

AIMING AT ZERO

THE STRUGGLE TO GET THERE

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INTRODUCTION

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Aiming at ZERO

1. Overview of Panel Discussion (5-10 min)
 - 2030, EUI/ LPD + Case Study Projects
2. Introduction of Panelists (5 min)
3. Initial Framework: the Owner's Perspective (5-10 min)
4. Aiming at ZERO (35-40 min)
 - Minimize Building Loads
 - Maximize Energy Efficiency
 - On Site Renewables
 - Minimize Consumption
5. Discussion + Questions (15-20 min)

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Aiming at ZERO

1. Learn about role played by each team member guiding projects to reduce energy consumption
2. Understand parameters in decision making process
3. Use simple overarching strategy to address energy reduction at four levels
4. Apply lessons learned from projects and case studies to future endeavors
5. Compare potential design approaches for anticipated energy reduction and lifecycle cost

WHAT IS ZNEB?

zero net energy building

a building that is **optimally efficient** and over the course of the year **generates energy onsite** using clean **renewable sources** in a quantity equal to or greater than the total amount of energy consumed onsite

Definition from *The Massachusetts Zero Net Energy Building Task Force*

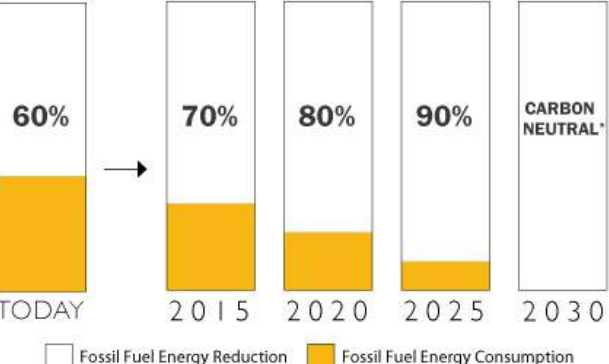
WHAT ARE THE BENCHMARKS? EUI / LPD / EMBODIED ENERGY

- **Energy Use Intensity (Kbtu/s.f./ yr.)** - (p) **Predicted vs. Proposed**
the rest of the world uses Kw/m/yr. (watt=3.41btu)
- **Light Power Density (w/s.f.)** **Maximum Light Power Provided**
now includes task lights
- **Embodied Energy to Mine, Produce, Ship and Erect / Install Products**
more relevant for carbon footprint calculations, hard to calculate

ESTABLISHING ENERGY GOALS

Where to begin?

http://architecture2030.org/files/2030_Challenge_Targets_National.pdf



The 2030 Challenge

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*Using no fossil fuel GHG-emitting energy to operate.

2030 CHALLENGE Targets, U.S. National Averages

U.S. AVERAGE FOR NEW BUILDINGS TO 2030 (Percentage Energy Reduction To Greenhouse Gas Emissions)

| Category | Building Type | Achieve a Target (0-100%) | Average Percent (0-100%) | Achieve a Goal (0-100%) | Average Energy Use (kBtu/ft²/yr) | 2009 Challenge Targets (ASHRAE 90.1) | | 2030 Challenge Targets (ASHRAE 90.1) | |
|------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | | | 80% Target | 95% Target | 80% Target | 95% Target |
| All-new Office | Multi-tenant Office | ✓ | | | | 70 | 50 | 70 | 50 |
| | Office | | 300 | 300 | 75 | 300 | 220 | 320 | 220 |
| | Chicago (Financial Complex Area) | | 200 | 200 | 100 | 300 | 250 | 350 | 250 |
| Retail | Retail Store | ✓ | | | | 120 | 80 | 120 | 80 |
| | Department Store | | 300 | 300 | 100 | 300 | 250 | 350 | 250 |
| | Shopping Mall - Food Retail | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Food Service | Food Service | | 700 | 700 | 300 | 600 | 500 | 750 | 550 |
| | Fast Food | | 1000 | 1000 | 400 | 2000 | 1500 | 3000 | 1500 |
| | Mid-Range (Casual) | | 500 | 500 | 300 | 500 | 400 | 600 | 400 |
| Health Care | Health Care (Hospital, Outpatient, Pharmacy, etc.) | | 800 | 800 | 300 | 1000 | 700 | 1200 | 700 |
| | Senior Care (Nursing Home, etc.) | | 1000 | 1000 | 500 | 1000 | 700 | 1200 | 700 |
| | Medical Office | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Education | Education (Public School, etc.) | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| | College/University | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| | Hotel/Motel/Resort | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| Multi-Family | Multi-Family (Mid-Rise/Apartments) | | 300 | 300 | 100 | 300 | 250 | 350 | 250 |
| | Multi-Family (High-Rise) | | 800 | 800 | 300 | 800 | 700 | 1100 | 700 |
| | Multi-Family (Single-Family) | | 300 | 300 | 100 | 300 | 250 | 350 | 250 |
| Industrial | Industrial (Manufacturing) | | 500 | 500 | 100 | 500 | 400 | 600 | 400 |
| | Warehouse | | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 80 |
| | Food Processing | | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 80 |
| Public Buildings | Public Building (City Hall, etc.) | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| | Courthouse | | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 80 |
| | Library | | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 80 |
| Transportation | Transportation (Terminal) | | 500 | 500 | 100 | 500 | 400 | 600 | 400 |
| | Bus Station | | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 80 |
| | Train Station | | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 80 |
| Other | Other (Various) | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| | Warehouse | | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 80 |
| | Manufacturing (Light) | | 100 | 100 | 50 | 100 | 80 | 130 | 80 |

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2030 CHALLENGE Targets: U.S. National Averages

U.S. Averages for Site Energy Use and 2030 Challenge Energy Reduction Targets by Space/Building Type¹

From the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): Use this chart to find the site fossil-fuel energy targets

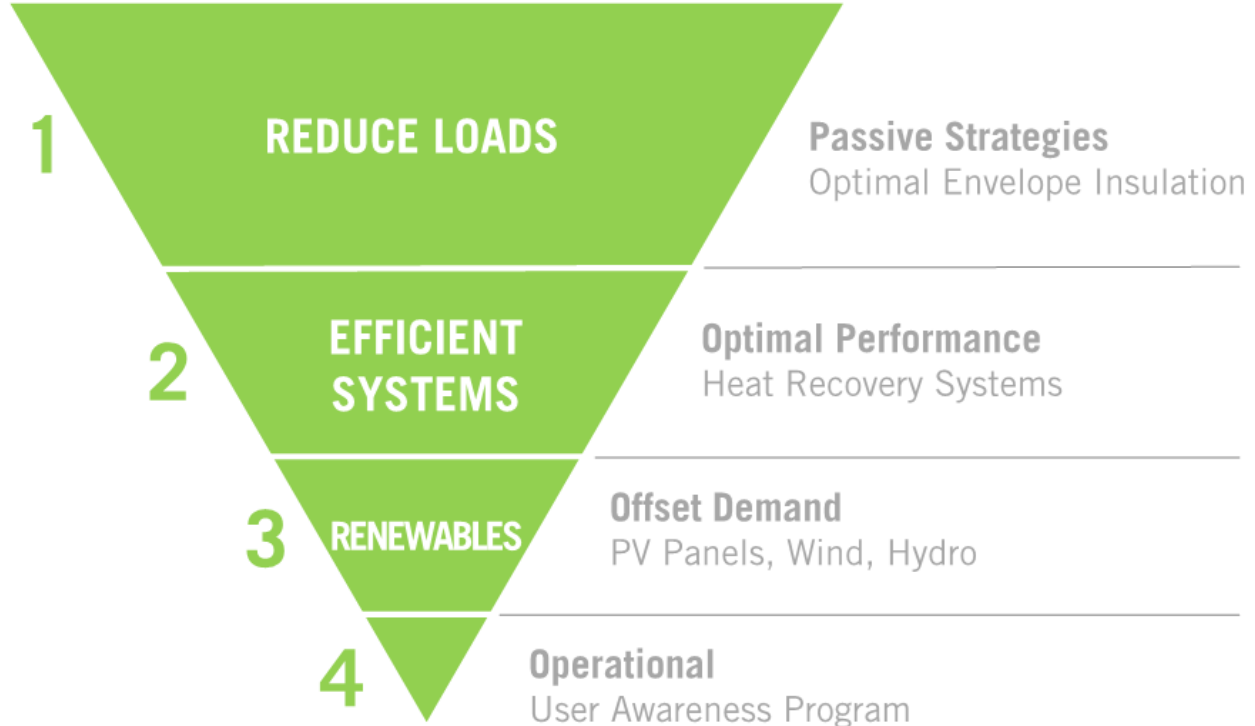
| Primary Space / Building Type ² | Available in Target Finder ³ | Average Source EUI ⁴ (kBtu/Sq.Ft./Yr) | Average Percent Electric | Average Site EUI ⁴ (kBtu/Sq.Ft./Yr) | 2030 Challenge Site EUI Targets (kBtu/Sq.Ft./Yr) | | | | |
|---|---|--|--------------------------|--|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | | | | | 50% Target | 60% Target | 70% Target | 80% Target | 90% Target |
| Administrative / Professional & Government Office | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| Education | | 170 | 63% | 76 | 38.0 | 30.4 | 22.8 | 15.2 | 7.6 |
| College / University (campus-level) | | 280 | 63% | 120 | 60.0 | 48.0 | 36.0 | 24.0 | 12.0 |
| K-12 School | ✓ | | | | | | | | |

4 STEPS TOWARD ZERO NET ENERGY DESIGN



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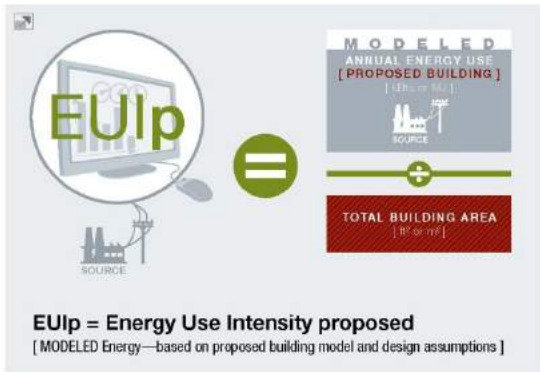
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EUI – based on averages

pEUI – predicted

EUip – proposed

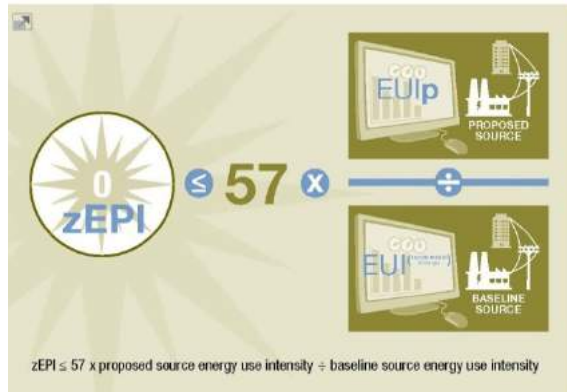
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(use for energy model)

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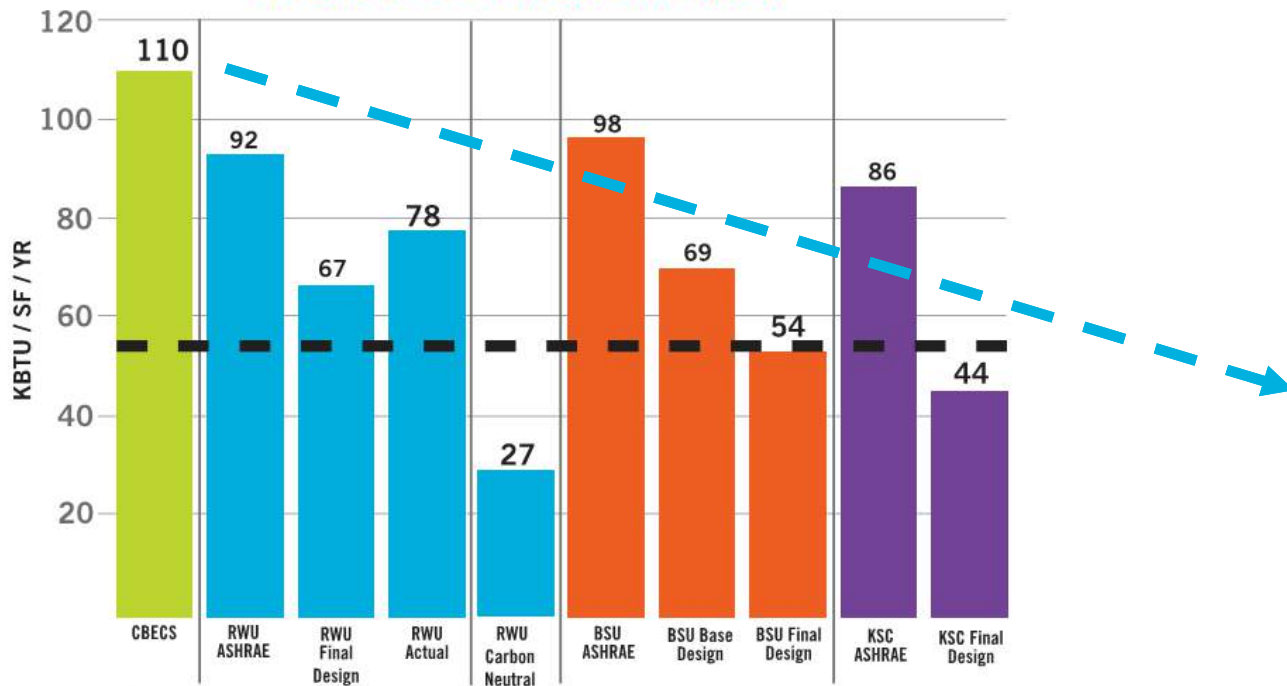
- **zero Energy Performance Index (zEPI)**

value that represents the ratio of energy performance of a proposed building design compared to the average energy performance of buildings with similar occupancy and climate types, benchmarked to the year 2000



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PANELISTS

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Owner

OWNER'S PERSPECTIVE

JAY KAHN AND AMANDA FORDE

#3

SETTING THE STAGE FOR SUSTAINABLE DRIVERS

Owner's Perspective

- **KSC's Physical Transformational Building Blocks**
 - Aligning form and function to mission and goals
 - Asset and historic preservation
 - Sustainability and life cycle costs

**Enter to Learn
Go Forth to Serve**



WHAT CAN WE CONTROL AND WHEN IN THE PROCESS?

Design Team Partnering with Clients









- **Client Visioning with Design Team**

- Understand the **project goals** from the Client's perspective
- Align the Client's mission with **sustainable/design goals**
- Create a joint list of **Sustainable Priorities**
- Create a list of **sustainable strategies** that support the established priorities
- Assign responsibility to **champion sustainable strategies**



SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES

matrix

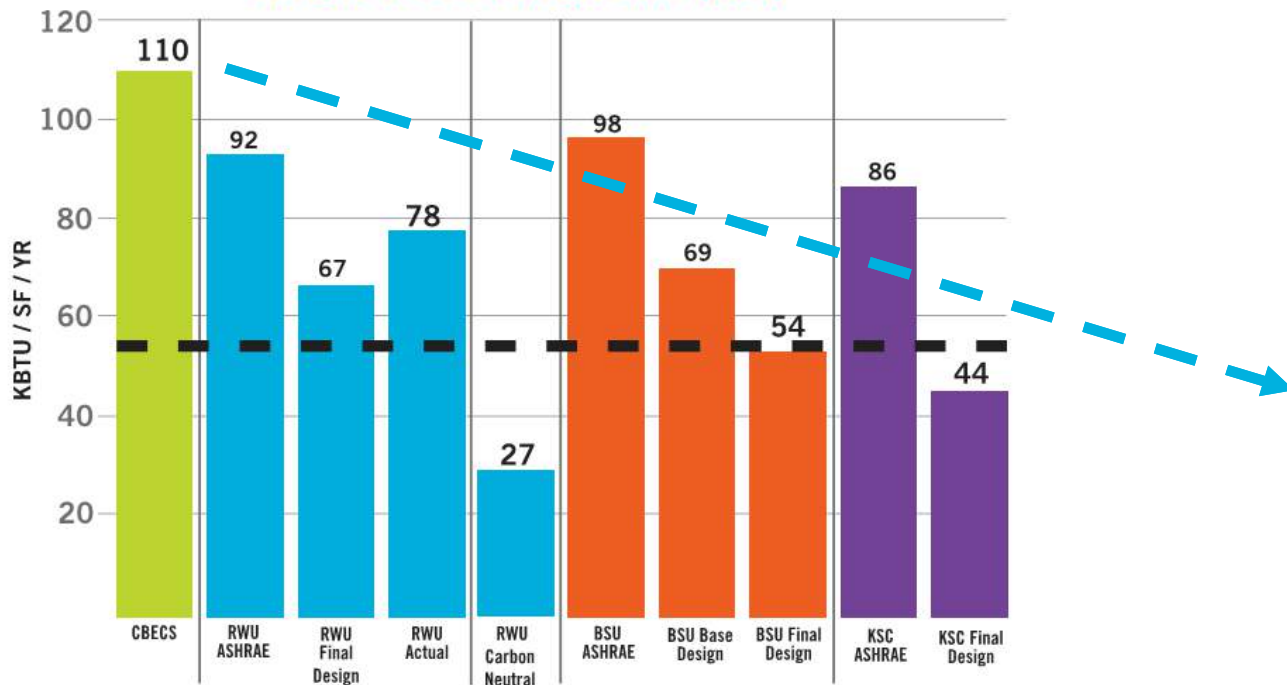
| Status | Strategy | Image | Energy System Option | Impacts | Location | Advantages | Disadvantages | Potential |
|--------|-------------|---|--|---|---------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| Y | HVAC |  | Demand Controlled Ventilation | HVAC controls | common areas, classrooms | reduced fan & thermal energy | additional sensors | |
| Y | HVAC |  | Ventilation Energy Recovery | ductwork, HVAC controls, equipment capacity | bathrooms, bedrooms | reduce heating and cooling loads | initial cost and size of equipment | |
| Y | HVAC |  | Air Source Heat Pump - Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) | mechanical system design, ceiling space for cartridge units in each space | building wide | increased efficiency as compared to unitary equipment | fan/filter located in occupied space | |
| Y | HVAC |  | Geothermal Close Loop Heat Exchange | site availability and mechanical space, drilling bore fields | Quad | increased COP, low carbon heating and cooling source | initial cost, well field space | |
| Y | HVAC |  | Modular Water-to-Water Heat Pumps | mechanical system design | Mechanical Room | increased efficiency as compared to unitary equipment, redundancy | limited manufacturers of equipment | |
| Y | PLUMBING |  | Shower Drain Energy Recovery | drain piping | Kitchen waste drain pipes | reduced DHW energy from non renewable sources | initial costs, additional drain piping-vertical space needed | |
| Y | ELEC |  | Building Wide Lighting Control System | lighting control design | building wide | increased control over building lighting | initial cost | |
| Y | HVAC & ELEC |  | Commissioning | project close out | building wide | confirms system efficiency and operation | initial cost | |

INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION

YANEL DE ANGEL + CHRIS SHUMWAY

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ZNEB STUDY

Overview + Approach

1. RWU Project + Carbon Neutral Study
2. Site Strategies
3. Energy Consumption
4. Carbon Footprint



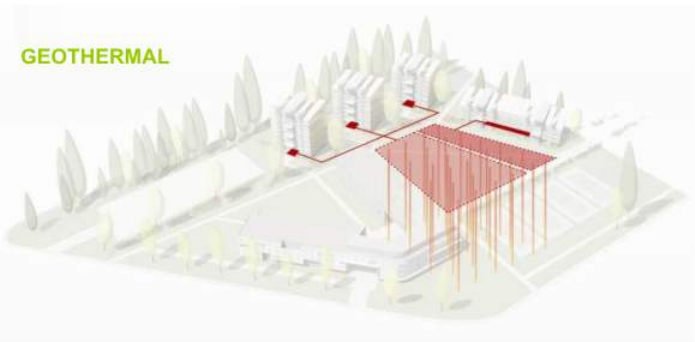
**CO2 Neutral
Residence Hall**

Phase 1: 128 Beds

**Future Phases
384 Beds**

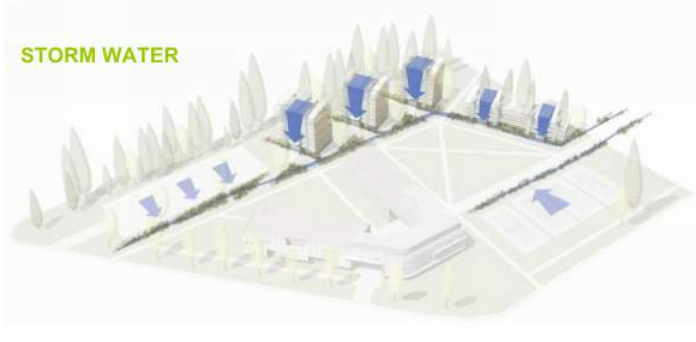
- Consideration of University Master Plan
- Minimized site disturbance
- Appropriate density
- Seasonal landscape/xeriscaping
- Pervious pavement
- Zoning for future growth
- Zoning for geothermal





GEO THERMAL

- Phase 1 requires 5 standing column wells
- Each well is 1,500 feet deep
- Wells are spaced 60 foot on center



STORM WATER

- Storm water runoff to be captured in bio-swales



WINTER WINDS

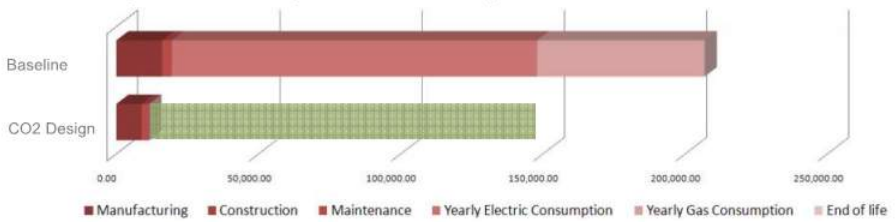
- Evergreen trees in the North side mitigate winter winds
- Winter winds are redirected between the buildings



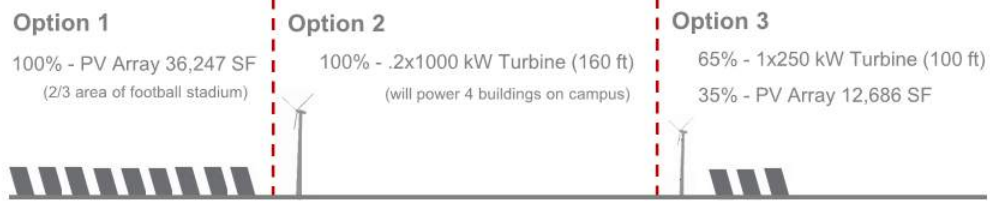
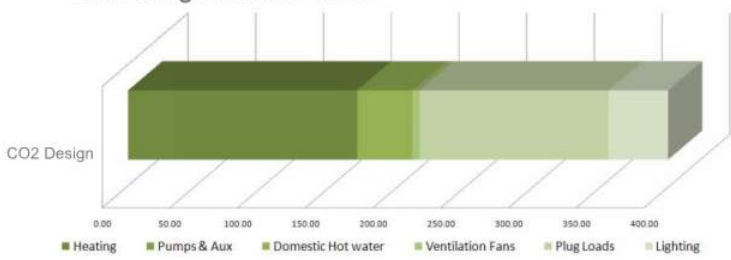
SUMMER WINDS

- Summer winds captured through Lounges and windows
- Buildings staggered to prevent wind flow blocking
- Natural ventilation system redirects wind inside building
- Deciduous trees shade building's South façade
- Heat chimneys remove warm air from interiors

Comparative Life Cycle Carbon Footprint



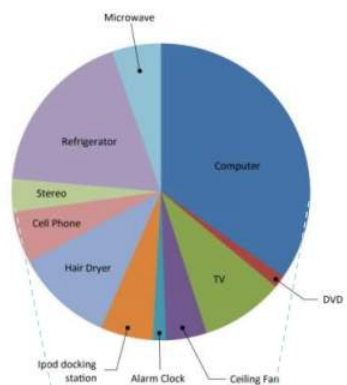
CO2 Design Electric Loads



Total Energy production required during the lifespan of the building to offset CO2 impact from manufacturing processes, construction, operations and building end-of-life is **25,631.50 kWh/Year**

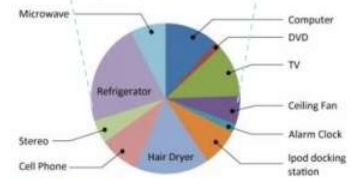


Standard Energy Consumption



Baseline:
Suite Energy Consumption = **846 kwh/yr**

Energy Star Consumption



CO2 Neutral:
Suite Energy Consumption = **559 kwh/yr**

4 STEPS zero-net energy



- Building Massing
- Solar Orientation
- Passive Natural Ventilation
- Square Footage Optimization
- High Performance Envelope
- Daylight Harvesting
- Plug Load Control
- Green Roofs



- High COP Thermal Energy
 - Geo-exchange
 - ASHP
- Valance Heating and Cooling
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- Ventilation Energy Recovery
- Geo-exchange DHW
- Efficient Lighting and Controls



- Photovoltaic
- Solar Thermal
- Wind Turbine

DESIGN ↔ OPERATION



- Heating and Cooling Set Points
- Operable Windows “Kill Switches”
- User Group Awareness and Education
- Equipment Limitation/ Policy Change (No Micro-Fridges)
- Energy Star Equipment

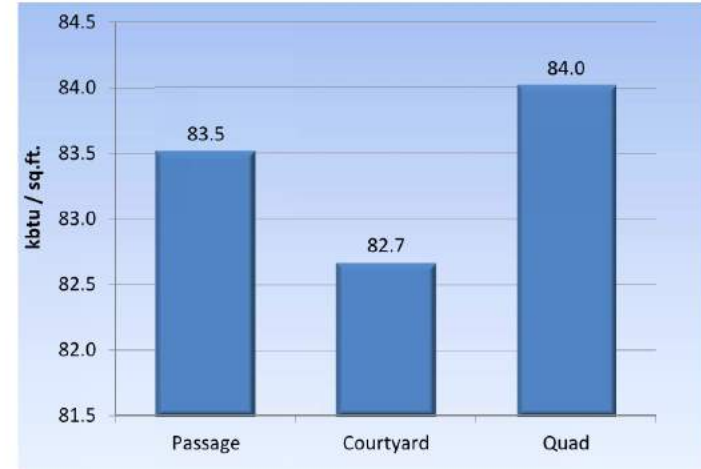


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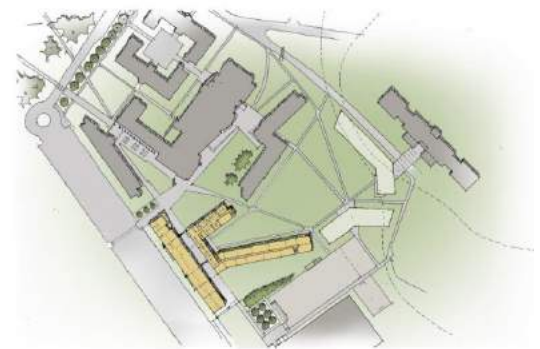
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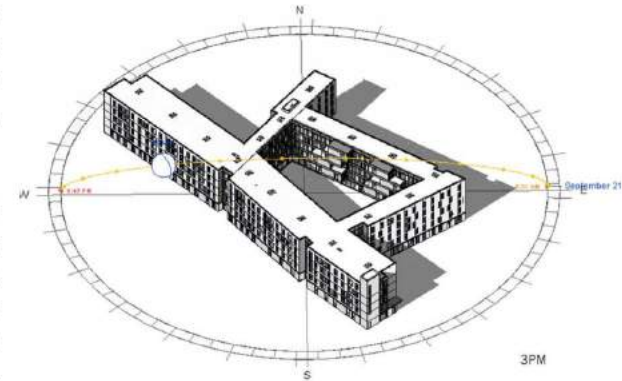
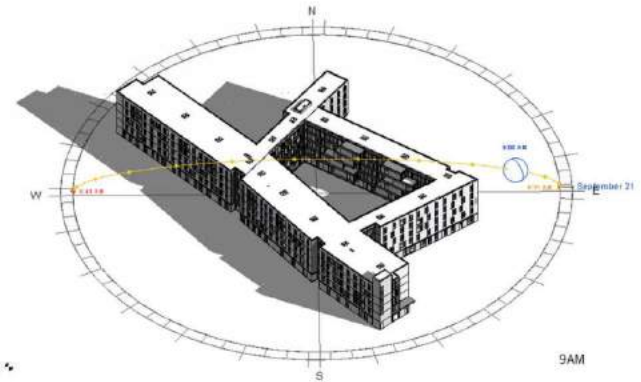
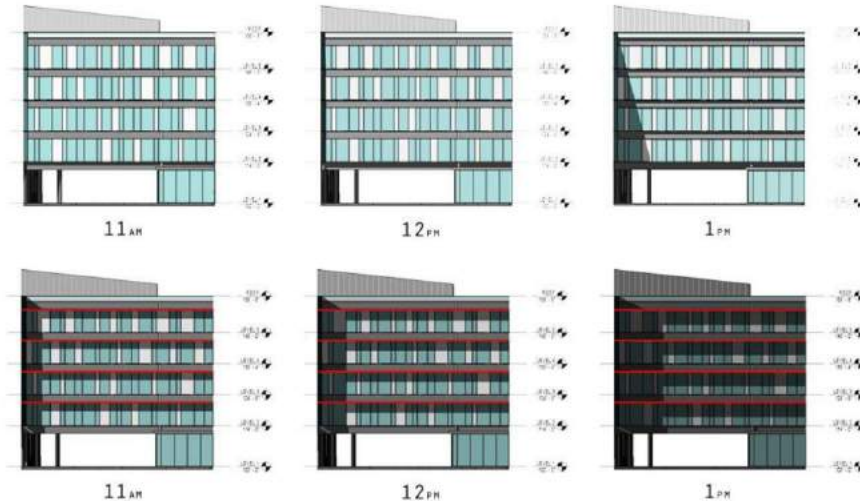


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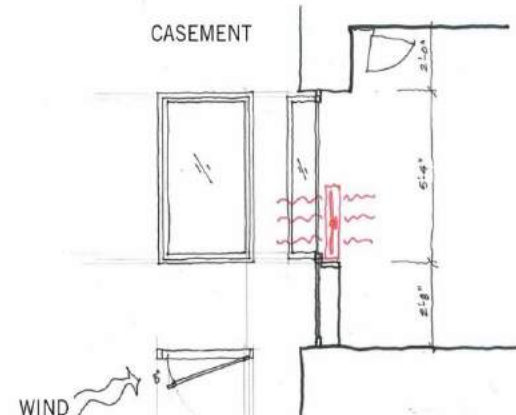
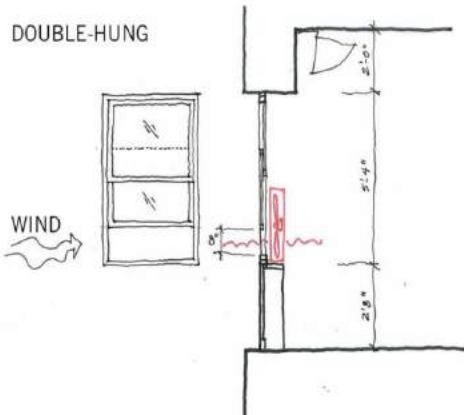
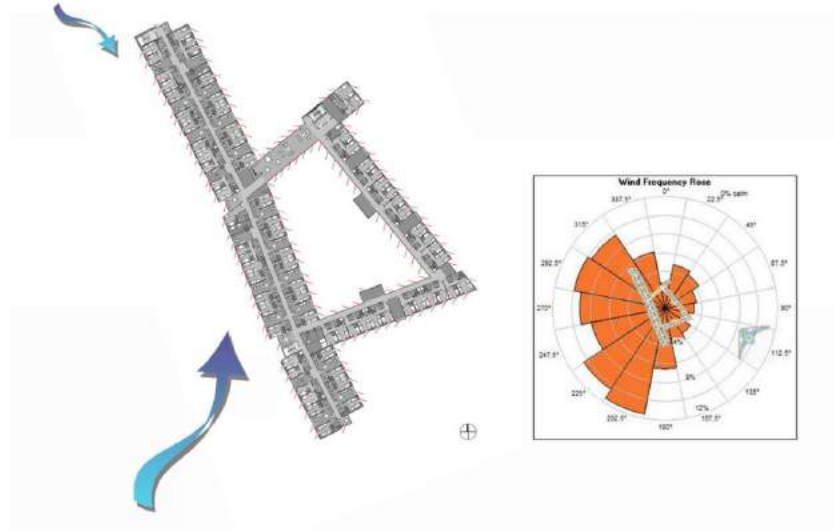
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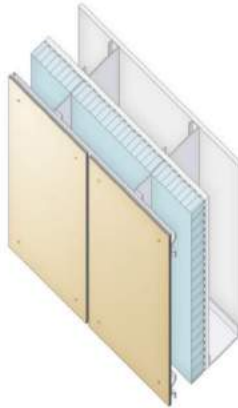
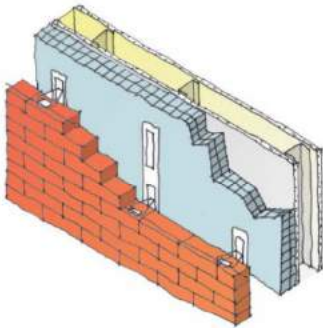
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- **High Performance Envelope: insulation and fiberglass windows**
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Insulation Values Improved during construction!

Walls: R26 became R29 **Roof:** R38 became R49





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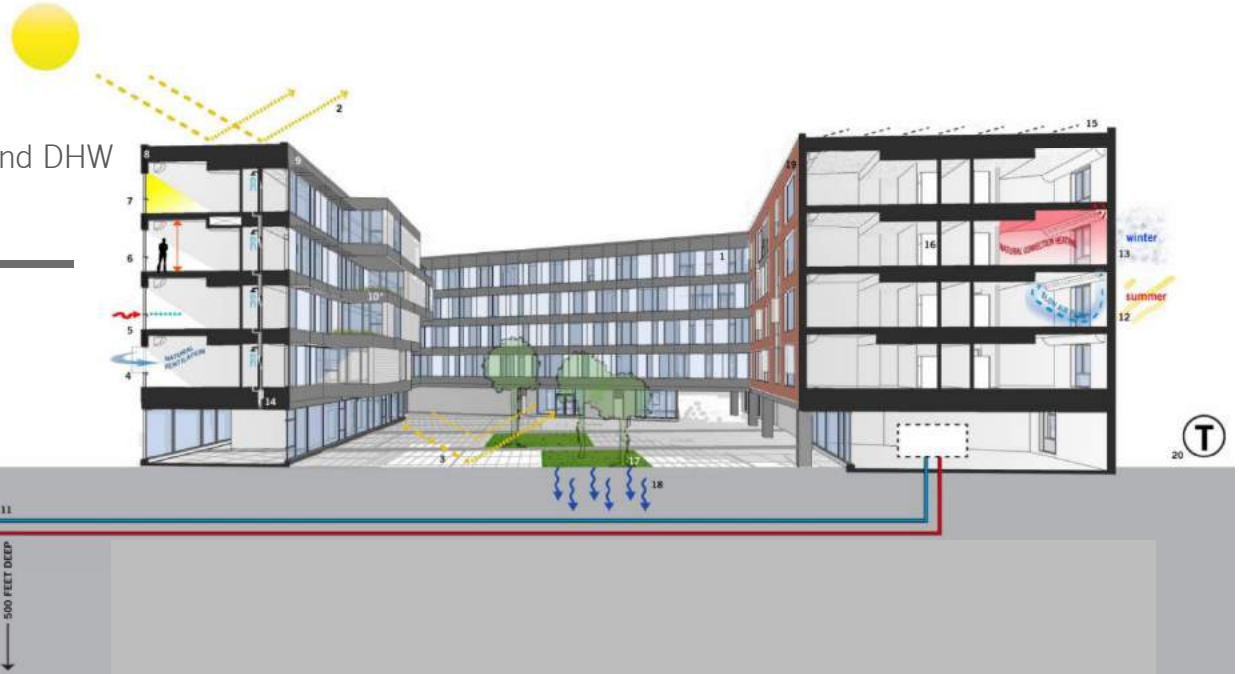
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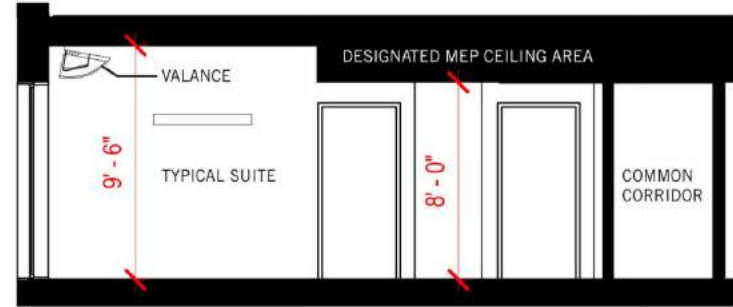
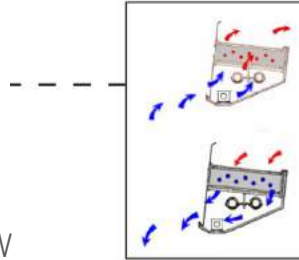
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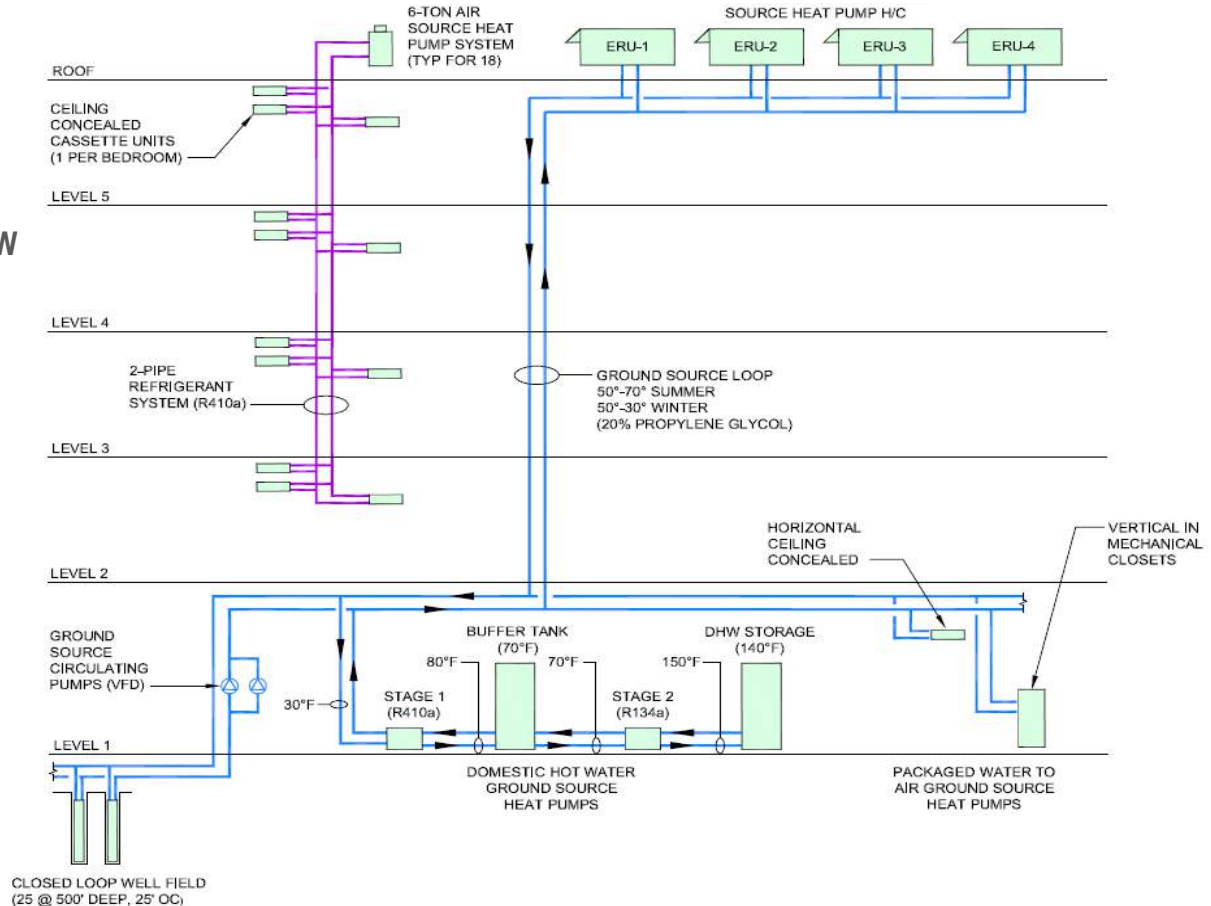
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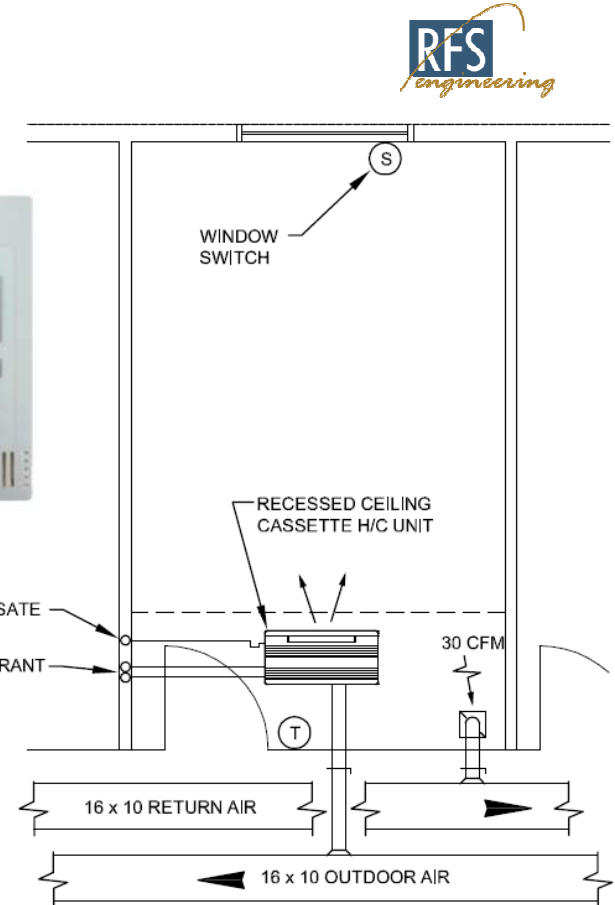
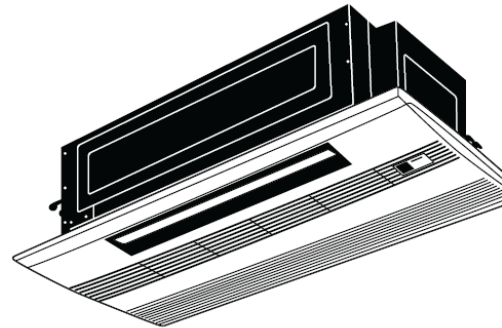
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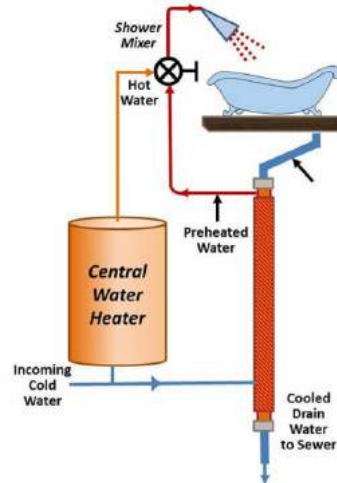
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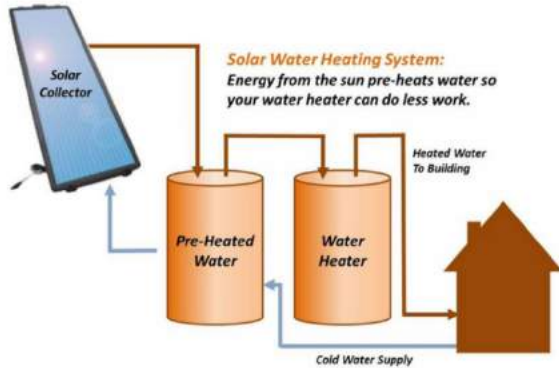
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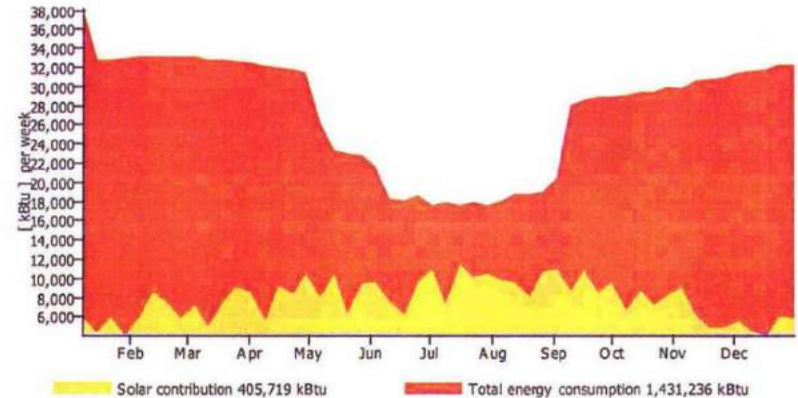
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If solar thermal was accepted...

- 50 panel (300 kBtu/hr) system would yield 20% to 30% of annual DHW energy
- \$350,000 capital cost, 50+ year payback
- Owner reluctance for solar thermal



Solar energy consumption as percentage of total consumption



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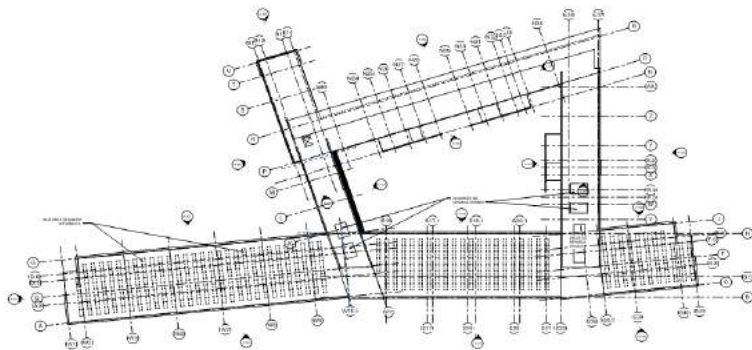
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If building was powered by PV panels...

- Building roof solution would allow 200 to 300 kW, less than 10% of annual electric energy
- ZNEB solution would require +/-2MW, 3x adjacent quad green surface
- \$9,500,000 capital cost, 30+ year payback



Roof PV panels could provide 6.5% of the building's energy: 3.5 kbtu/year



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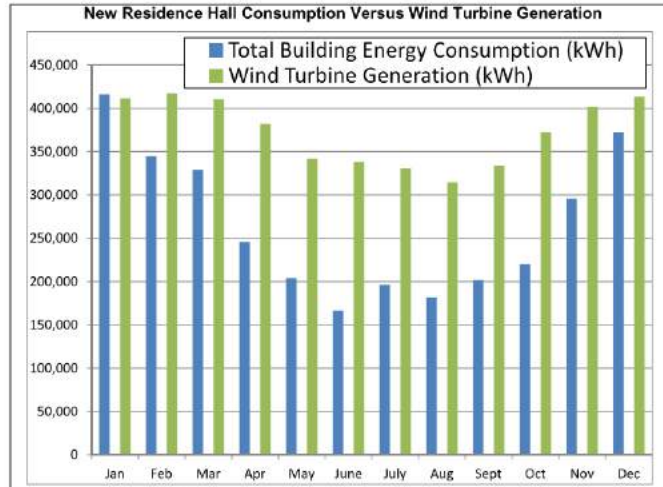
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If the building was powered just by WIND...

- Wind turbine at +/-2MW would provide approximately 150% of annual electric energy
- \$5,000,000 capital cost, less than 10 year payback
- Continued Owner consideration for wind power



Boreal Renewable Energy Development, Wind Report, Sept 2011





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- Solar Thermal*
- Photovoltaic Power*
- Wind Power*
- **Green Power**

purchased 3,988,584 kWh Green-e Certified Clean Source

- *100% total usage for 2 years*

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- **Window “Kill Switches”**
- User Awareness Programs
- Temperature Set Points
- Suite Refrigerator in lieu of Mini-Fridges
- Energy STAR Equipment / Appliances
- Natural Gas & Electric Metering/Trending



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- **User Awareness Programs**
- Temperature Set Points
- Suite Refrigerator in lieu of Mini-Fridges
- Energy STAR Equipment / Appliances
- Natural Gas & Electric Metering/Trending

a BUILDING that TEACHES...

- creates user awareness
- make users active participants
- influences a lifestyle

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NO MICRO-FRIDGES!

BEHAVIORAL CHANGES

heating/cooling set point control

occupant shared refrigerator

turning off lights when daylight is sufficient

closing/opening windows as required

using window shades to mitigate heat gain or glare

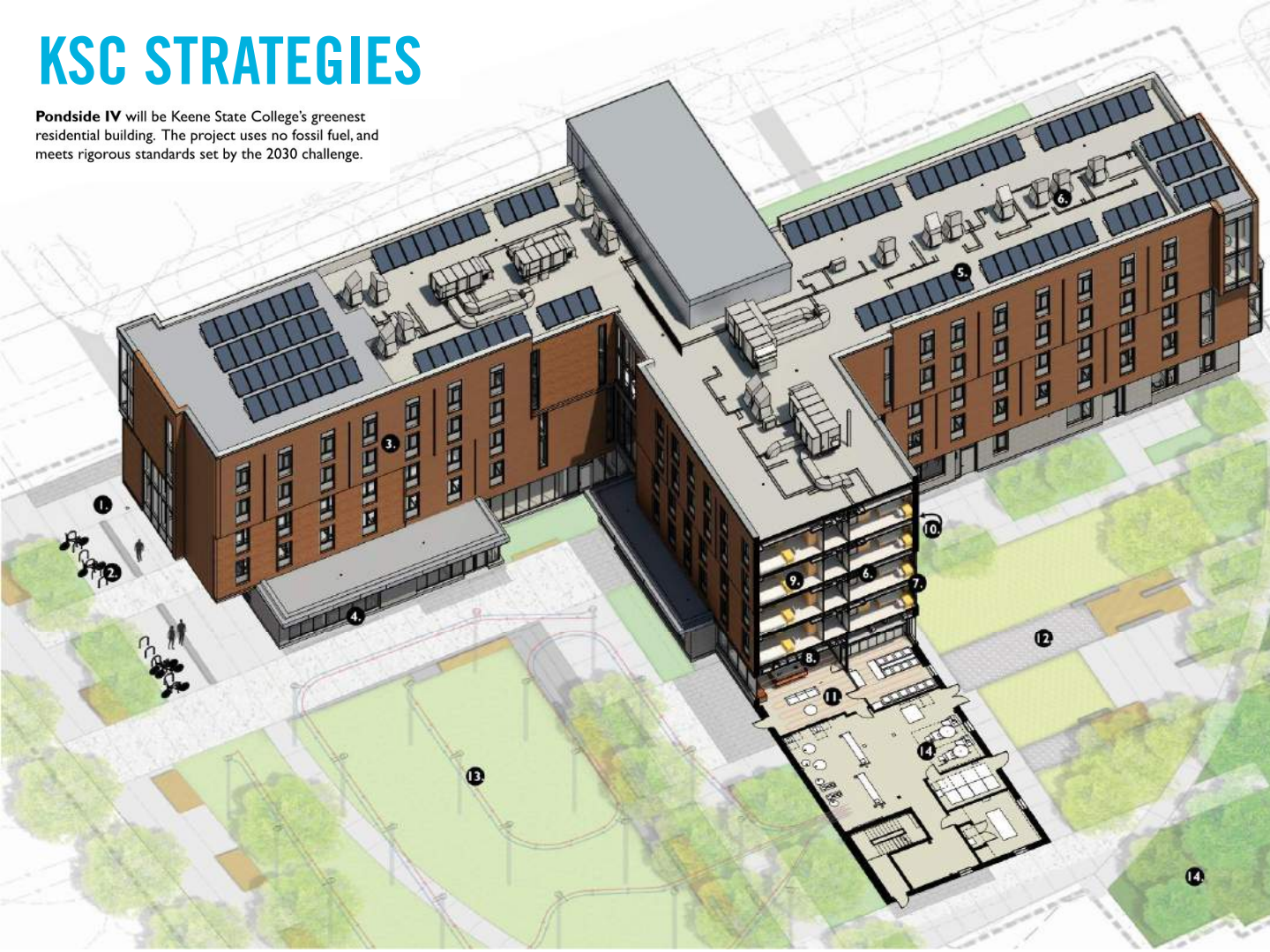
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KSC STRATEGIES

Pondside IV will be Keene State College's greenest residential building. The project uses no fossil fuel, and meets rigorous standards set by the 2030 challenge.



- 1 WALKABILITY**
design strengthens pedestrian axis - bus stop in front of building
- 2 BIKE STORAGE**
outdoor and lockable indoor storage available
- 3 HIGH PERFORMANCE ENVELOPE**
wall R-value: 28
roof R-value: 38
- 4 EFFICIENT GLAZING**
low-e coating, argon gas insulated; maintains occupant comfort while preserving views
- 5 PV-READY ROOF**
could potentially generate a percentage of building energy
- 6 AIR TO AIR HEATING AND COOLING**
highly efficient units heat + cool residential floors, and allow individual temperature control for each unit
- 7 OPERABLE WINDOWS**
provide natural ventilation - room HVAC automatically shuts off when window is opened
- 8 EFFICIENT LED LIGHTING**
energy efficient, long lasting fixtures
- 9 LOW-VOC MATERIALS**
used throughout building for healthier environment
- 10 SHOWER DRAIN HEAT RECOVERY**
preheats domestic hot water to save energy
- 11 RADIANT HEATED GROUND FLOOR**
maintains occupant comfort while minimizing energy use
- 12 RAIN GARDEN AQUIFER RECHARGE**
roof stormwater diverted to a rain garden - reduces piping + allows water to return to aquifer after natural filtration
- 13 GEOTHERMAL HEATING**
25 geothermal wells harvest earth temperature for radiant floor and preheating of domestic hot water
- 14 NATIVE LANDSCAPING**
uses regional + adaptive species

KSC ENERGY LOADS BY BUILDING SUBSYSTEM



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Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

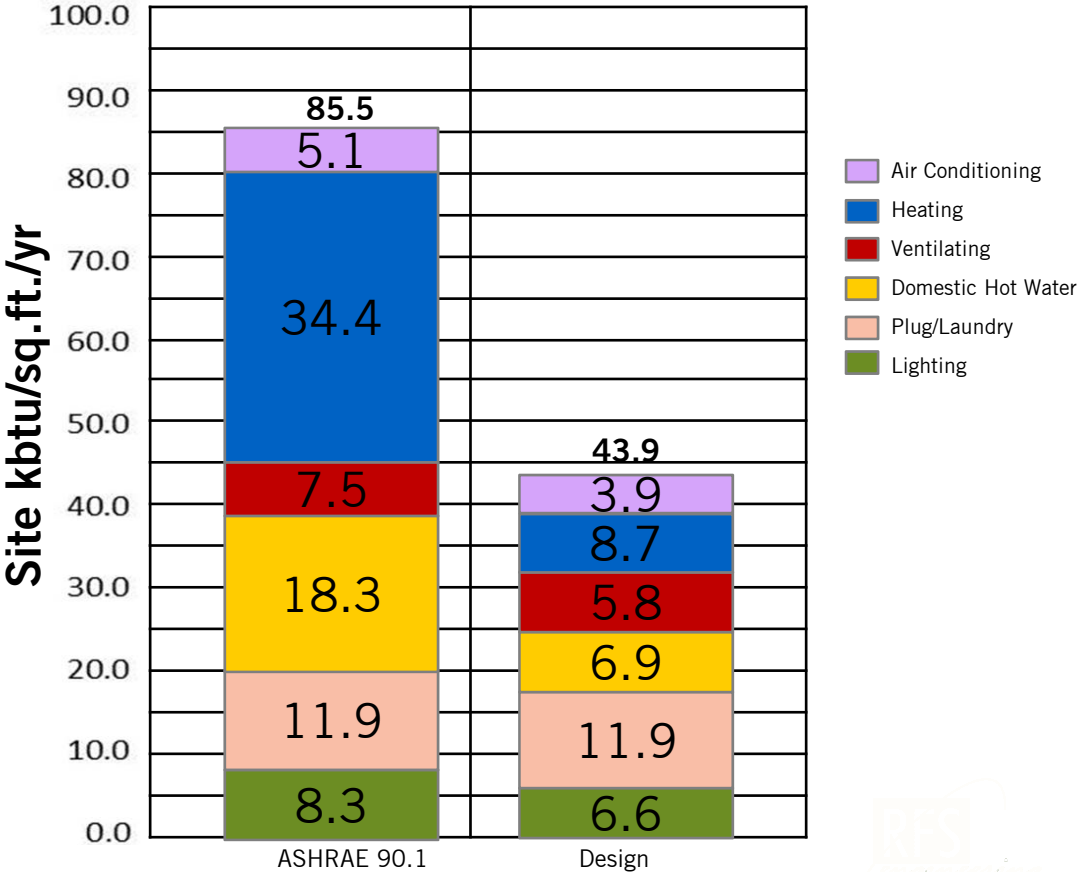
- High-Performance Envelope
- Air-Source Heat Pumps (VRF)
- Window Kill Switches
- Ground-Source Heat Pumps
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- Demand-Control Ventilation
- Variable-Speed Fan and Pumps

Domestic Hot Water

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- Low-Flow Fixtures

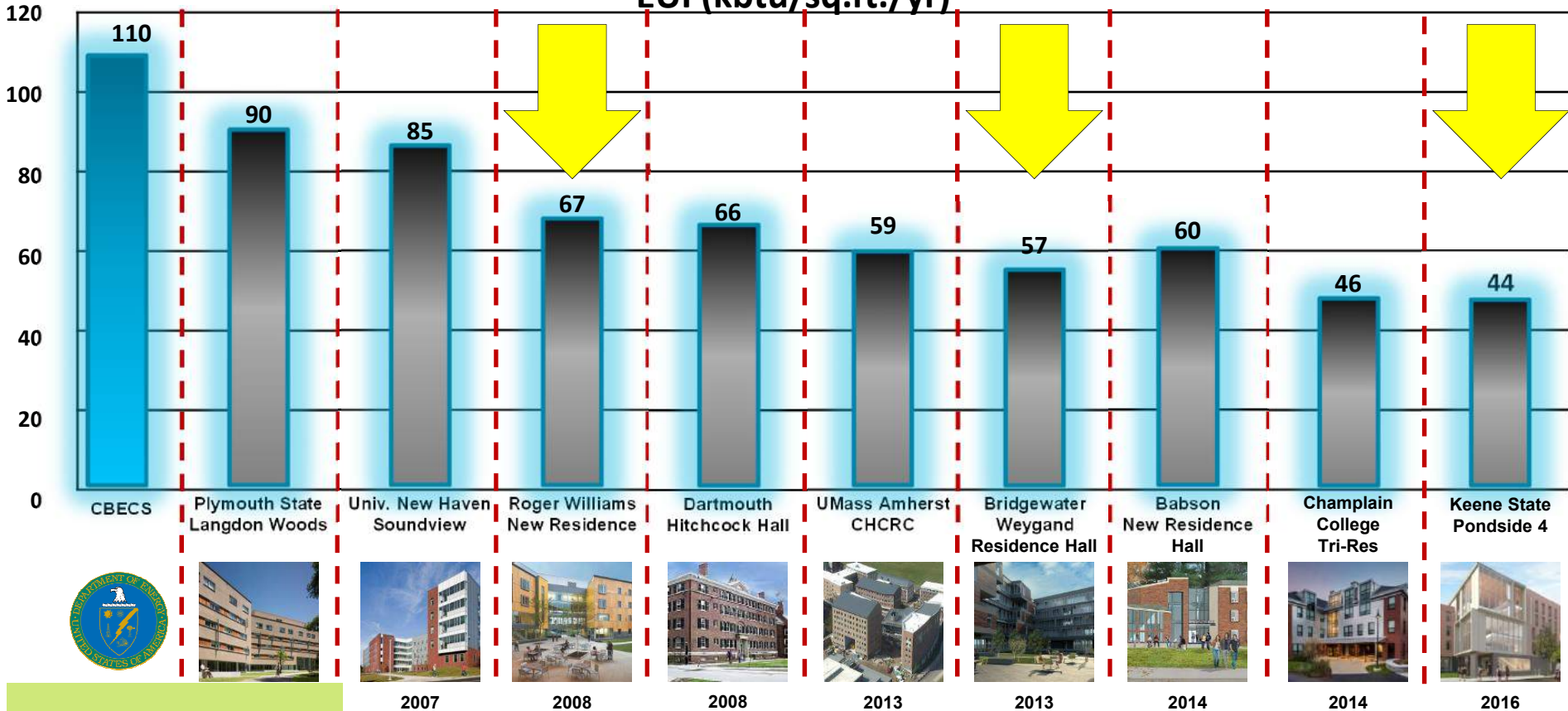
Lighting

- LED Lighting
- Daylight Harvesting
- Lighting Controls

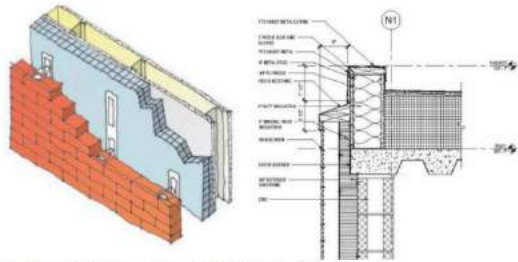


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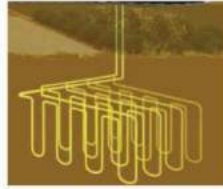
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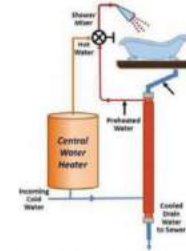
Questions + Conversation



R-25 R-29 walls // R-38 R-49



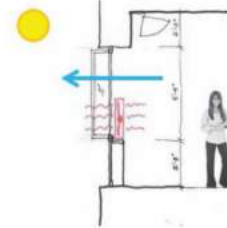
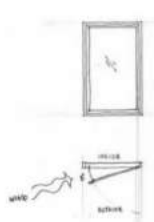
Geo-Exchange // Valance



Shower Drain Energy Recovery



Fiberglass Window Frames



Daylight // Natural Ventilation



Kill Switches



Lighting Efficiency



Brise Solaire // Fritted Glazing



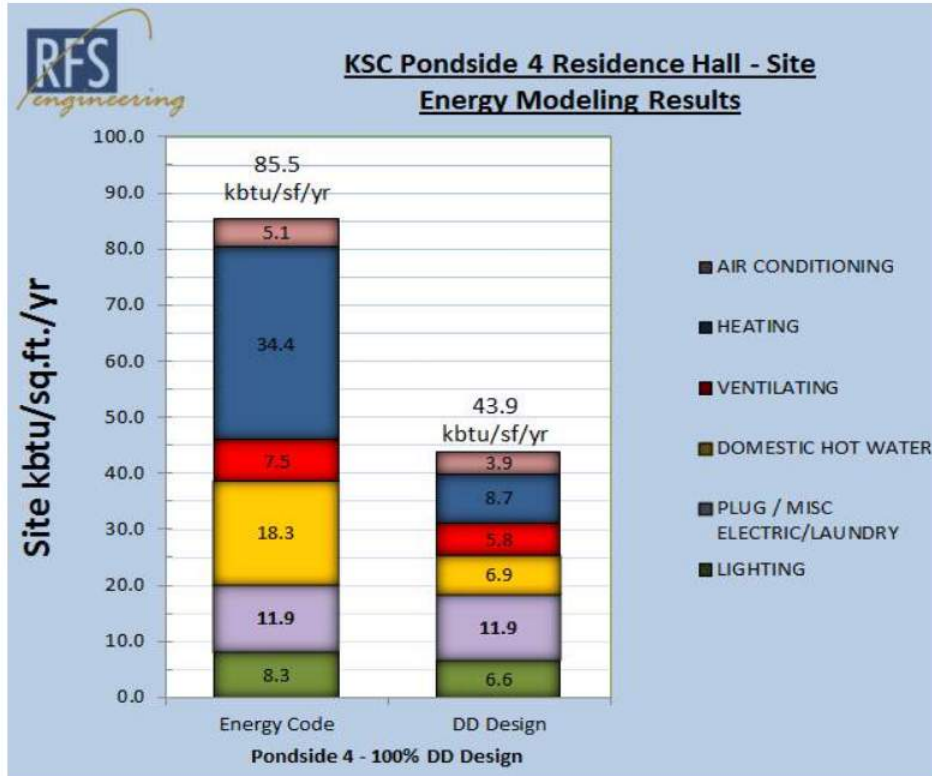
Electric Car Charging Stations



No Micro-Fridges // 1 Refrigerator per Suite



ENERGY MODELING UPDATE



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