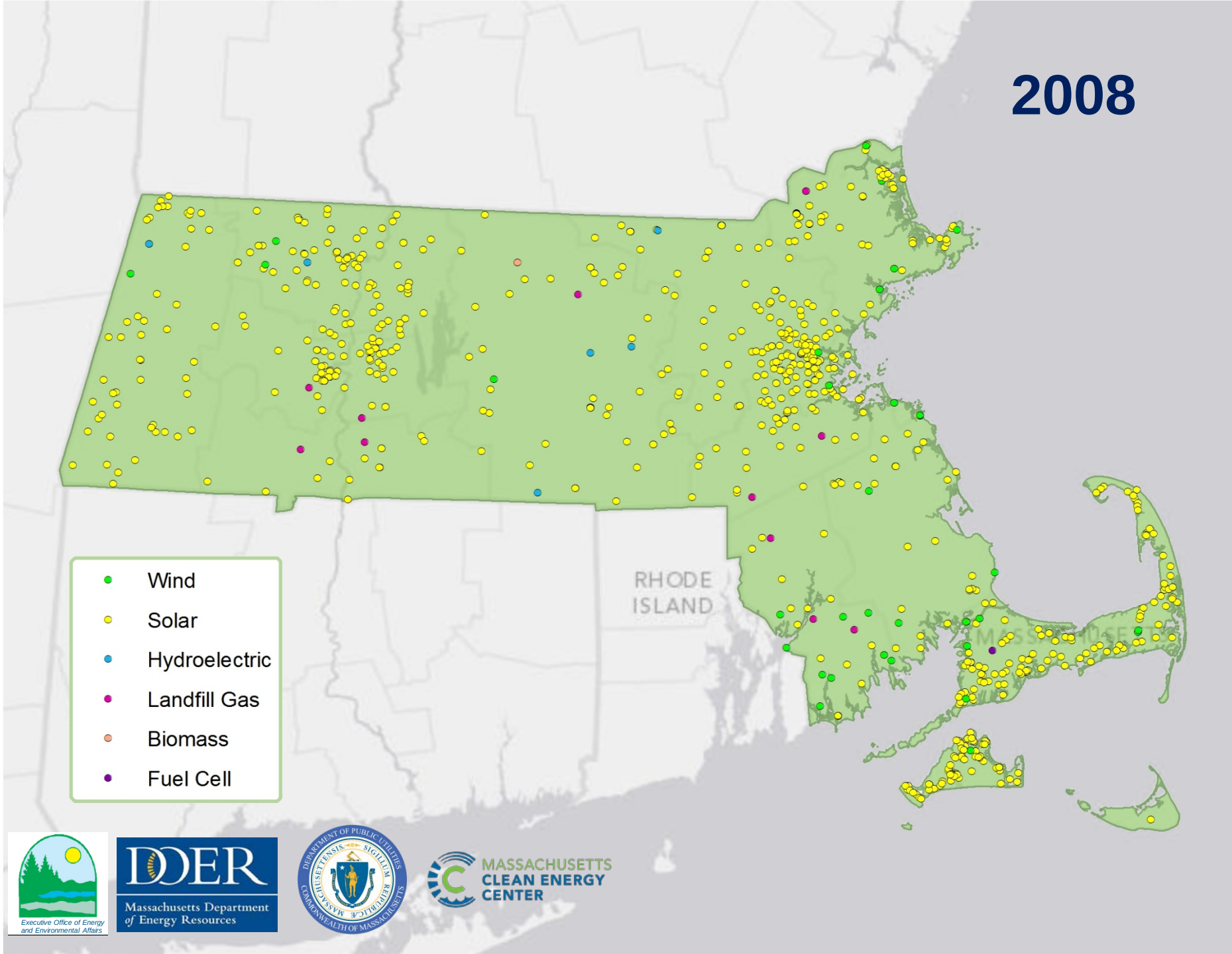

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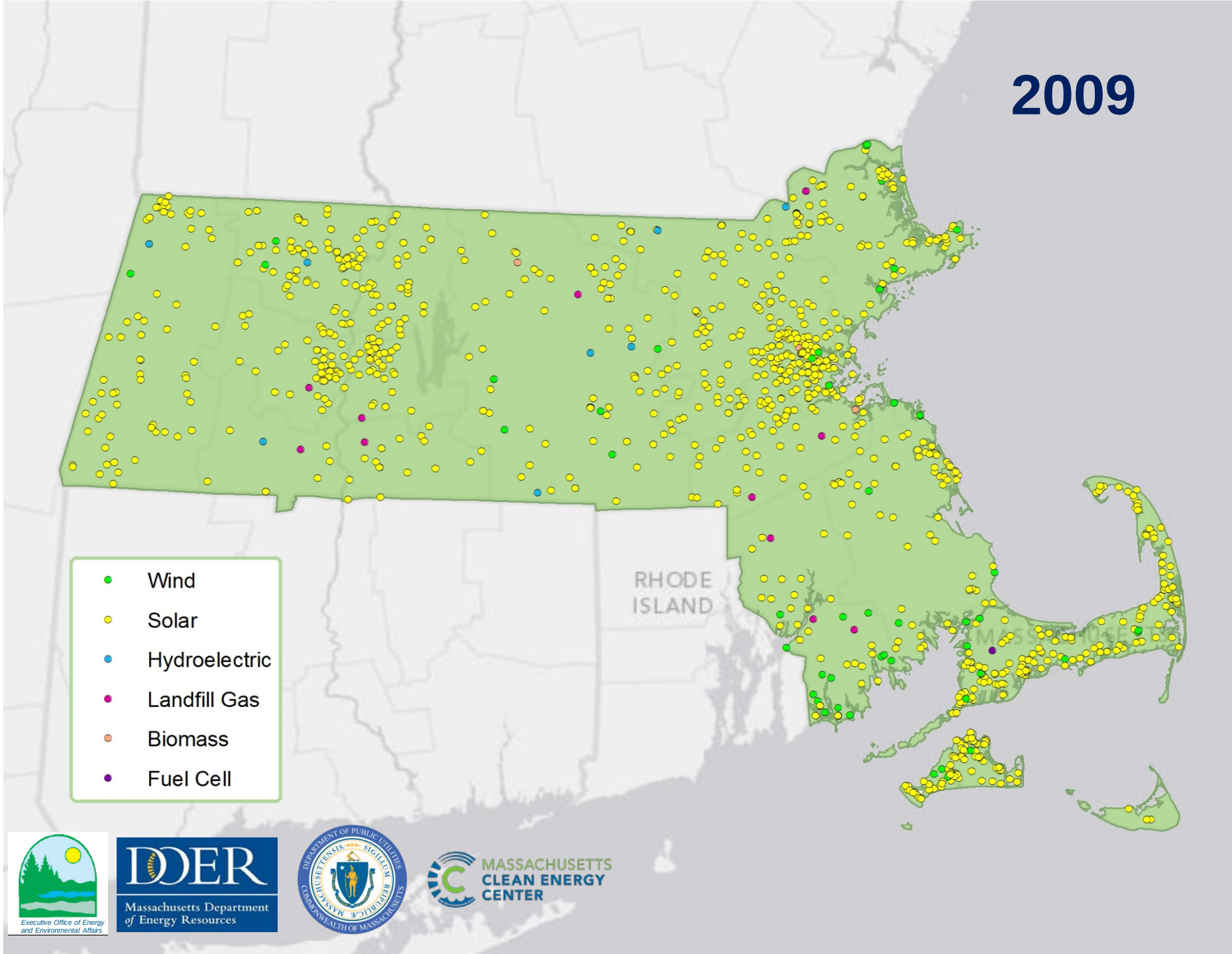

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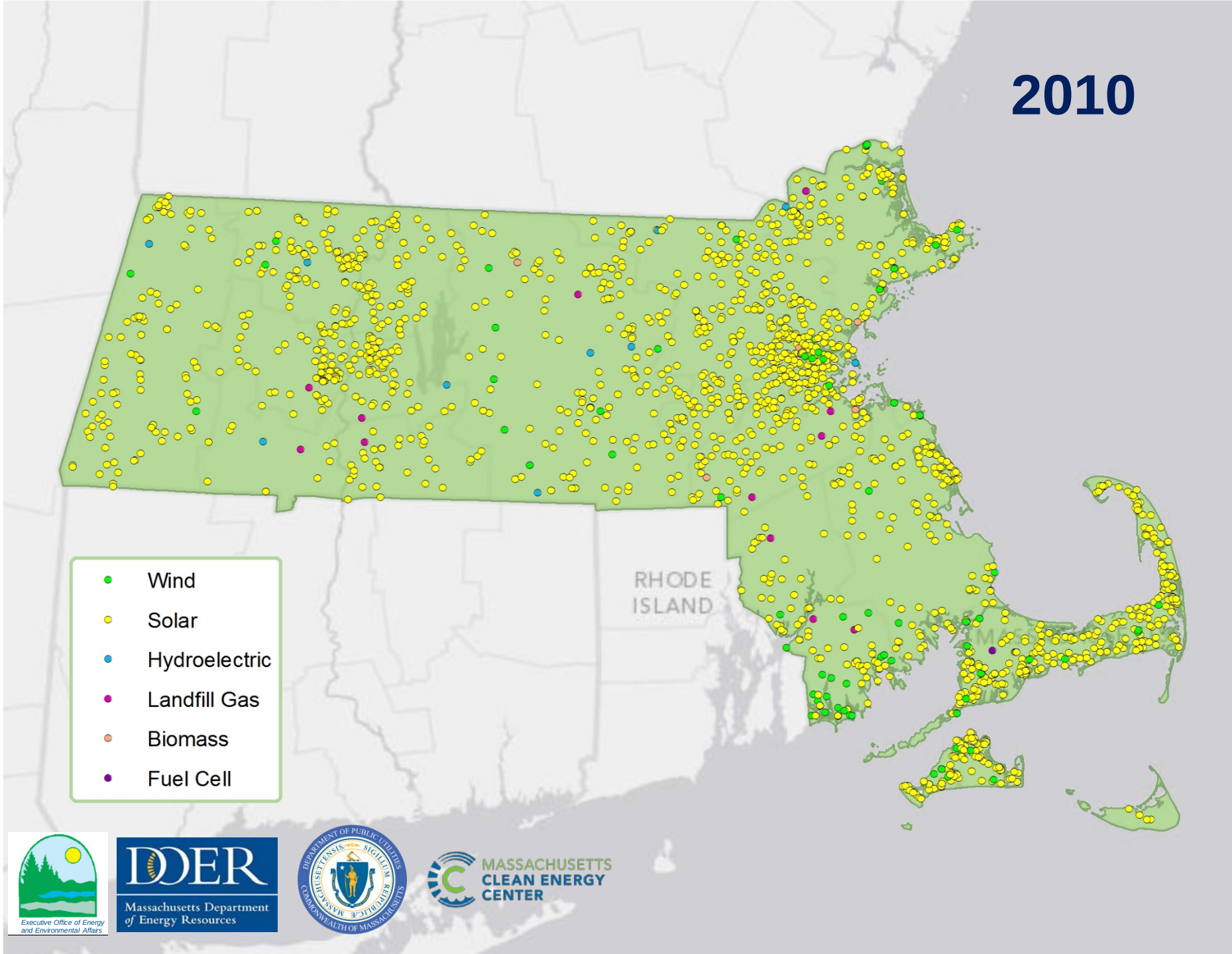

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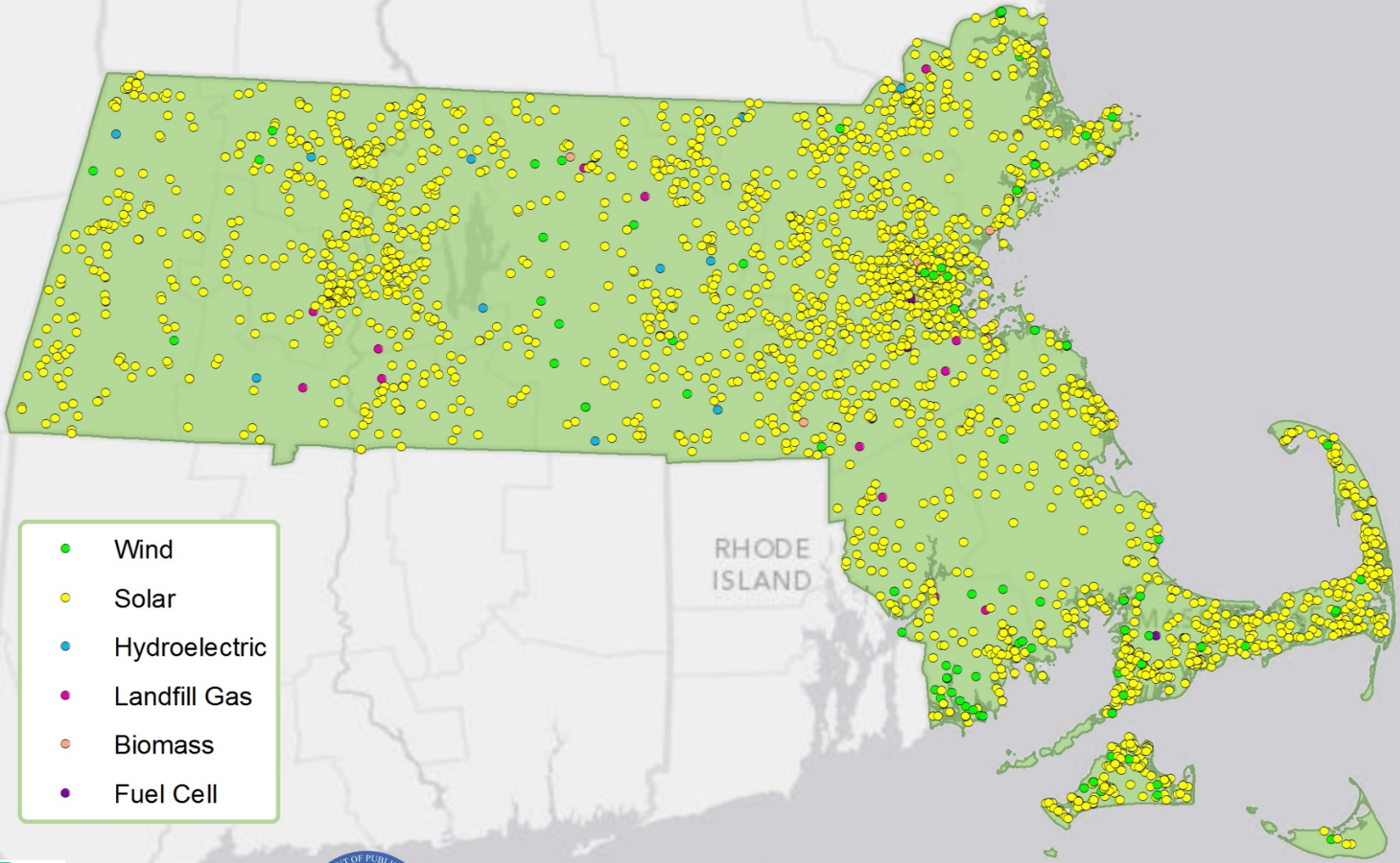

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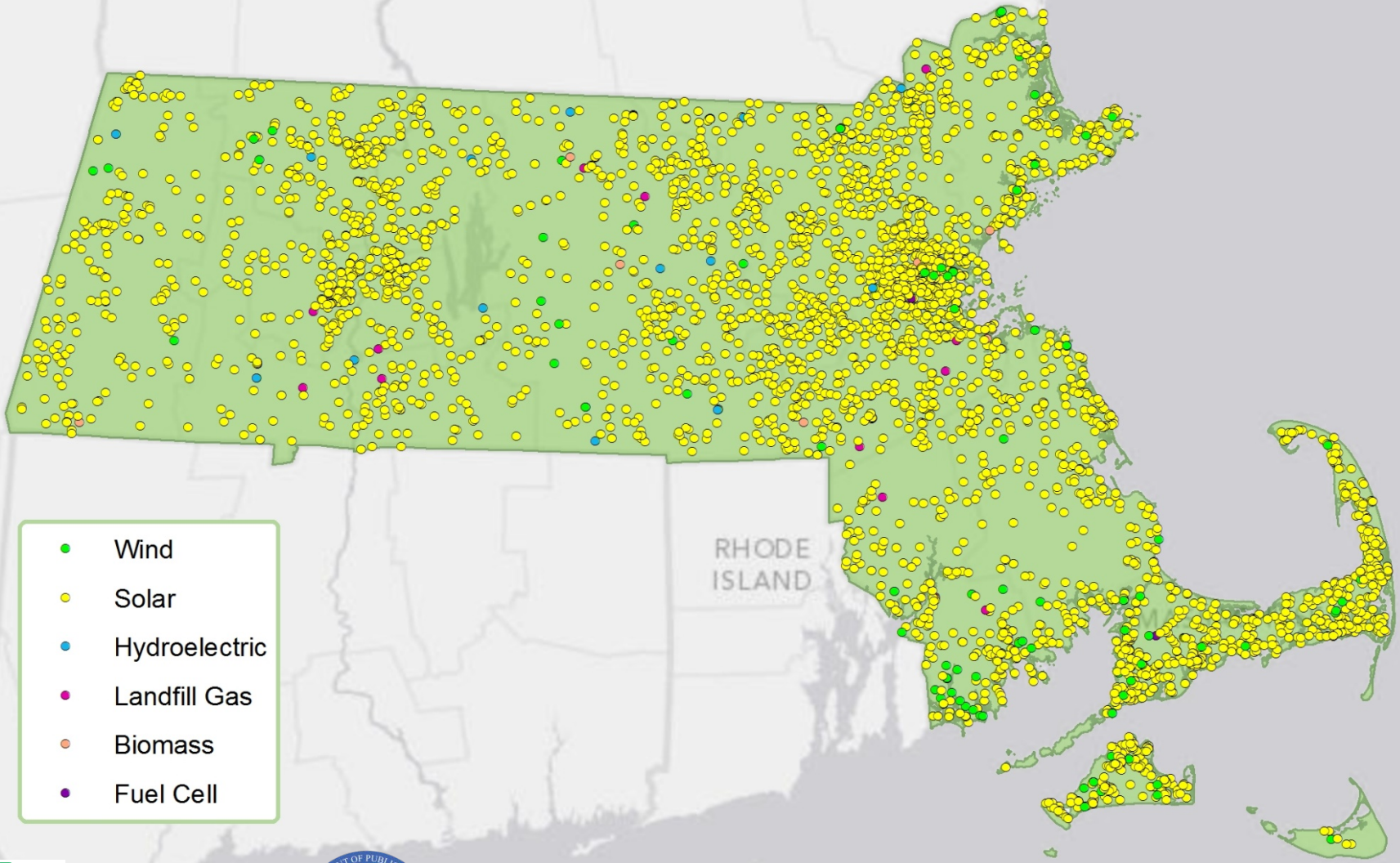

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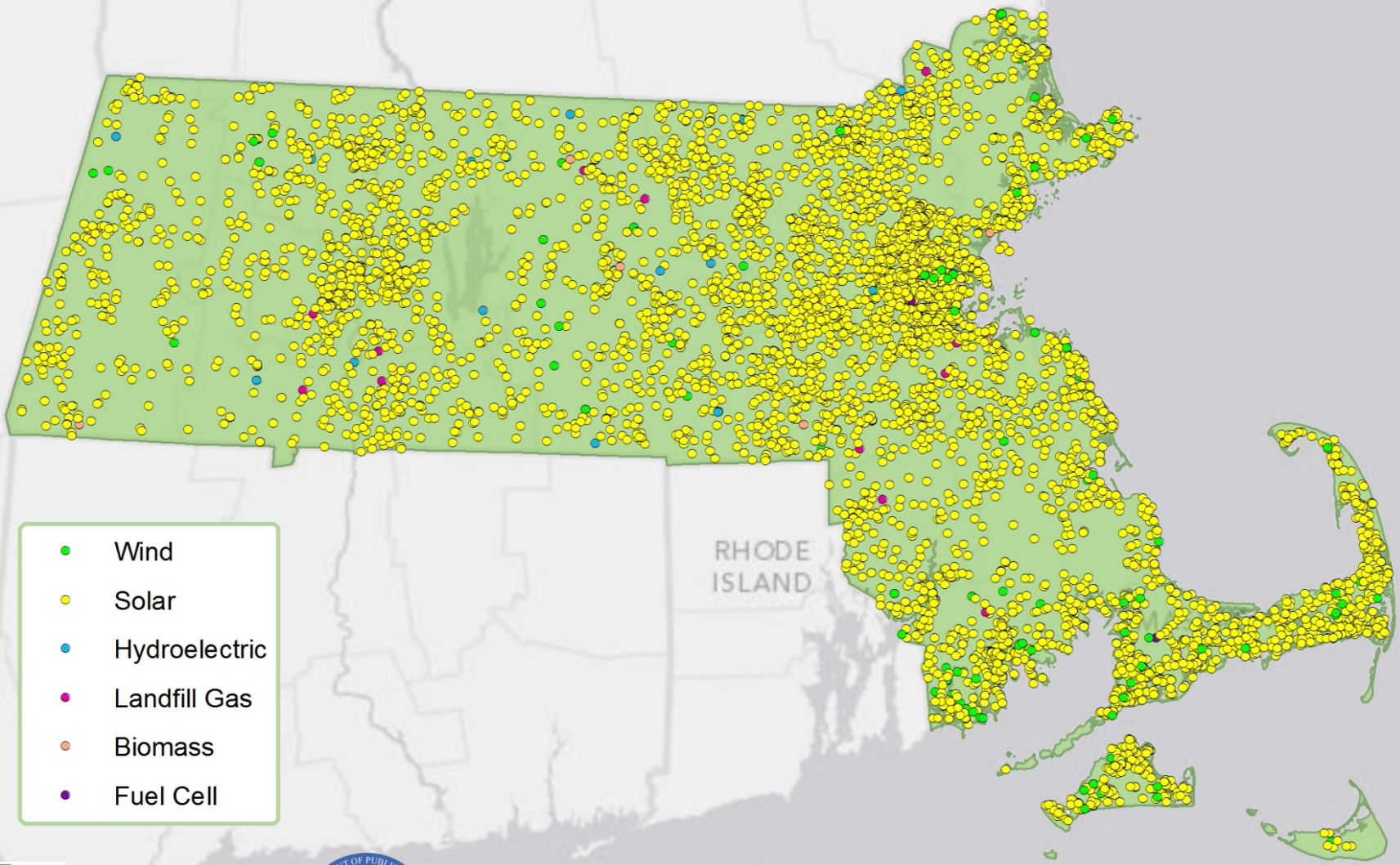

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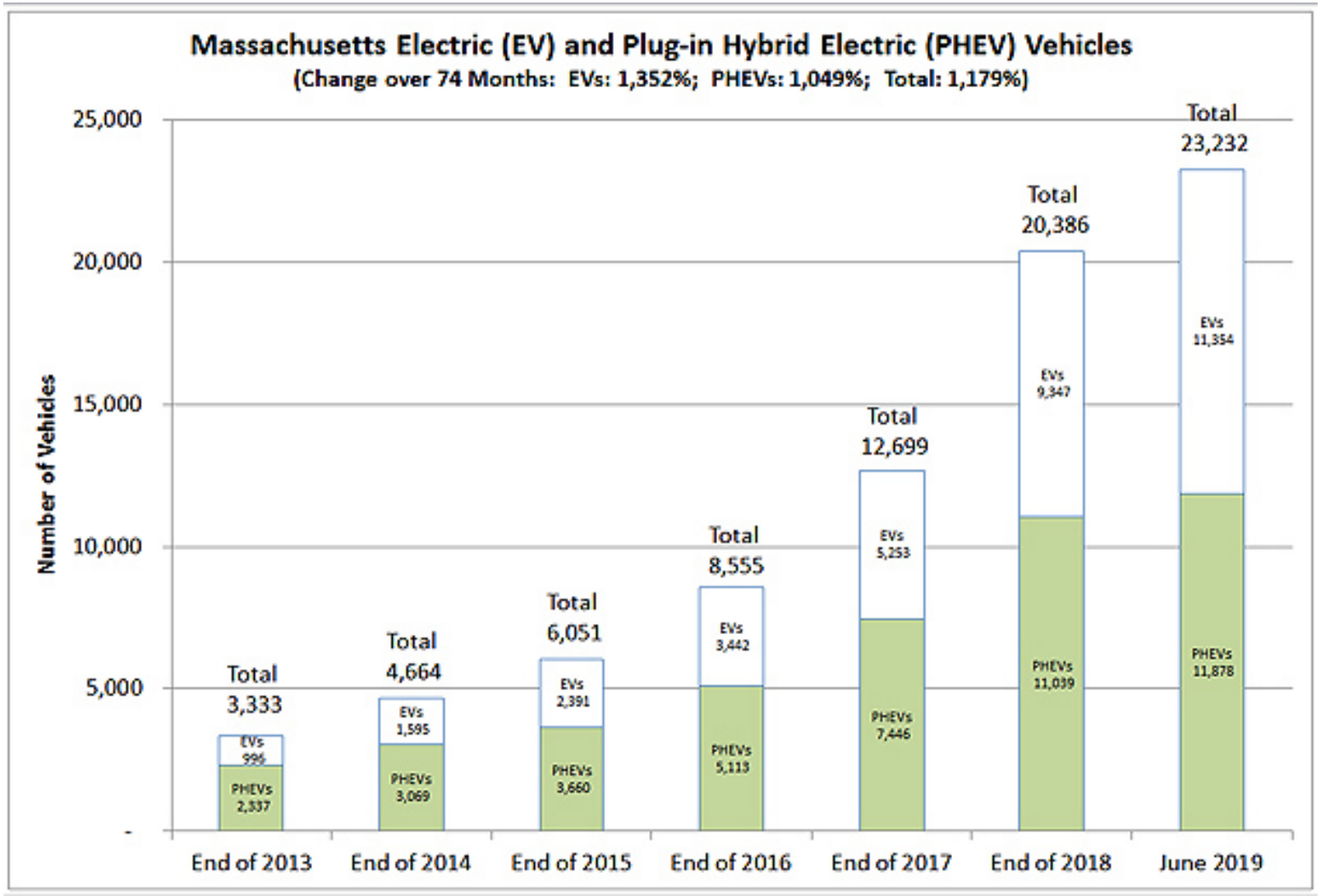

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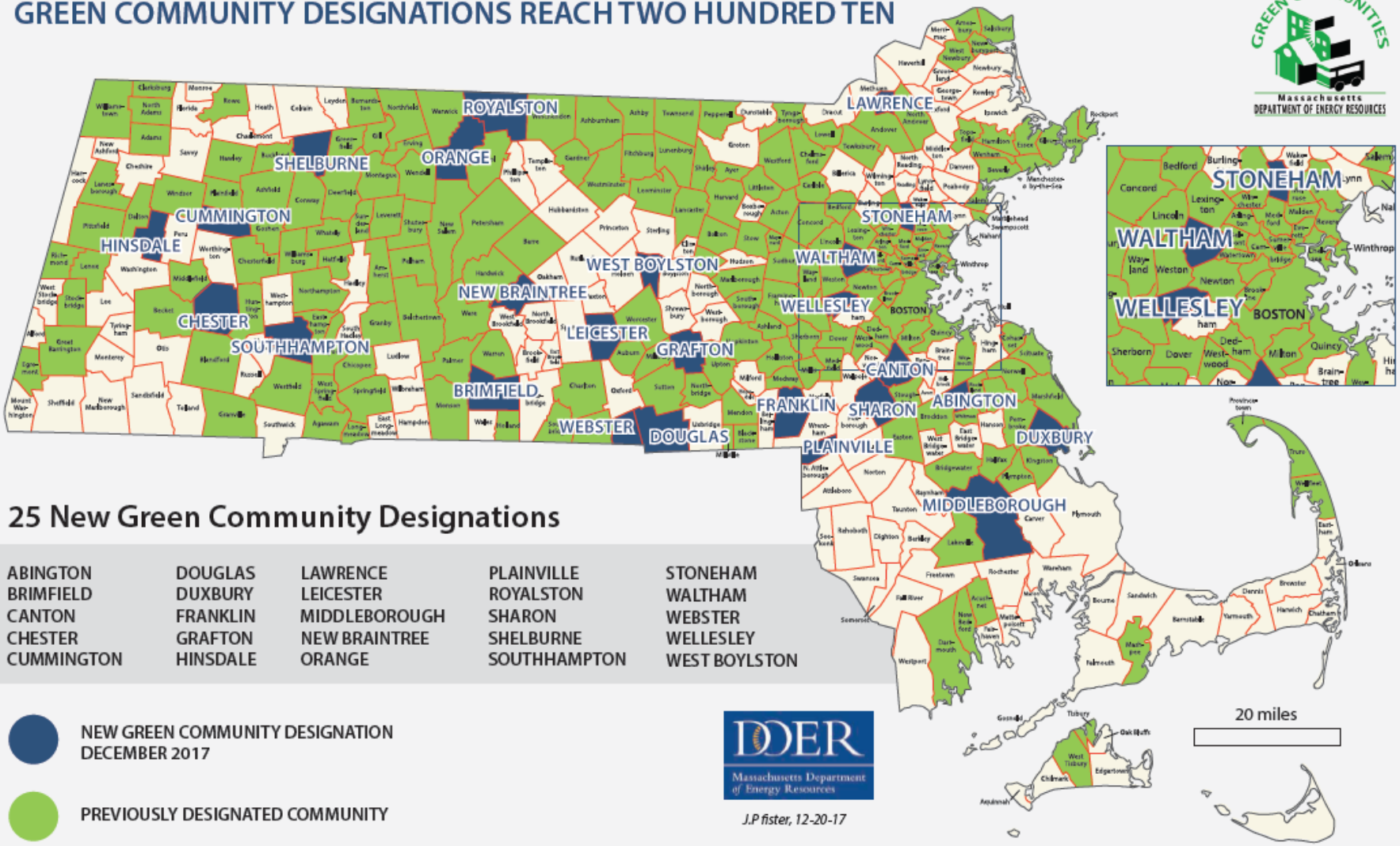
FIGURE 12 | GREEN COMMUNITIES AS OF DECEMBER 2017

GREEN COMMUNITY DESIGNATIONS REACH TWO HUNDRED TEN



25 New Green Community Designations

ABINGTON	DOUGLAS	LAWRENCE	PLAINVILLE	STONEHAM
BRIMFIELD	DUXBURY	LEICESTER	ROYALSTON	WALTHAM
CANTON	FRANKLIN	MIDDLEBOROUGH	SHARON	WEBSTER
CHESTER	GRAFTON	NEW BRAINTREE	SHELBURNE	WELLESLEY
CUMMINGTON	HINSDALE	ORANGE	SOUTHHAMPTON	WEST BOYLSTON

NEW GREEN COMMUNITY DESIGNATION DECEMBER 2017

PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED COMMUNITY

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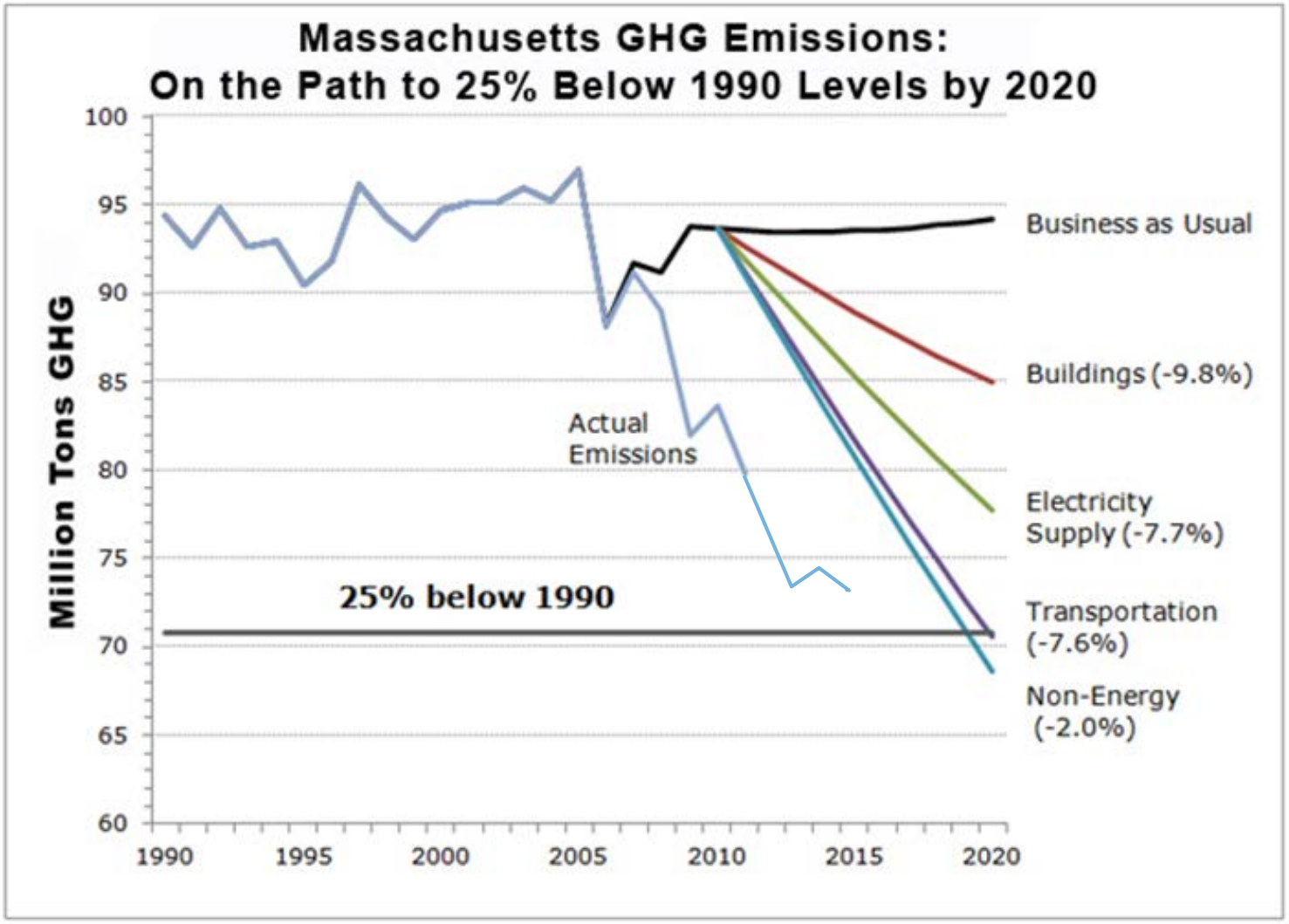

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Getting to There from Here:

Principles of a Comprehensive Climate and Clean Energy State Action

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- Vision: Anchor in economic impacts and environmental protection
  - Connect to everyday lives
- Overarching and foundational legislation
- Comprehensive and complementary policies
- Transparent and Inclusive Process

Principles of a Comprehensive Climate and Clean Energy State Action (continued)

- Vision: Anchor in economic impacts and environmental protection
  - Connect to everyday lives
  - Jobs
  - Cost savings
  - Convenience
  - Avoiding negative impacts

Principles of a Comprehensive Climate and Clean Energy State Action

- Overarching and foundational legislation

A Global Warming Solutions Act framework

- Broad and enforceable economy-wide emission goals
- Implement market-based approaches
- Science-based
- Requires monitoring and tracking
- Local through global connections
- Address resilience

Principles of a Comprehensive Climate and Clean Energy State Action (continued)

- Comprehensive and complementary policies
  - Legislation
    - Green Communities Act
    - Oceans Act
    - Biofuels Act
    - Multiple energy acts (2012, 2016, 2018)
      - 3,200 MW Offshore wind
    - PUC reform

Principles of a Comprehensive Climate and Clean Energy State Action (continued)

- Comprehensive and complementary policies
  - Regulatory reform
    - PUC reforms
      - De-coupling
      - Grid modernization
    - MEPA
    - Permitting

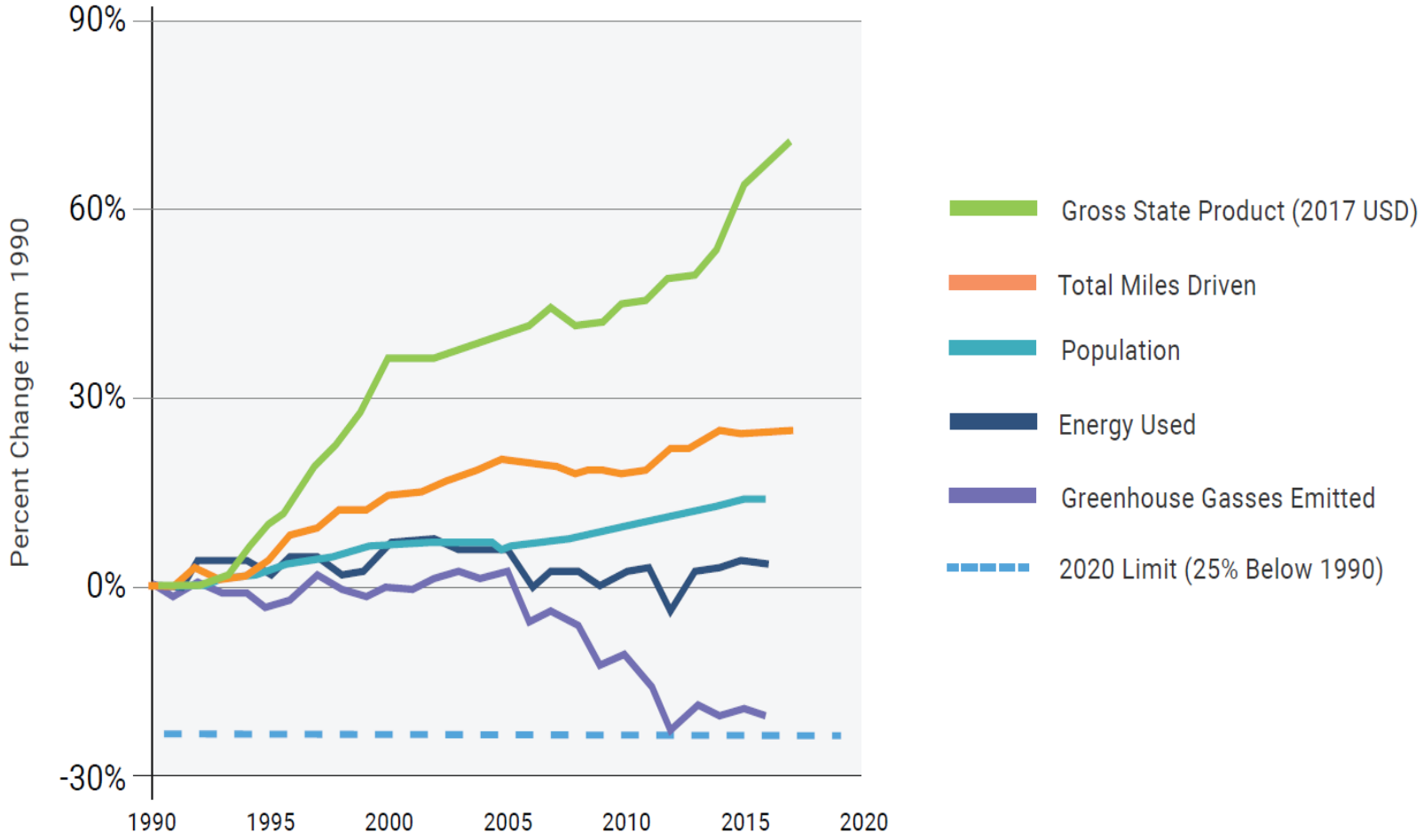
Principles of a Comprehensive Climate and Clean Energy State Action (continued)

- Comprehensive and complementary policies
  - Executive Action
    - "Along-the-value chain economic support"
    - Municipal engagement
    - Leading by Example
    - Mass Clean Energy Center
    - Northeast Clean Energy Council
    - Greentown Labs
    - Engage with regional and federal actions

Principles of a Comprehensive Climate and Clean Energy State Action (continued)

- Transparent and Inclusive Process
  - Focus on salience, credibility and legitimacy
  - Advisory committees
    - Inclusive
    - Attentive to leadership
  - Technical working groups
  - Statewide effort

FIGURE 3 | TRENDS OF GROWTH IN GSP, VMT, AND POPULATION WHILE GHG EMISSIONS ARE DECREASING AND ENERGY USE HAS BEEN STABLE



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