

# Offset Options

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# What is this?

An offset project compensates for some fraction of the required emission reductions from an affected facility.

# Offset options in the Model Rule

- Landfill methane capture and destruction;
- Reduction in emissions of sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>);
- Sequestration of carbon due to afforestation;
- Reduction or avoidance of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from natural gas, oil, or propane end-use combustion due to end-use energy efficiency; and
- Avoided methane emissions from agricultural manure management operations.

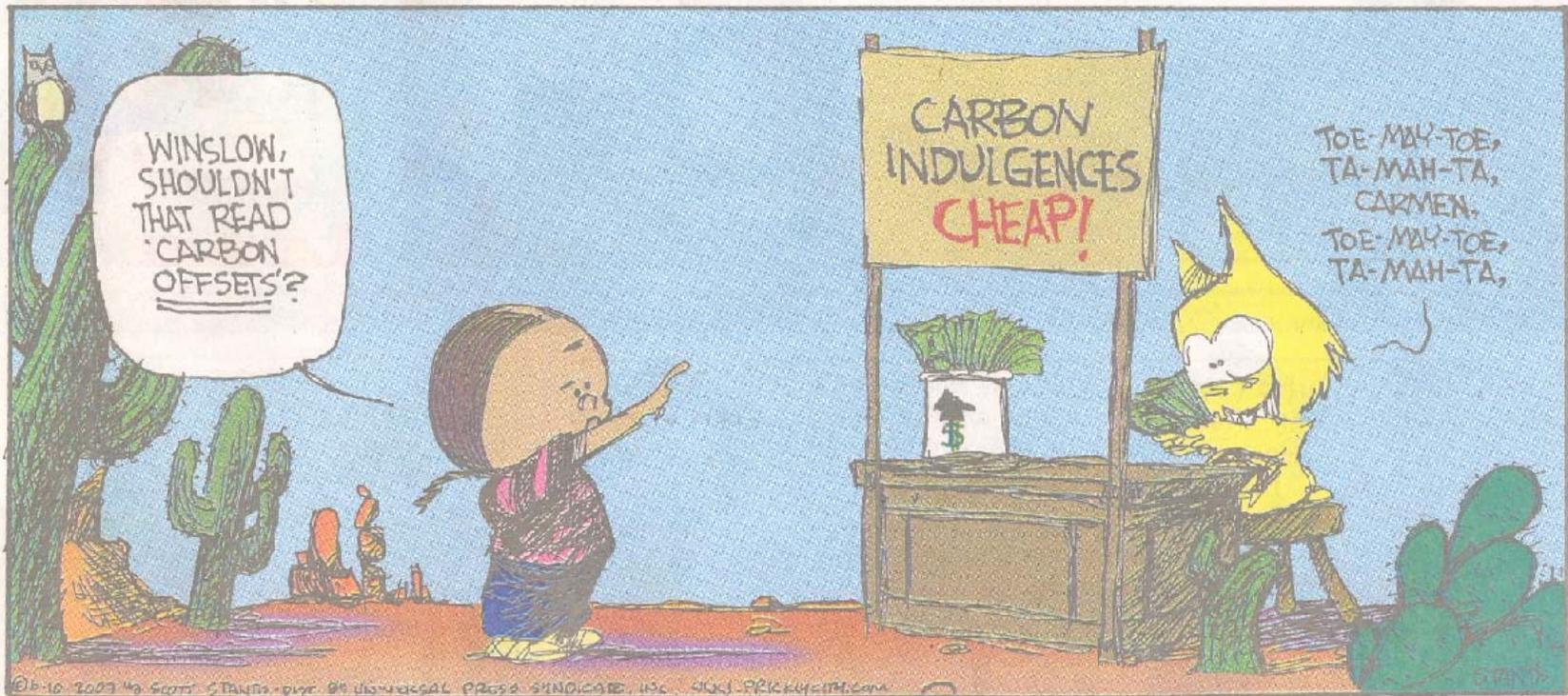
# Pursuing additional options

- Sequestration of carbon due to forest management practices
- Sequestration of carbon due to Urban Tree Canopy enhancement.
- Sequestration of carbon due to salt marsh restoration
- Sequestration of carbon due to due to burial in specific geologic formations.

# Offsets: A green scam?

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# Verification

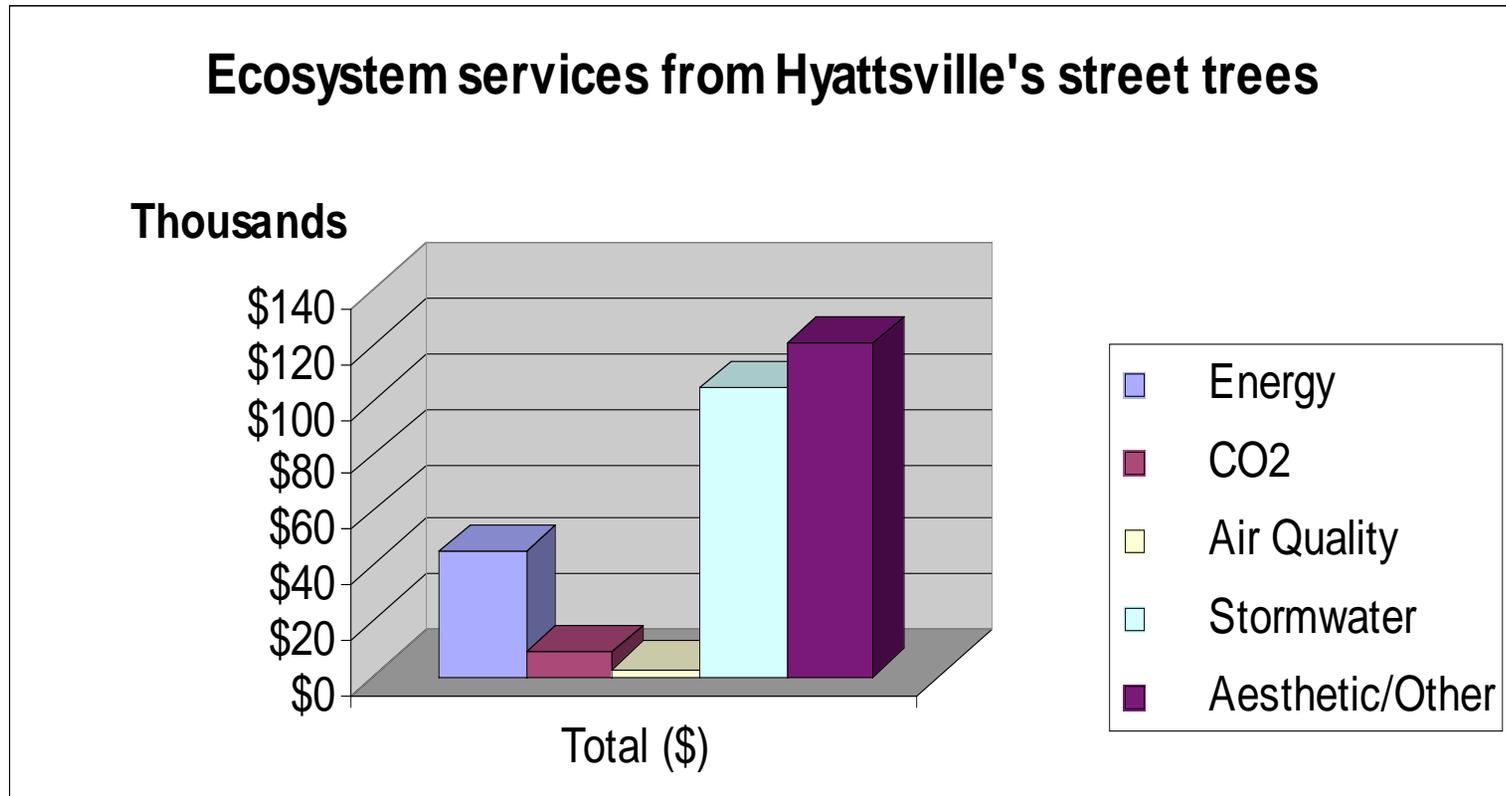
- Requires third-party verification.
- Independent experts verify that claimed CO<sub>2</sub> emissions offsets conform to RGGI requirements.
- California Climate Registry protocols most likely be used.

# Additionality

- Projects required by regulation do not qualify
- Projects may not receive funding or other incentives
  - Offsets from RPS qualifying projects do not qualify
  - Offsets with multiple benefits claim GHG part only
- Offsets used in other programs do not qualify

**No double counting!**

# Issues of multiple benefits.....



.....One benefit alone may not make the project affordable