



# VANCOUVER ISLAND'S CIRCULAR ECONOMY MOVEMENT





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# SYNERGY

## FOUNDATION



VANCOUVER ISLAND  
**GREEN BUSINESS**  
COLLECTIVE



PROJECT  
**ZERO**

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# WHY PROJECT ZERO?

- ✓ Positive environmental impact
- ✓ Lower carbon emissions
- ✓ Innovation
- ✓ Entrepreneurial opportunity
- ✓ Job creation

# INCUBATOR PROGRAM



- Annual 8 month program, free for all accepted ventures
- Entrepreneurs in the program will:
  - Develop their business plans + pitches
  - Learn about operation fundamentals & entrepreneurial skills
  - Build connections
- 2021 marks our third round of the incubator



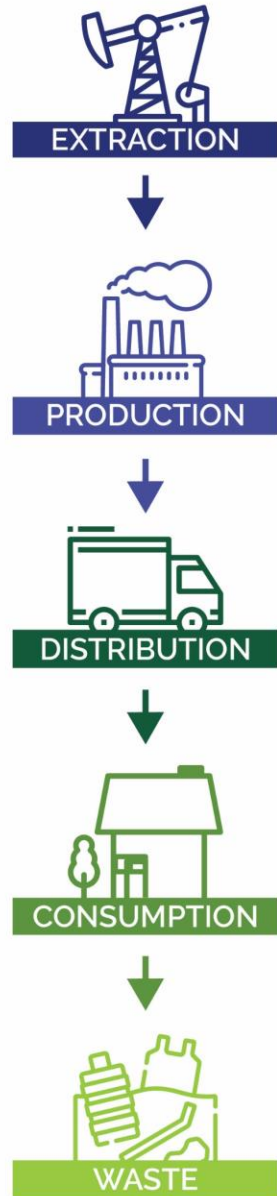
# OTHER INITIATIVES

- Business Accelerator
- First Nations Recycling Programs
- Community Circular Economy Initiatives
- Corporate Circular Economy Strategy

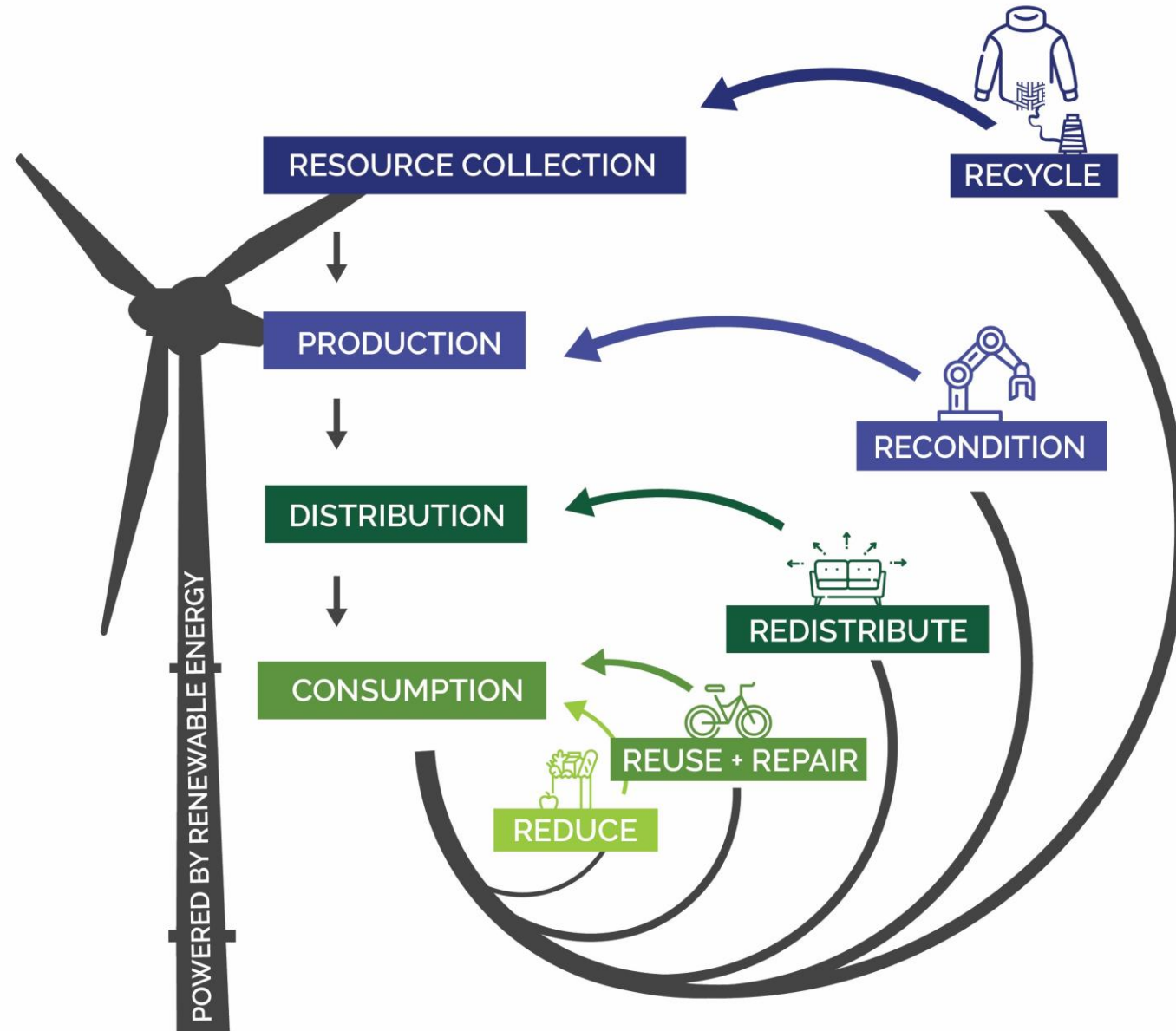


# OUR APPROACH TO THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

# LINEAR ECONOMY MODEL



# CIRCULAR ECONOMY MODEL



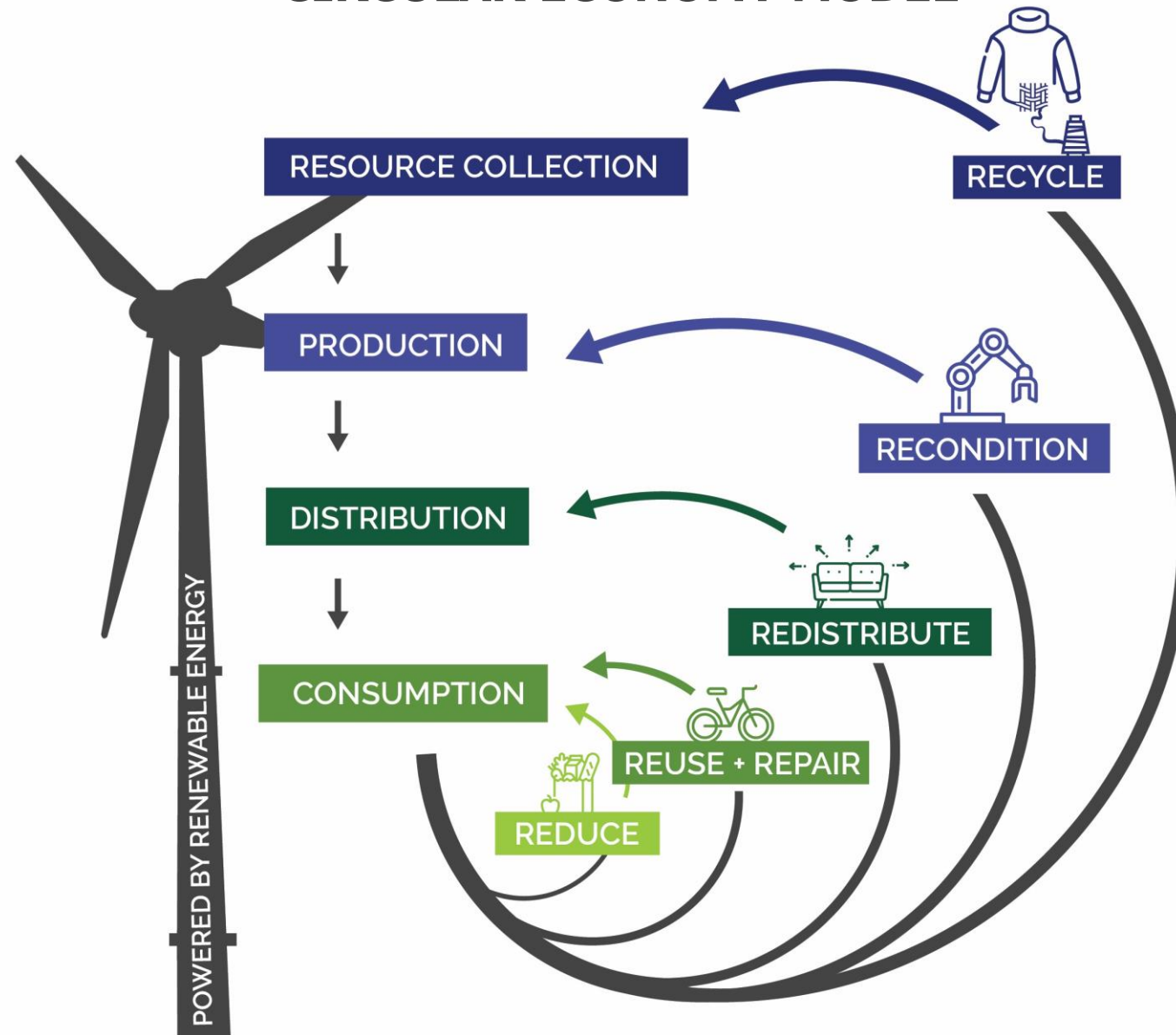


**Our world is only  
8.6% circular**

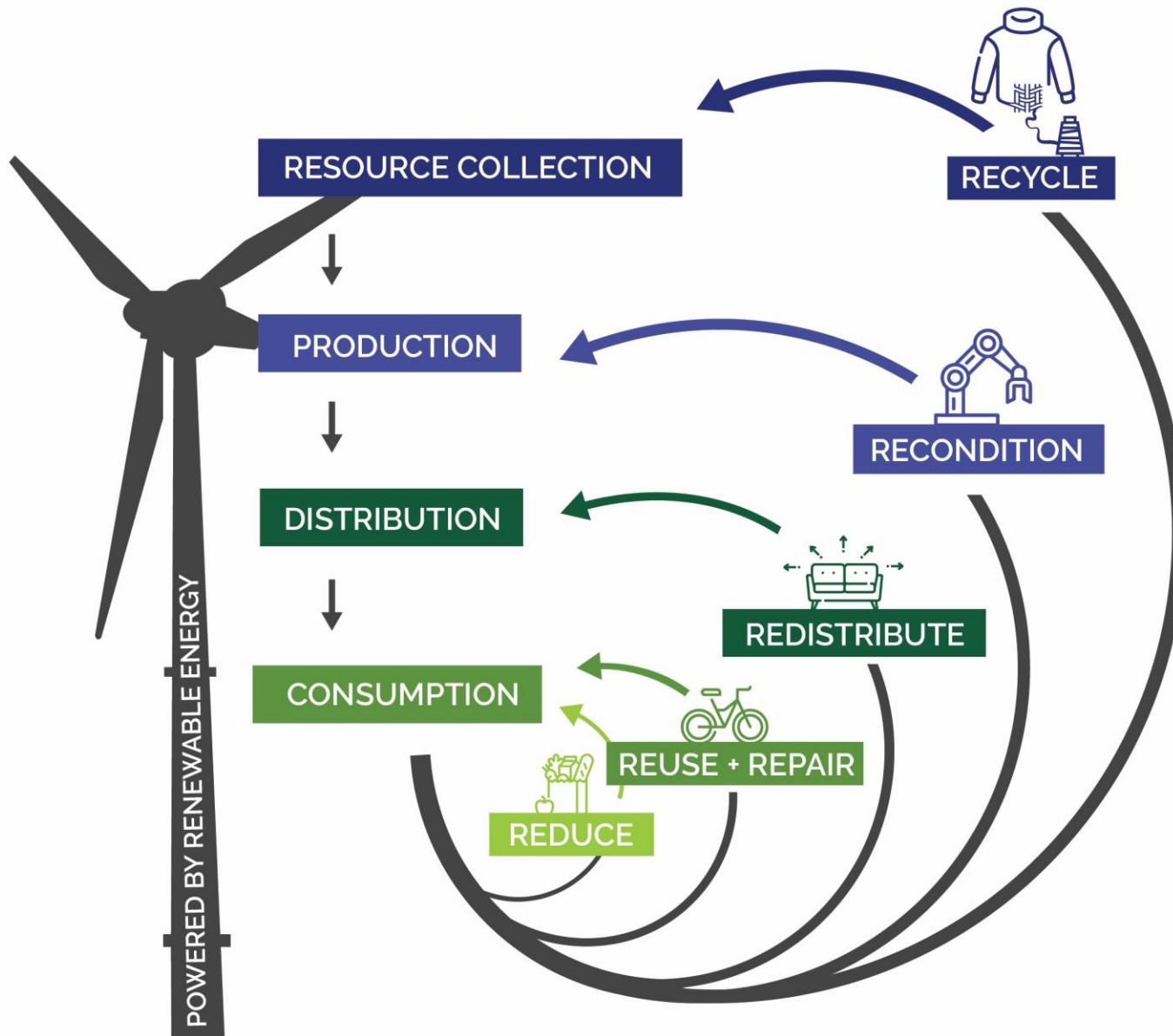
The circular economy  
is a trillion dollar  
opportunity



# CIRCULAR ECONOMY MODEL



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Products we purchase are not wasted and packaging is drastically reduced. The products we buy add real value to our lives and businesses. Eliminating waste starts with our purchasing decisions.



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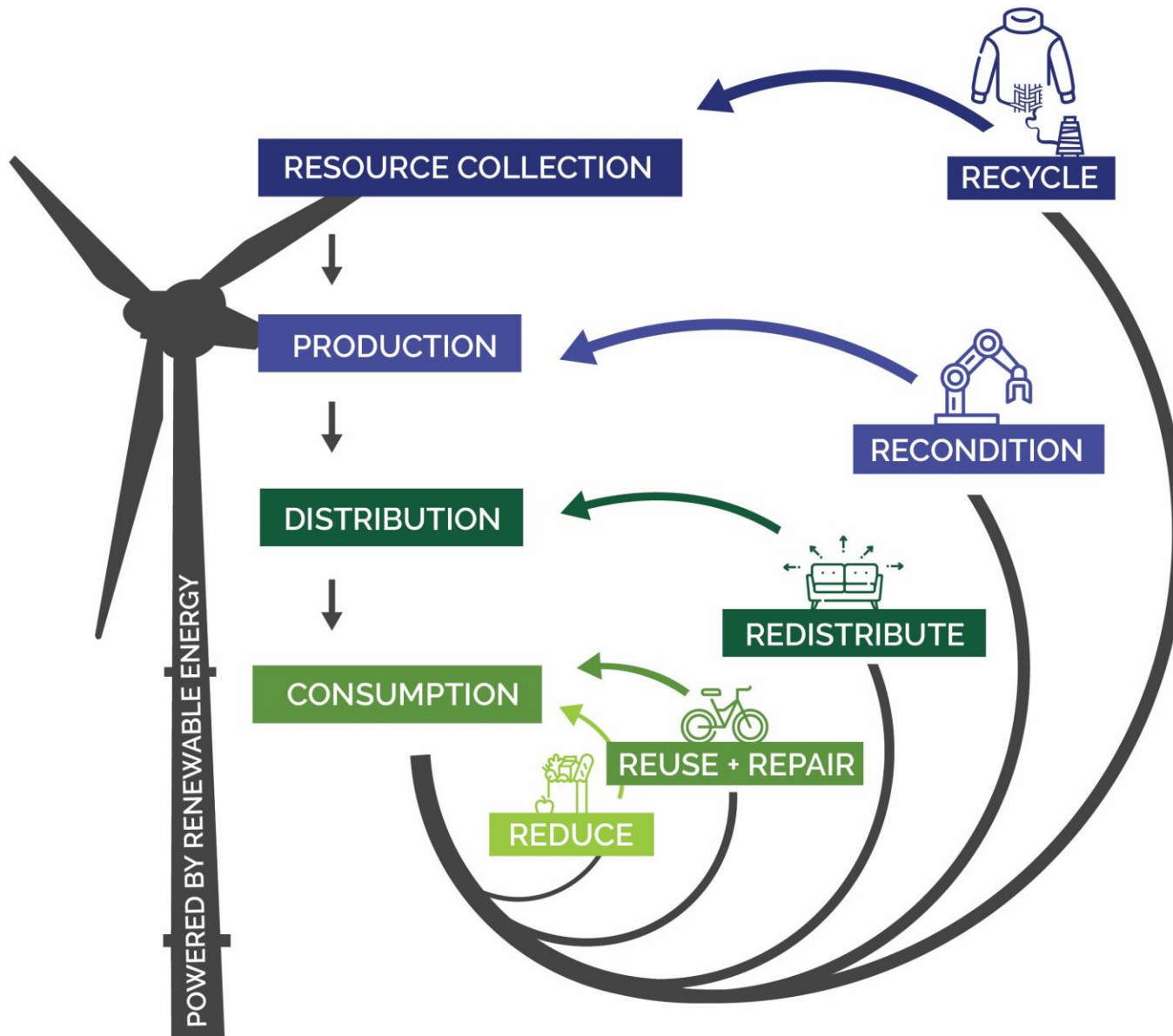
Products made/chosen can be reused and repaired in order to reduce waste. Upkeep and simple maintenance extends product life.



# BASECAMP REPAIRS



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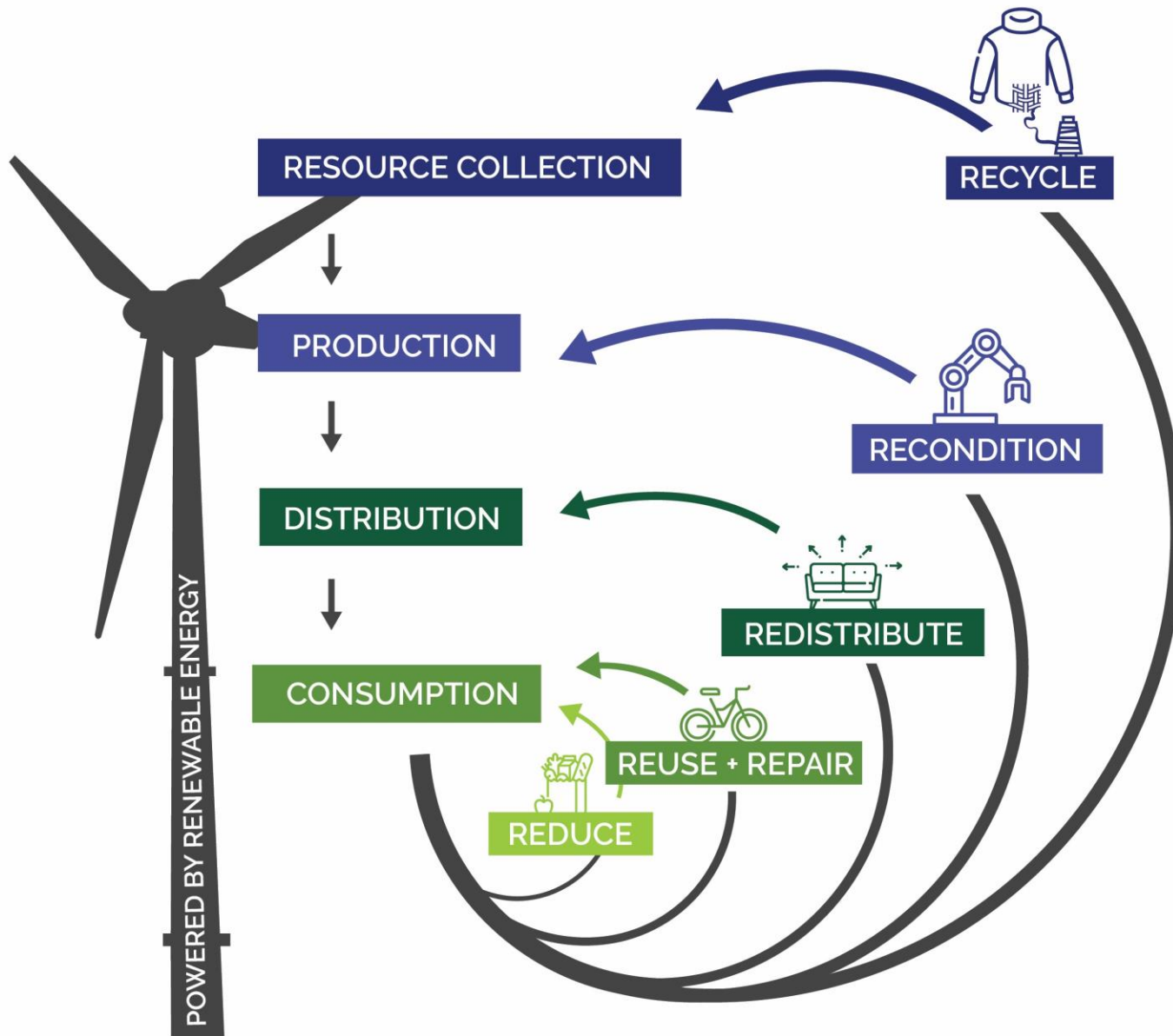
## REDISTRIBUTE

Products may have become obsolete to one consumer but has value to another. "Waste" products are resold, shared, or donated.





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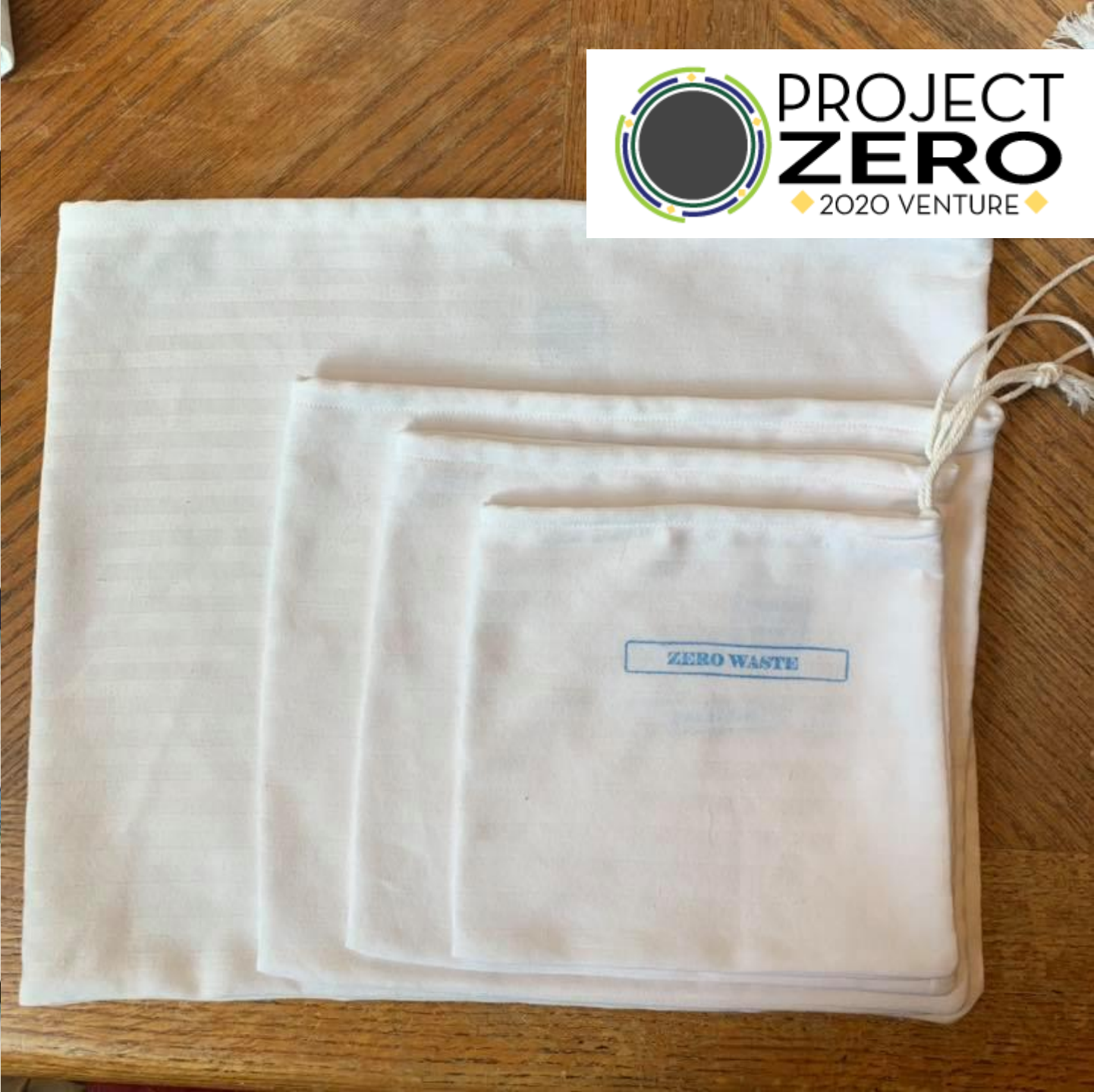


Products are taken in to be reconditioned and upgraded for continued use.

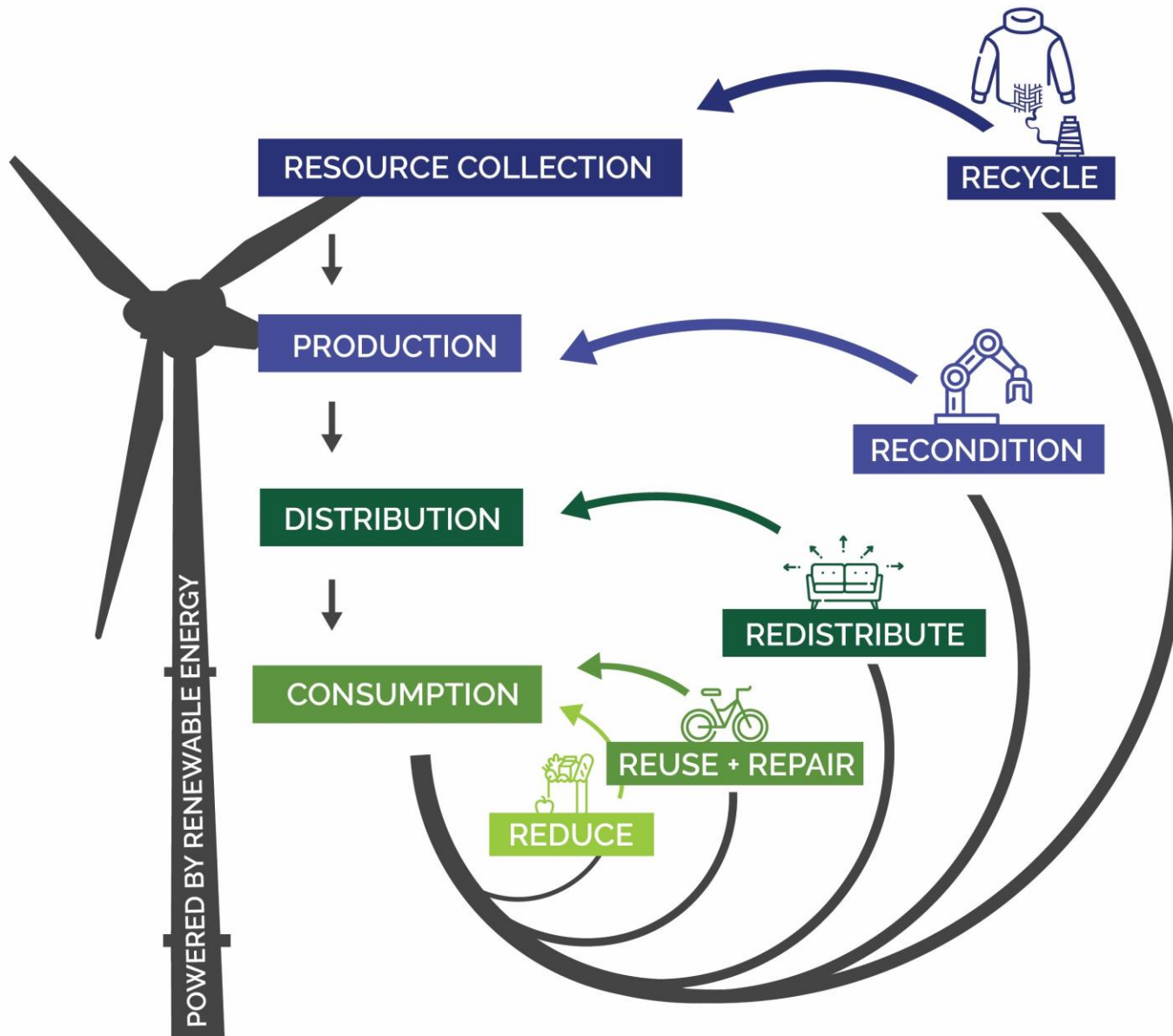


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Products that have reached their end-of-life and are no longer useful. Materials within products are separated, and re-enter the production processes to create new products.





**unbuilders**





**FLIPSIDE  
PLASTICS**

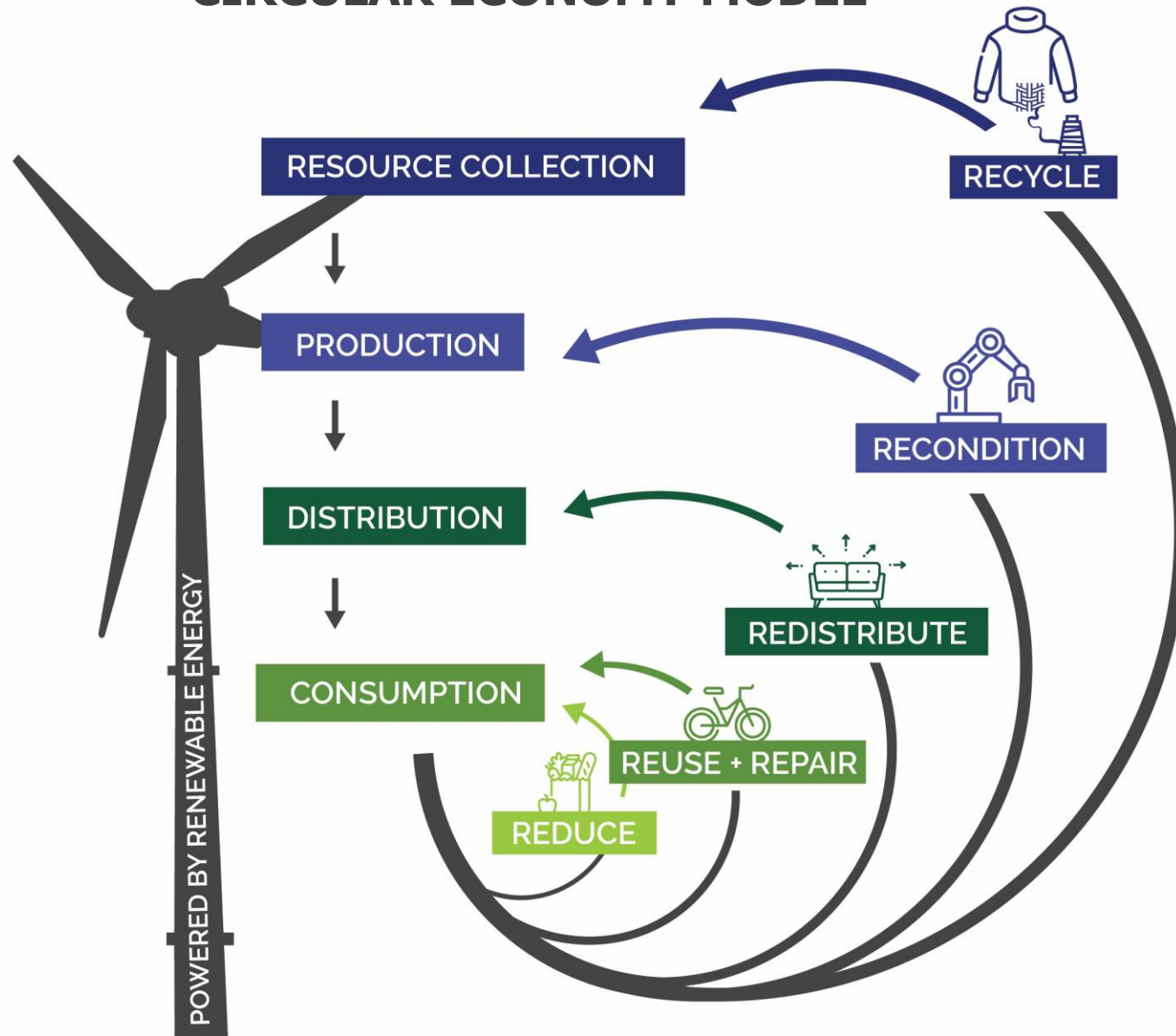
EMBRACING WASTE SINCE 2020



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2020 VENTURE



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# NEXT STEPS

- Conscious consuming
- Look for opportunities to reduce waste and find new uses for the waste streams you have
- Find other learning opportunities and start the conversation





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