

A **holistic approach**, combined with a realistic phasing plan, can make decarbonization technically and economically feasible.

Planning for Resource Efficient Decarbonization

A Phased Approach to Eliminating Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Tall Buildings in Cold Climates

Strategic decarbonization planning entails balancing multiple goals

ECONOMICS

Energy and maintenance projects can save money over time.

TECH READINESS

There is lots of work to do before replacing main equipment. Take enabling steps first.

SIMPLE SOLUTIONS

What is the simplest way to design a solution?

MAINTAINABILITY

Find ways to reduce future maintenance costs by implementing decarbonization measures.



VALUES

How can decarbonization advance organizational values and goals?

RESILIENCY

Systems should be prepared for disruption and protect occupants from climate-related threats.

BUDGETS & PHASE-IN

Breaking decarbonization into incremental steps can help meet targets, within tight budgets.

EXISTING PLANS

How can an existing plan be leveraged to shift gears and implement a new trajectory? Small changes can gradually yield large results.



By phasing in solutions over a longer time horizon, and within budgets, building decarbonization is achievable and can be cost-effective.



CHECK YOUR ASSUMPTIONS.

Are any of our existing beliefs limiting your perspective? Is there another lens you could look through?



FOLLOW A CLEAR 3-STEP PROCESS.

A process is already in use that can help you trace your path to carbon neutrality.

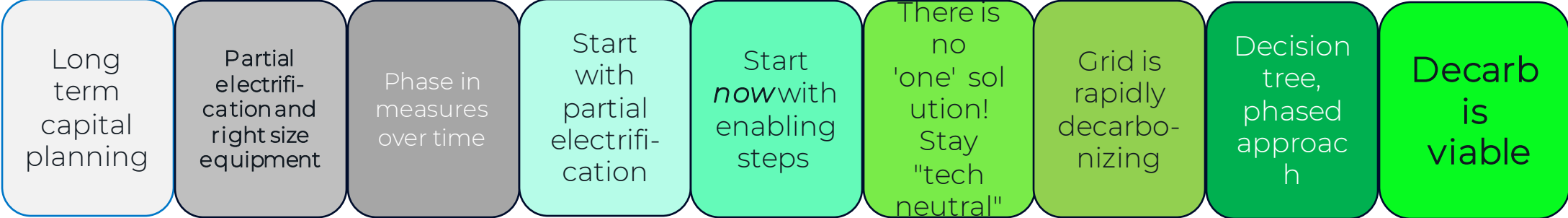
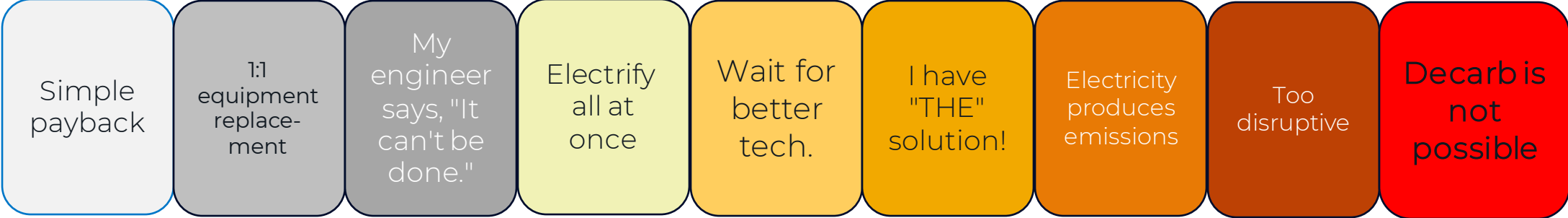


SEE HOW OTHERS ARE DOING IT.

Learn from what others have already done to put their buildings on the trajectory to full decarbonization.

The lens you look through determines what you see.


Beware of mental traps that prevent early action.



Three steps to successful decarbonization planning


1

CONDITION ASSESSMENT.

Conditions, requirements or events at your building or company can trigger a decarbonization effort. Look at both technical and asset baselines. 


2

ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS.

Take action now. Look for enabling steps and pathways to decarbonize efficiently over time, by thinking holistically. 

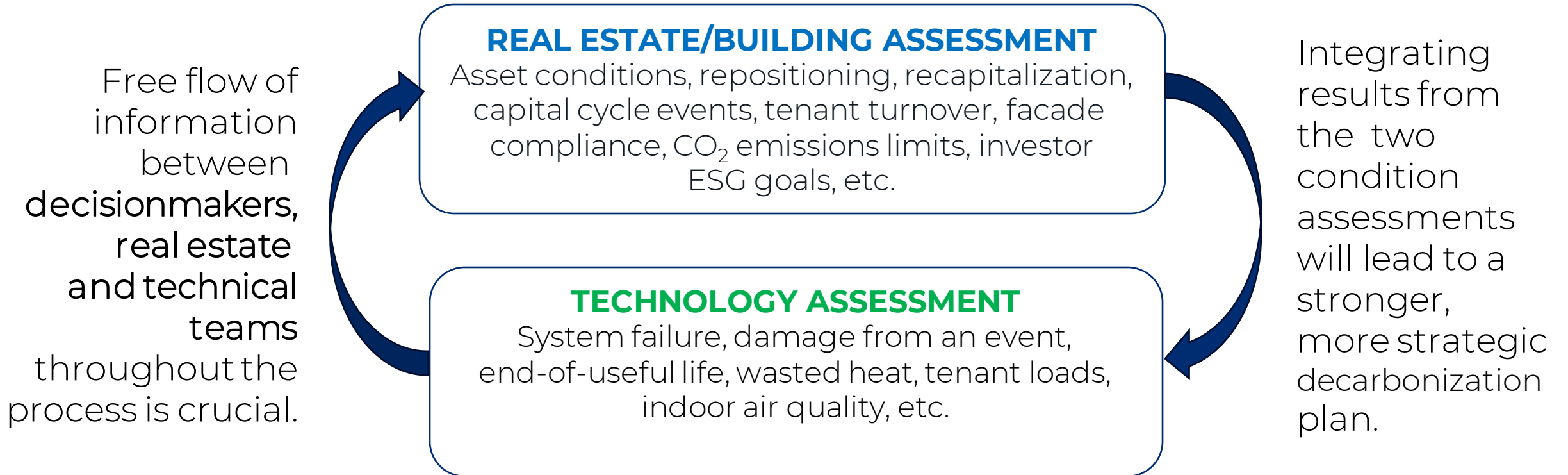
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CAPITAL PLANNING AND THE BUSINESS CASE.

Conduct a decarbonization assessment based on a discounted cash flow model. Look at different investment scenarios, over the long term. 

A Repeatable Process

Step 1: Condition Assessment



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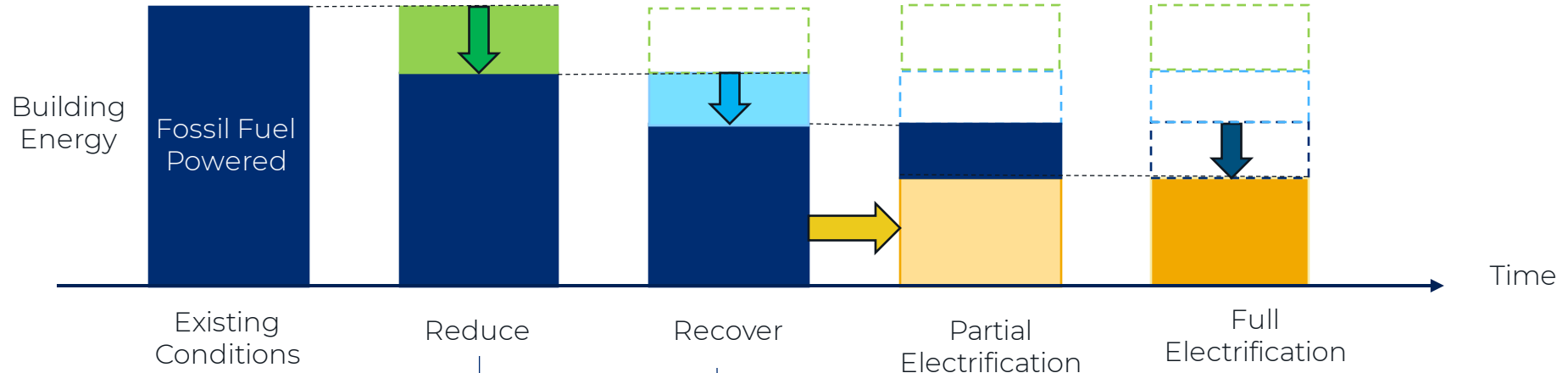
Step 2: Engineering Solutions

Apply the **Resource Efficient Decarbonization** model to help alleviate space constraints, optimize peak thermal capacity, increase operational efficiencies, **utilize waste heat, and reduce the need for oversized electric thermal energy systems**, creating retrofit cost compression. The model contains (4) steps:

- 1. REDUCE** energy loads as much as possible.
- 2. RECONFIGURE** systems to create thermal networks and enable low temperature distribution.
- 3. RECOVER** as much heat as possible from air, water, and wastewater sources.
- 4. REPLACE*** equipment incrementally over time until full decarbonization is reached.

* "All-or-Nothing" is a false assumption

Applying Resource Efficient Decarbonization (RED)



Reduce Energy Load

- Building Envelope Improvements
- Control Optimization
- Ventilation Improvements
- Dedicated Outside Air System
- Hydronic Distribution
- Lower Heating Supply Temp.
- Terminal Units Replacement

Recover Wasted Heat

- Waterside Heat Recovery
- Airside Heat Recovery
- Wastewater Heat Recovery
- Thermal Energy Networks

Partial Electrification

Replace fossil fuel inputs and prioritize the techno-economic portion of load

- Air Source Heat Pumps
- Water Source Heat Pumps
- Geothermal
- Thermal Layering

Full Electrification

In-time, replace or remove the remaining peak load equipment

- Heat Pumps
- Thermal Storage
- District Thermal Network
- Grid-interactivity

All paths to Resource Efficient Decarbonization include heat recovery and recycling.

Buildings lose heat through a variety of processes. Holistic building decarbonization requires recovering and recycling wasted heat through various interventions:

Cooling produces heat. Capture the heat and apply it to other uses, like domestic hot water.

Heat goes down the drain. Extract heat from wastewater with heat pumps and redirect it to other uses.

Think twice about ventilation. Fresh air is fundamental to healthy buildings. Be certain to recover heat and cool from exhaust air.

Save it for later. Incorporate thermal storage technology into designs to save recovered heat for when its most needed.



The way heat moves in a building is more important than how it's made.

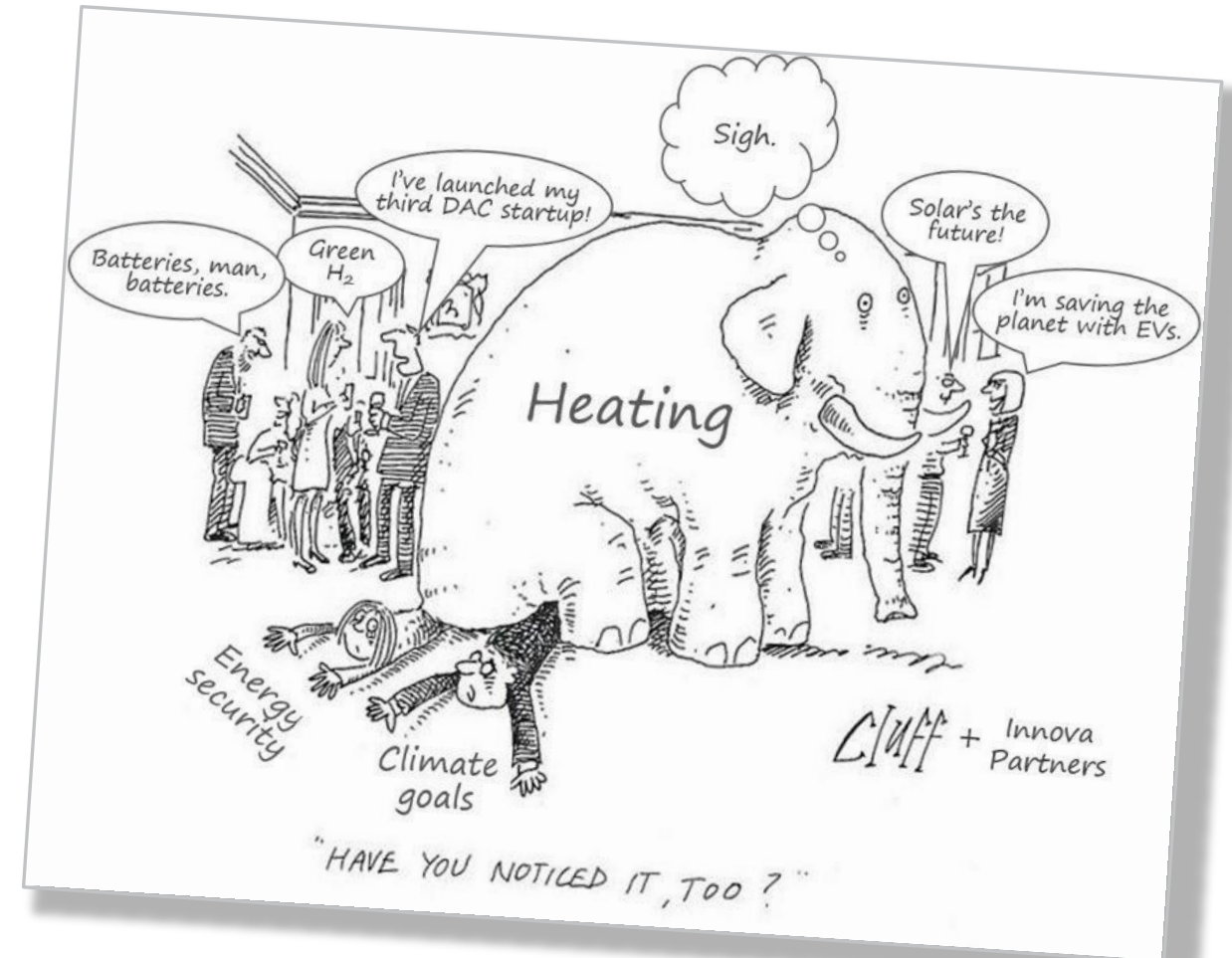
Building infrastructure must shift toward lower temperature heating distribution.

Keep your options open. Choose technology neutral distribution systems and plug in low carbon technology over time.

Steam is out. Water is in. Incrementally shift steam distribution systems to water/hydronic distribution.

Embrace low temperature heating. More efficient and enables heat pumps. Requires changing terminal units to fan coils, radiant panels or similarly performing devices.

Location is everything. Strategically relocate or add distribution infrastructure to support other goals, like heat recovery.



A Repeatable Process

Step 3: Capital Planning and the Business Case

What to do

Define the decarbonization period (think long term)

Start with an ideal engineering plan

Develop multiple investment scenarios

Evaluate NPV and conduct sensitivity analysis

Compare to Business-As-Usual

When to do it

Is there value to an accelerated timeline?

How can implementation be phased to optimize resources?

What are the capital and financial cycles of the property?

Key Strategic Decarbonization Planning Methods

Think beyond simple payback and prioritize projects.

BUSINESS-AS-USUAL

Develop a business-as-usual scenario, including information from Step 1: Condition Assessment. Include cost of offsets and reasonable assumptions about future cost of fossil fuels.

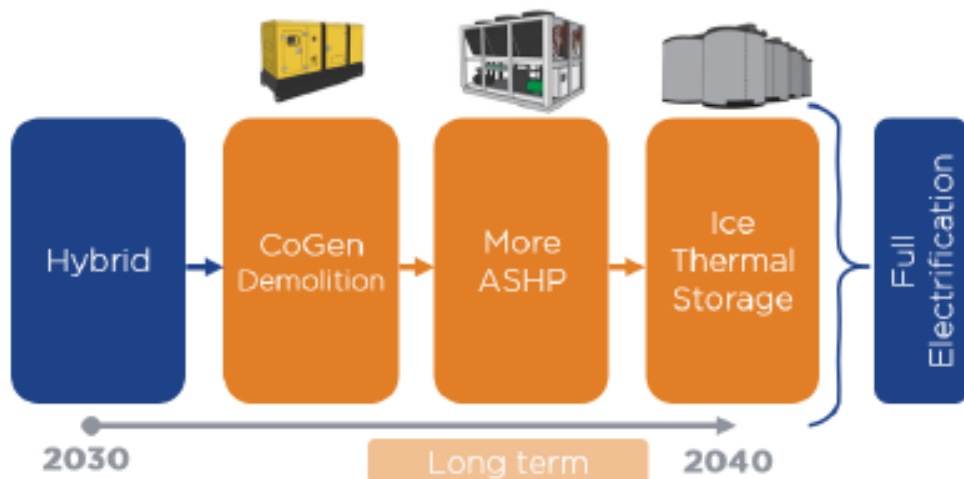
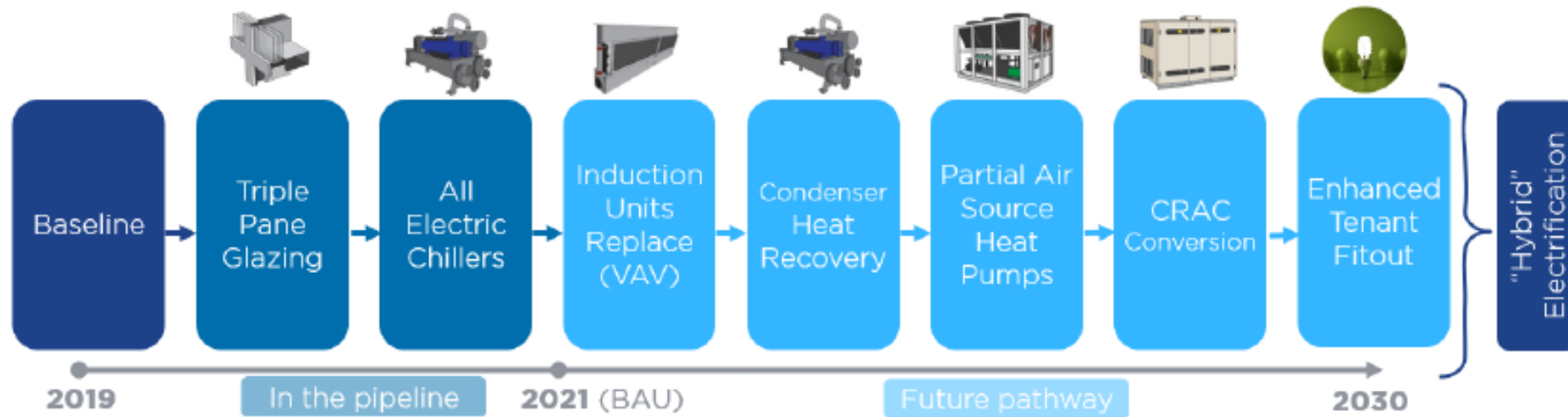
NET PRESENT VALUE

Develop a discounted cash flow model for the different investment scenarios with as much detail as possible. Assess the Net Present Value of different decarbonization pathways compared to the business-as-usual scenario. Value non-energy benefits. Attempt to quantify the value at risk by pursuing the business-as-usual path.

MARGINAL COST

Find the lowest marginal cost of decarbonization. The marginal cost of decarbonization is the incremental cost between measures or projects in the business-as-usual scenario and the selected decarbonization pathway.

Example decarbonization roadmap: 2019 -2040



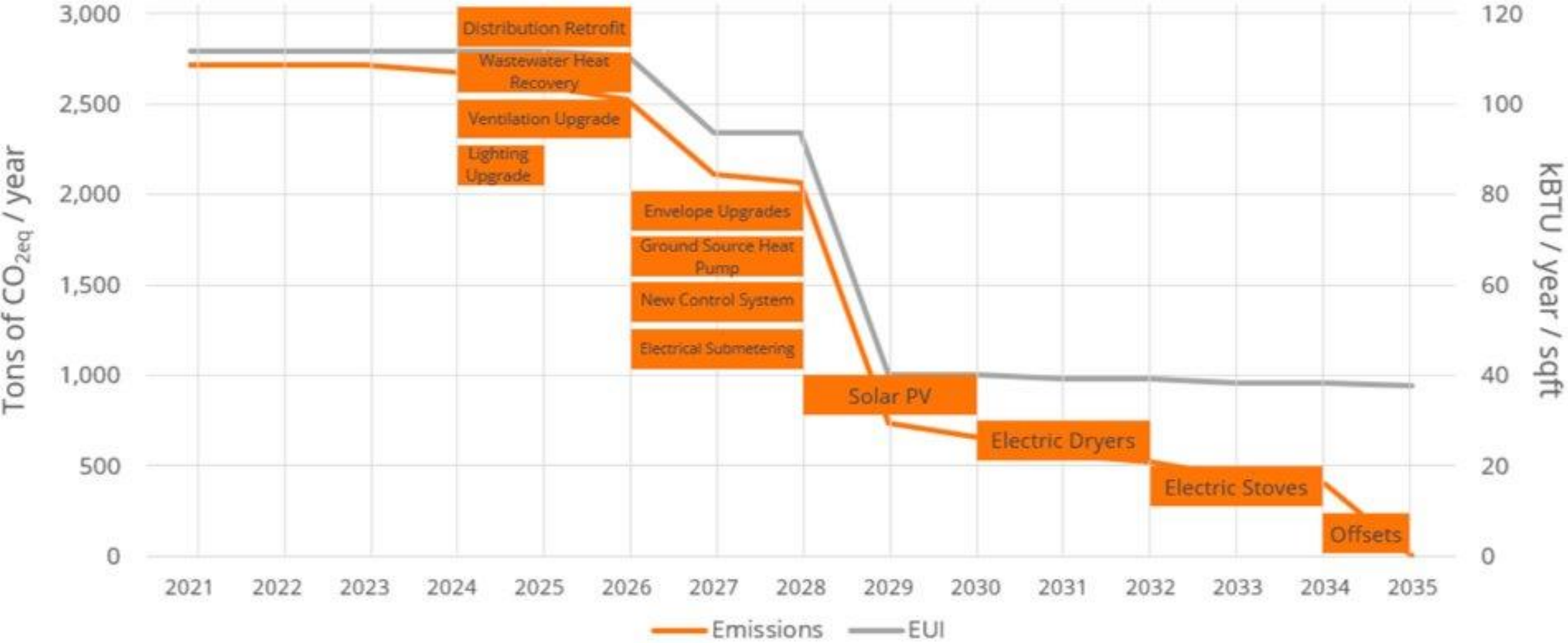
Phase 1: Hybrid electrification, with enabling steps

Phase 2: Full electrification

Decarbonization period: end date 2040

Results: 100% electric and carbon free.

Example phase-in plan over long time horizon

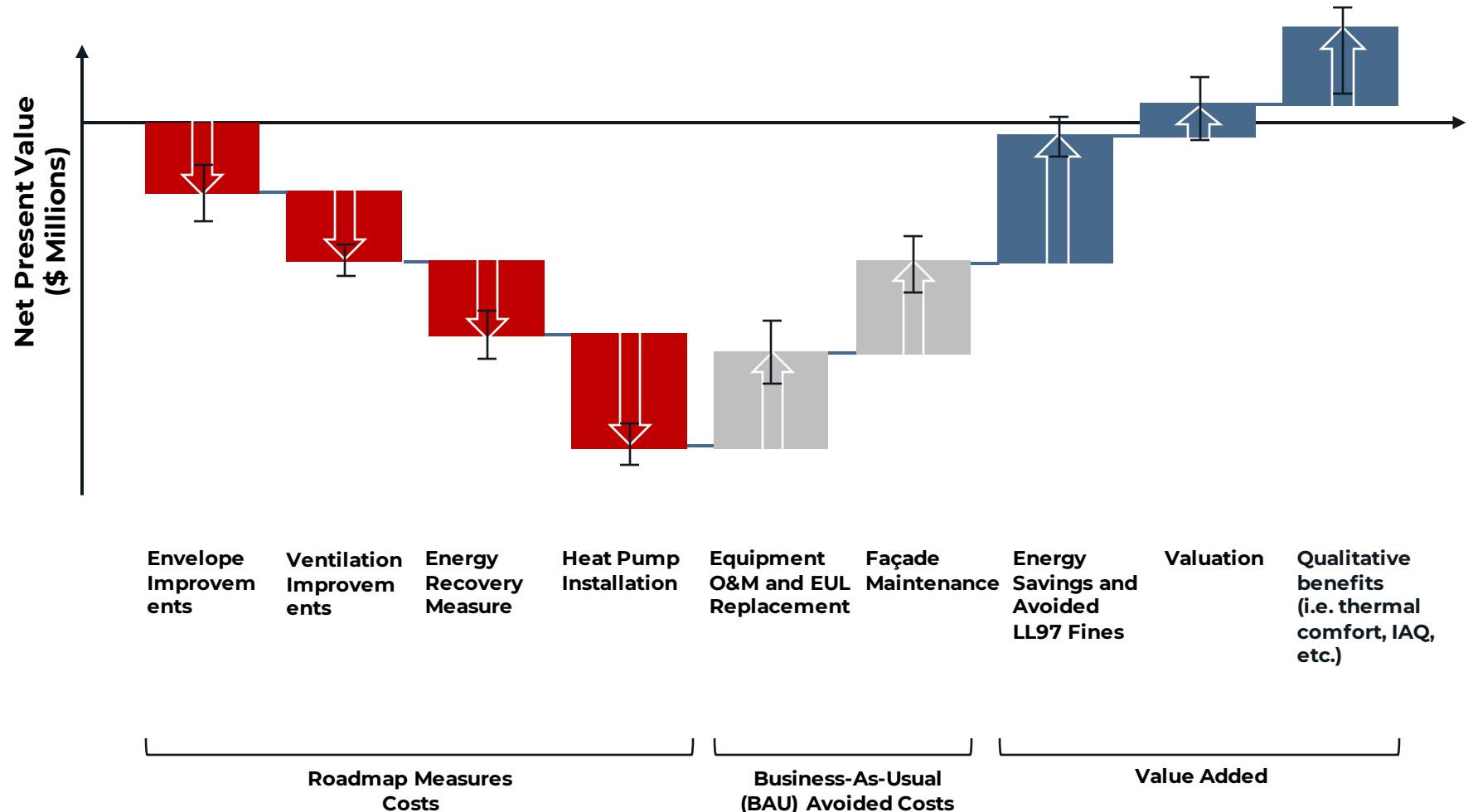


Example business case

Illustration of a discounted cash flow analysis, comparing expected costs and revenues with Business-As-Usual.

Net Present Value (NPV) is a financial calculation used to determine the value of an investment or project over a period of time by comparing the present value of its expected future cash inflows with its expected cash outflows. In other words, will the investment generate a positive or negative return after accounting for the time value of money?

Sensitivity bars representing the volatility or uncertainty of the calculation due to input variables.



About **The Empire Building Challenge** Program



Demonstrates strategic decarbonization planning and implementation of low carbon retrofits.

Showcases **Resource Efficient Decarbonization**: an incremental methodology, coupled with integrated design and strategic capital planning, that creates a path towards efficiently decarbonizing buildings.

Redirects focus from electricity to heat, making a case to stop wasting heat in buildings, and reusing it .

Clarifies the process to reach the lowest marginal cost of decarbonization.

Additional information: www.nyserda.ny.gov/ebc
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Empire Building Challenge

GOALS

- Accelerate **investment** in decarbonization.
- Enable **replication and scale** across New York's existing large commercial and multifamily building stock.
- Drive **innovation** and market **demand**.

APPROACH

- Fund **demonstration projects** that show case cost-effective approaches to deep carbon reduction.
- Work with **portfolio** owners.
- Establish a **REPEATABLE PROCESS**.
- **Simplify** and share broadly.

FUNDING

- **\$50M** in funding for technical assistance and implementation.
- **\$10M** Empire Technology Prize.

10 commercial
and 6 multifamily
partners overseeing

- 228 M sq. ft.
- 70K housing units

With public commitments to decarbonize over **125 million sq. ft.** including close to 1,500 units of affordable housing.



Sixteen New York Portfolios

HUDSON SQUARE PROPERTIES

Rudin



Omni New York LLC



Jonathan Rose Companies



Brookfield



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AMALGAMATED HOUSING COOPERATIVE

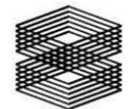


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Equity Residential

VORNADO
REALTY TRUST



TISHMAN SPEYER

16 premier sustainability and design consultants

Experience with:

- Energy modeling
- Deep energy retrofits
- Low temperature hydronic re-engineering
- Hybrid electrification
- Geothermal
- Feasibility analysis
- Decarbonization planning



A nighttime photograph of a dense urban skyline. The sky is a deep, clear blue. Numerous high-rise buildings are visible, with many windows glowing with warm yellow and orange light, indicating interior lighting. The buildings vary in height and architectural style, creating a textured silhouette against the twilight sky.

Technical Overview Presentations

The following slides share insights into each of the Empire Building Challenge demonstration projects.

Whitney Young Manor

- Yonkers, NY
- 230,000 SF
- 195 apartments
- 2 affordable multifamily buildings built in 1974



How to leverage recapitalization to achieve carbon neutrality and transform the affordable housing sector

Whitney Young Manor is an aging affordable housing complex with open balconies, inefficient electric resistance baseboard heating, electric window sleeve AC units, and a gas-powered hot water heater.



The project team believes that with care, planning, and the appropriate resources, retrofitting these residential buildings can be equitable for tenants, beneficial to the environment, and financially feasible for owners. Omni leverages the recapitalization cycle of the property to upgrade its infrastructure and include decarbonization measures to meet its climate goals.

This project prioritizes intensive load reduction through envelope improvements and hydronic distribution to improve resident comfort while reducing carbon emissions, utility spend and maintenance costs.

Project Team:



Omni New York LLC

Curtis +
Ginsberg
Architects



NYSERDA Investment

\$5 Million

Total Project Investment

\$12 Million

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Whitney Young Manor demonstrates the benefits of over-cladding and hydronic distribution to enable heat pump technology



Envelope Improvements: Over-cladding using Exterior Insulation and Finishing System (EIFS) helps reduce heat loss and air infiltration while avoiding façade maintenance costs associated with LL11. This measure is combined with the new Dedicated Outside Air System (DOAS) to make sure adequate fresh air is injected into the building.

Hydronic Distribution: The new water-based distribution piping will enable the integration of different heating sources and allow heat sharing between end-uses, such as DHW production during cooling season. The construction team plans to pilot cross-linked polyethylene (PEX) piping to reduce cost and improve durability.

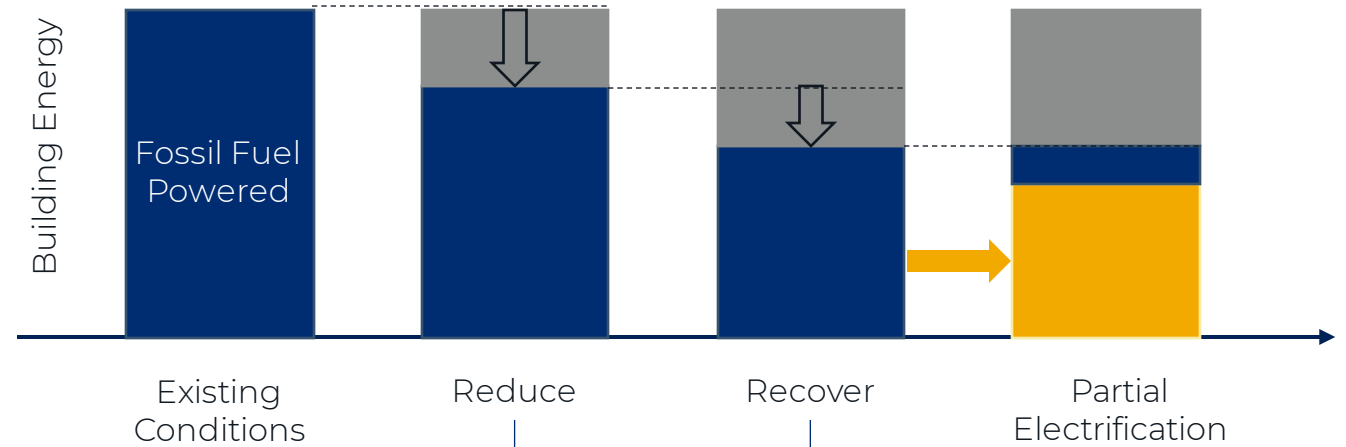
Heat Source Optionality: The project team plans to integrate different heat sources connected to the central hydronic piping. This includes centralized air source heat pumps, Wastewater Energy Transfer (WET) system and gas-fired condensing boilers as back-up.

2019 Baseline	Expected by 2035	
96 kBtu/SF/yr	48 kBtu/SF/yr	↓ 50%
54% Natural Gas + 46% Electricity	25% Natural Gas + 75% Electricity	
1,456 tCO2e/yr	273 tCO2e/yr	↓ 81%

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Reduce Energy Load

- **New hydronic distribution:** High efficiency water-based distribution system, lower supply temperature
- **Dedicated Outside Air System (DOAS):** decouple ventilation from heat and cooling systems
- **Envelope Improvements:** overclad, roof insulation and window replacement

Recover Wasted Heat

- **Wastewater Heat Recovery:** Recapture heat from wastewater using WSHP
- **Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV):** Recapture heat from ventilation exhaust to condition make-up air

Partial Electrification

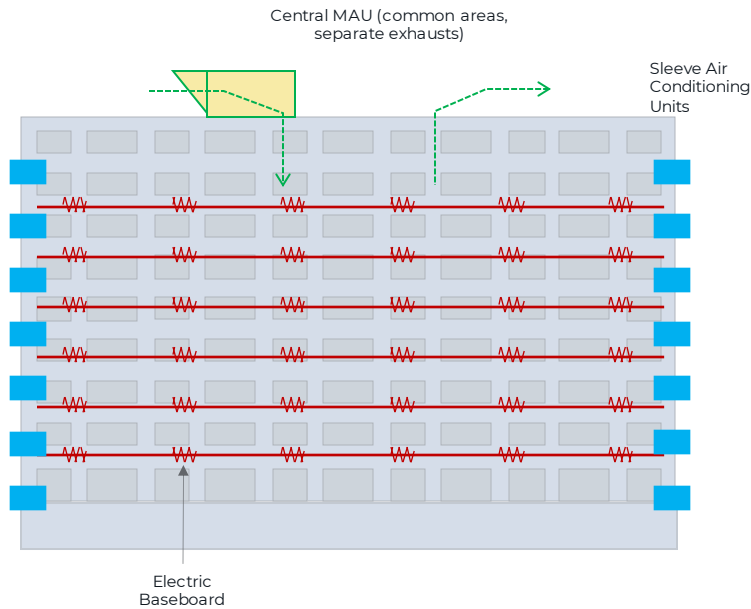
- **Central Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP):** Maintain design temperatures for the hydronic loop
- **Water Source Heat Pump (WSHP) for Domestic Hot Water (DHW):** DHW production supplied by hydronic loop
- **Back-up gas condensing boiler:** Provide supplemental heat during cold events as resiliency



Whitney Young Manor Decarbonization Plan

Key Takeaways: Affordable Housing Recapitalization, Tenant Total Cost Reduction, Failing Envelope

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2023:

Envelope Improvements
EIFS over uninsulated masonry, new windows, new roof

Dual-Temp Hydronic System
New 2-pipe hydronic piping drilled through common areas.

Central ASHP
Install 2 ASHPs to produce low temperature hot water and chilled water for in-unit FCUs

Back-up Gas Boiler
For use during power outages and extreme cold events

Fan Coils installed in units

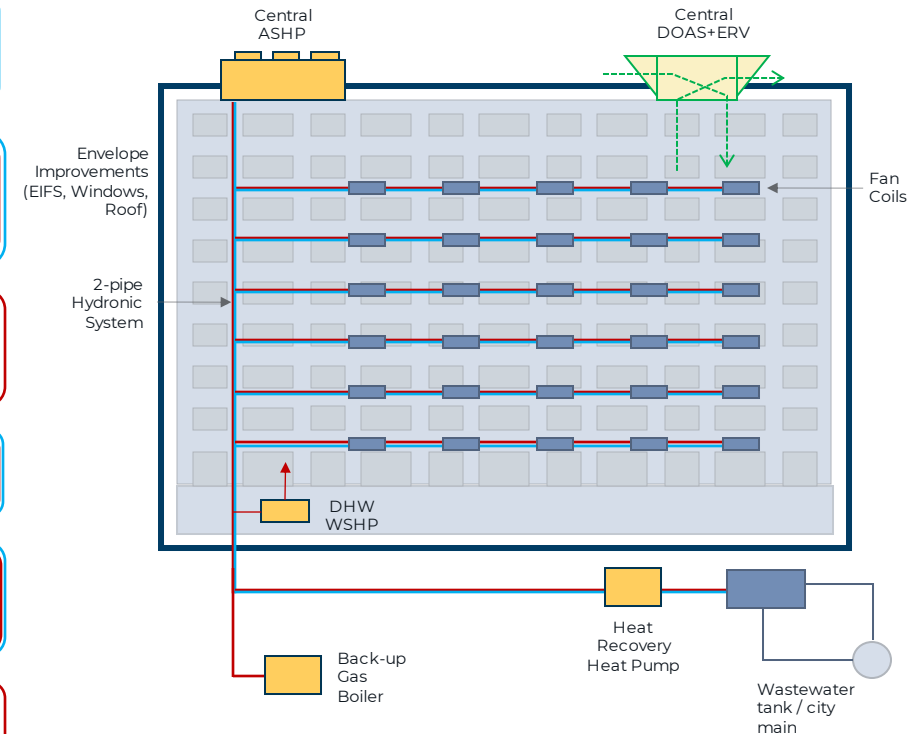
Central DOAS+ERV
Heat pump DOAS with ERV to supply tempered air to units via common areas,

WSHP for DHW
Install modular WSHPs supplied by hydronic loop

2024:

Wastewater Energy Transfer (WET) System
Install 18,000 gal sewage tank and use Sharc Energy heat pumps to recover heat and supplement central ASHPs

AFTER



The Heritage

- New York City
- 680,000 SF
- 600 apartments
- 3 mixed income multifamily buildings built in 1975



Fully occupied mixed income property gets a face lift

The Heritage is a 3-building mixed-use development with 600 mixed-income residential units located in Manhattan's East Harlem neighborhood on the northeast corner of Central Park. These buildings have an aging infrastructure with poor insulation, and high utility bills due to inefficient electric resistance heating baseboards and gas-fired domestic hot water heaters.



L+M takes advantage of the recapitalization cycle of the Heritage to upgrade its infrastructure and include decarbonization measures to meet its climate goals while improving tenant comfort.

The outdated design and age of the property made it an ideal candidate for a deep carbon reduction project, focused on envelope improvements, high efficiency heat pumps, and an integrated design approach to minimize tenant disruption.

Project Team:



Steven Winter Associates, Inc.

Inglese Architecture
+ Engineering

Cosentini
A TETRA TECH COMPANY



DEXTALL
Prefabricated Exterior Walls

ICE AIR
World Class Comfort

NYSERDA Investment

\$5 Million

Private Investment

\$14 Million

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The Heritage

demonstrates how a well-planned façade upgrade enables decarbonization with less tenant disruption



Re-skin the exterior: improving the building envelope and reduce energy load

Re-cladding of the 3 buildings is estimated to avoid \$10 million of LL11 compliance costs between now and 2046. One portion of the project is using pre-fabricated external wall panels from Dextall to minimize installation time and therefore tenant disruption.

Heat Pump Technology: take advantage of higher efficiency

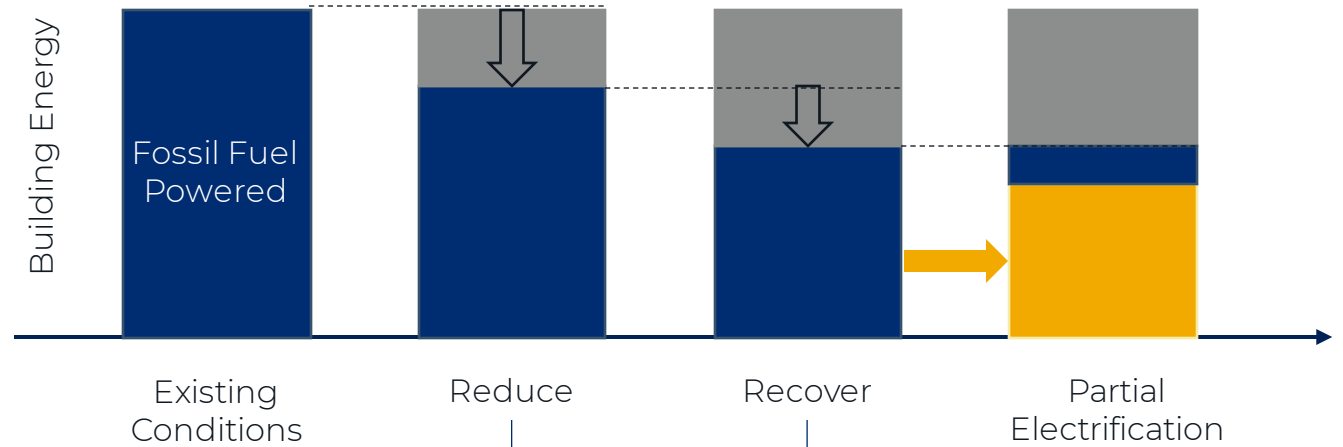
Replacing apartment electric resistance heating baseboards and sleeve air conditioning units with modular Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps (PTHP), and installing CO₂-based heat pumps for Domestic Hot Water (DHW) production will significantly increase system efficiency and reduce energy use and costs. The PTHP installation work is coordinated with the panelized external wall system to integrate necessary electrical upgrades and condensate lines and minimize installation time as a result.

2019 Baseline	Expected by 2030	
77 kBtu/SF/yr	45 kBtu/SF/yr	↓ 42%
35% Natural Gas + 65% Electricity	100% Electricity	
3,414 tCO ₂ e/yr	1,072 tCO ₂ e/yr	↓ 69%
\$34,424 /year of LL97 fines starting in 2030	\$0 LL97 fines starting in 2030	

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Reduce Energy Load

- **Envelope Improvement:** Install exterior wall and roof insulation (overclad and panelized EIFS), and replace windows
- **Heat Pumps:** Replace electric baseboard heating with Package Terminal Heat Pumps (PTHPs) for apartments and install VRF system for common areas
- **Submetering and Control Optimization**

Recover Wasted Heat

- **Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV):** install ERV unit into exhaust risers to recapture exhaust heat and preheat fresh air

Partial Electrification

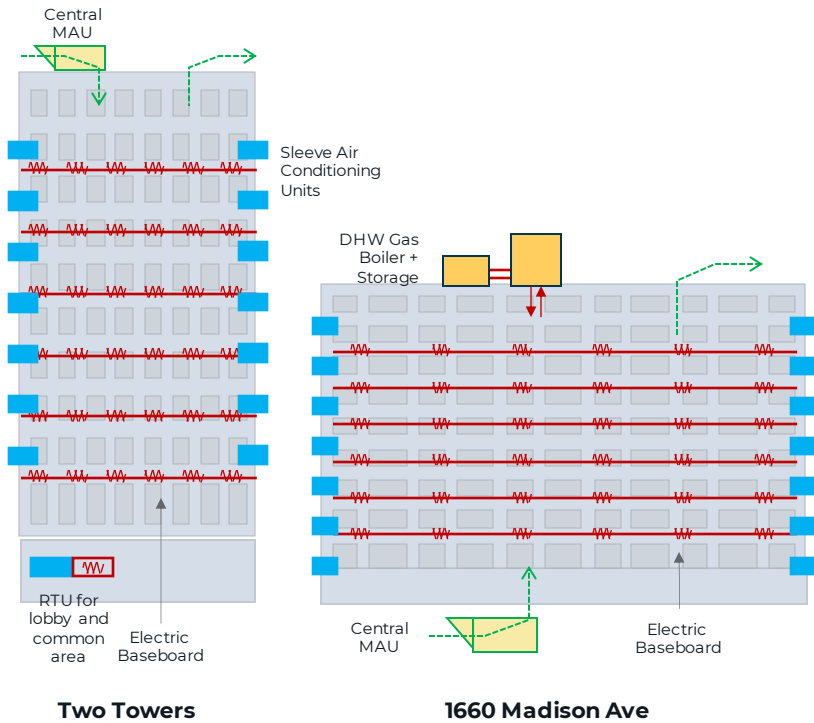
- **Domestic Hot Water:** CO₂ Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) for DHW production
- **Laundry appliance**

The Heritage Decarbonization Plan

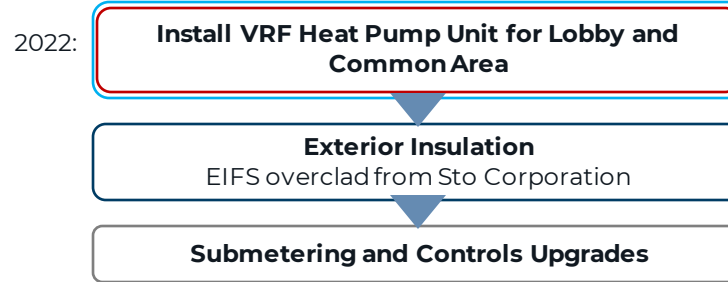
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Key Takeaways: Affordable Housing Recapitalization, Tenant Total Cost Reduction, Failing Envelope

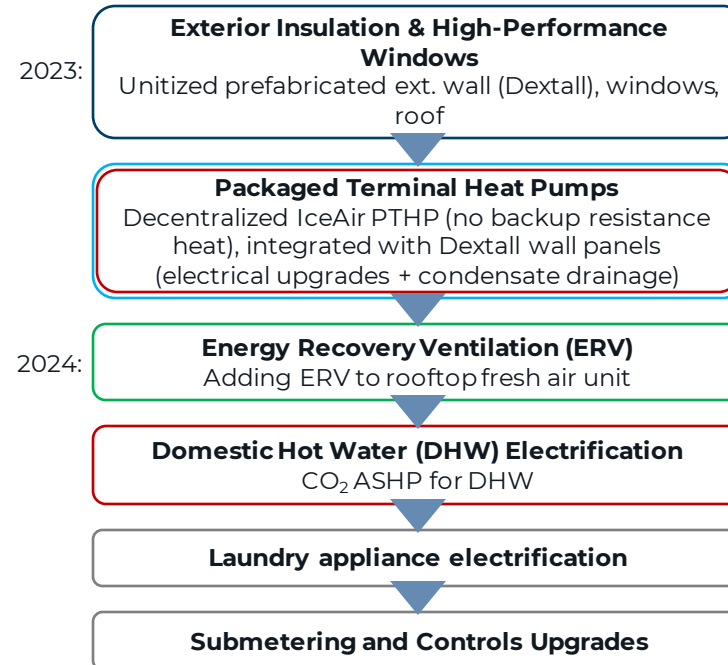
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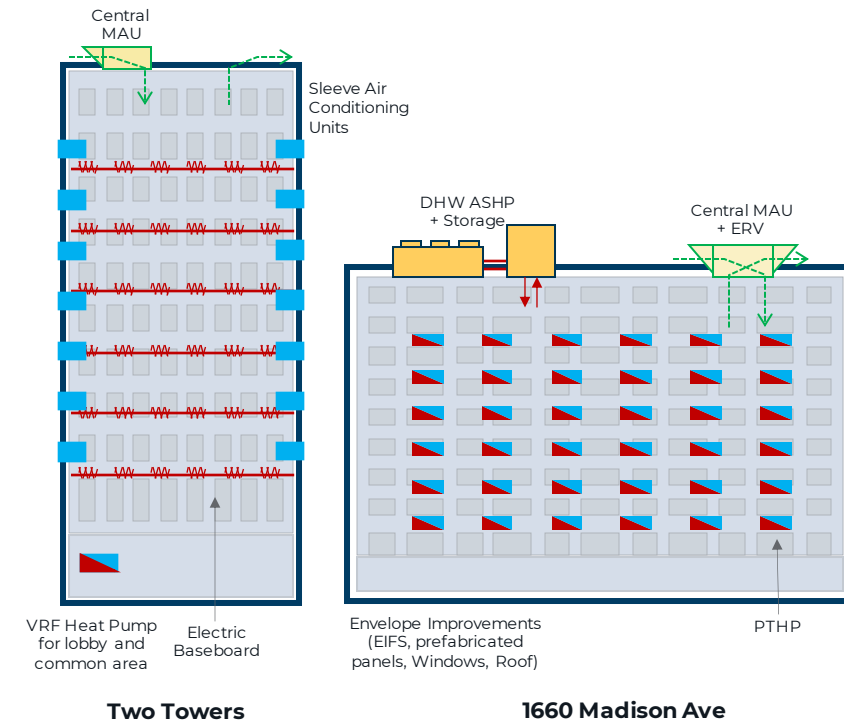
Two Towers (1295 & 1309 Fifth Ave):



1660 Madison Ave:



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The Towers

- Bronx, NY
- 425,000 SF
- 2 affordable multifamily building built in 1968 and 1971
- 20 stories
- 316 apartments



Making clean energy from dirty water to eliminate carbon emissions.



AMALGAMATED HOUSING COOPERATIVE

Project Team:



Amalgamated Housing Corporation (AHC) is the oldest limited equity cooperative in the United States. The Towers are two of 13-buildings that together comprise this multifamily campus located in the Bronx. Many of systems at the property, including the piping distribution system, are beyond useful life and in extremely poor condition, causing leaks and requiring constant repairs and maintenance. The campus uses a central gas-powered boiler plant to produce steam for heating, cooling and domestic hot water.

As part of its recapitalization cycle, the property is embarking on a decarbonization journey which will include a comprehensive retrofit of the heating, cooling and domestic hot water systems, a façade upgrade, and on-site renewable generation in the form of geothermal and solar PV.

This project will increase thermal comfort and secure utility affordability for its low-and-moderate income residents, as well as enhance the energy efficiency and climate resilience of the property.

From the full carbon neutrality roadmap, the Empire Building Challenge is funding the first two enabling measures: hydronic system retrofit and wastewater heat recovery.

NYSERDA Investment	EBC Funded Measures Private Investment	Full Roadmap Private Investment
\$3 Million	\$16.6 Million	\$27 Million

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Amalgamated demonstrates how enabling steps pave the way for an all-electric, renewables-powered future.

Enabling step: New hydronic piping

Replace the dual temperature hydronic system with new piping supplying both heating hot water and chilled water simultaneously to provide heating or cooling year-round improving tenant comfort. The measure includes new fan coil units with more efficient motors and designed for low temperature heating hot water to reduce the load on the buildings and facilitate heat pump technology integration.

Integrate different heat sources:

Wastewater heat recovery: Recapture heat from wastewater lines (sinks, showers, toilets) using a wastewater energy transfer (WET) system.

Geothermal System: Drill boreholes on property land and install ground source heat pumps (GSHP) to meet the remaining energy loads of the buildings.

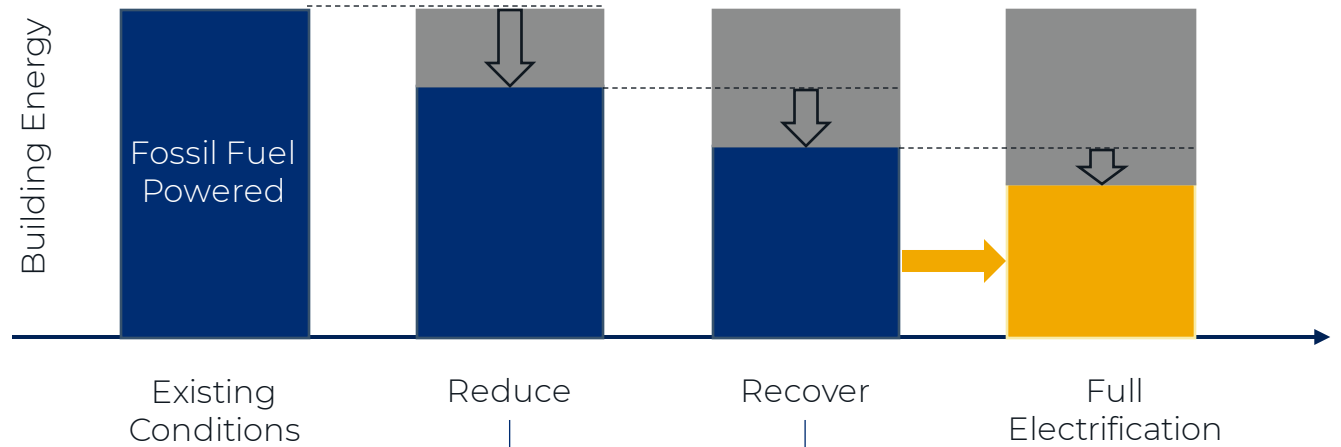
This system will use the wastewater and boreholes as heat sinks in cooling mode.

Current Baseline	Expected by 2035	
111.6 kBtu/SF/yr	32.5 kBtu/SF/yr	↓ 71%
84% Natural Gas + 14% Electricity + 2% Oil	100% Electricity	
2,771 Ton CO2e/yr	202 Ton CO2e/yr	↓ 93%

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- **New hydronic distribution:** Replace existing infrastructure that is beyond EUL and install dual-temperature 2-pipe hydronic system (in-series configuration allowing the benefits of 4-pipe system), with new FCUs in apartments. Designed with lower heating supply temperature
- **Envelope Improvements:** roof insulation, window replacement and air sealing walls
- **Ventilation Maintenance:** balancing and sealing of ventilation system to reduce exhaust air
- **Controls Upgrades:** Install modern control system to automate and optimize new heat pump systems

Recover Wasted Heat

- **Wastewater Heat Recovery:** Recapture heat from wastewater using WSHPs to produce heating, cooling and DHW. Use wastewater as heat sink in cooling mode to enable removal of old cooling towers.

Full Electrification

- **Ground Source Heat Pumps:** Drill boreholes on property land and install WSHPs to produce heating, cooling and DHW. Use boreholes as heat sink in cooling mode
- **Solar PV:** Install solar PV system on rooftop
- **Electrify Appliances:** install electric dryers and cooking equipment

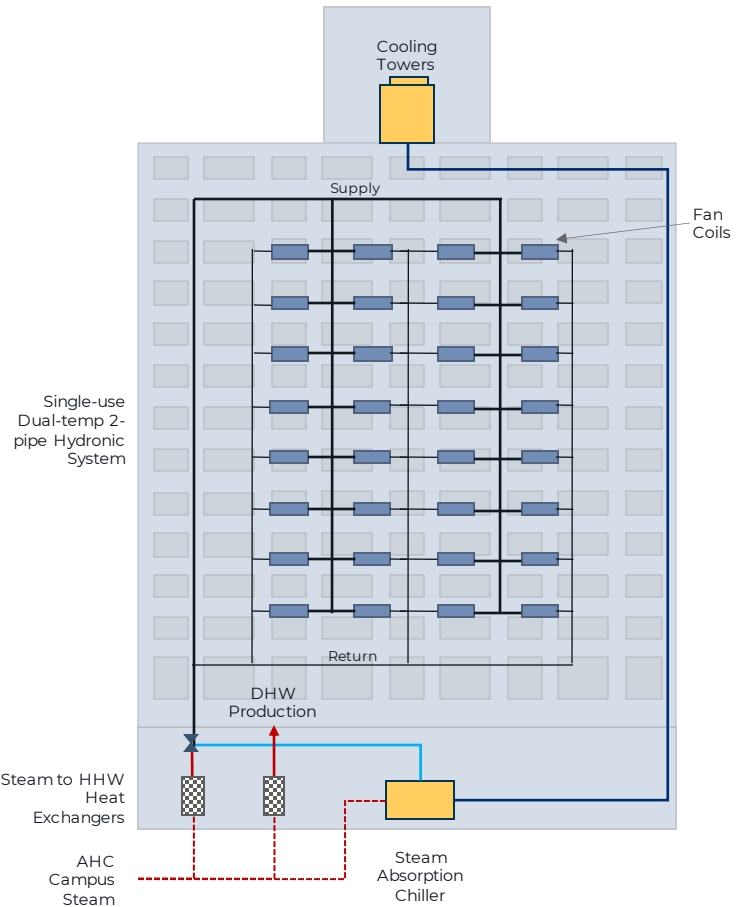


The Towers Decarbonization Plan

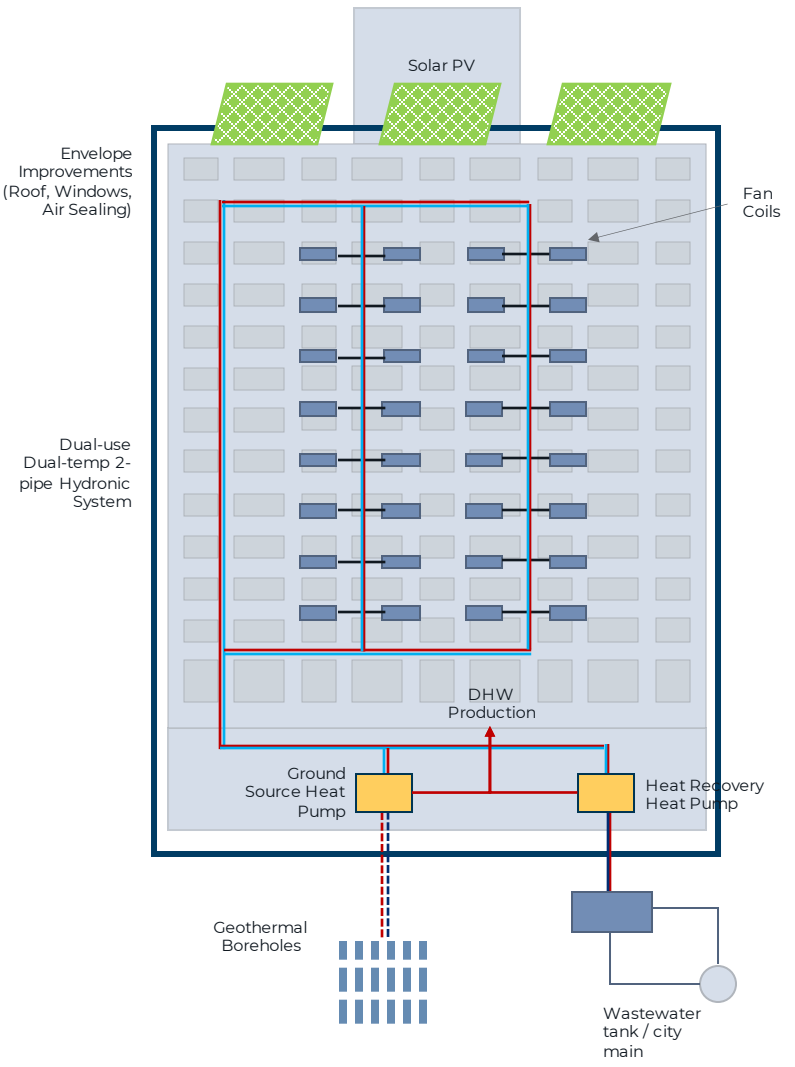
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Key Takeaways: Affordable housing recapitalization, Tenant total cost reduction, Failing distribution infrastructures, Eliminate fossil fuel usage, Improve comfort, Resilient systems

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- 2024: **Retrofit Dual-Temp Hydronic System**
Existing distribution system and terminal units beyond EUL. Install new dual-use dual-temp 2-pipe hydronic piping, designed for simultaneous heating and cooling, with new FCUs in apartments.
- Wastewater Energy Transfer (WET) System**
Install sewage tank and use Sharc Energy heat pumps to produce heating, cooling and DHW
- Ventilation System Maintenance**
Cleaning and balancing of existing ventilation system
- 2026: **Envelope Improvements**
Insulate roofs, replace windows and air seal walls.
- Geothermal System**
Drill geothermal boreholes on property land and install ground source heat pumps to produce heating, cooling and DHW
- Submetering and Controls Upgrades**
- 2028: **Solar PV**
Take advantage of rooftop space to install solar PV system for clean electricity generation
- 2030+: **Laundry and cooking appliance electrification**

Empire State Building

- New York City
- 2.85 million SF
- 102 stories commercial
- office building built in 1931



New York City icon reaches for Net Zero by 2030

Project Team:

EMPIRE STATE
REALTY TRUST

BURO HAPPOLD

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ASSOCIATES



Quest
energy group

The **Empire State Building** has been an integral part of the NYC skyline since 1931. The 102-story art deco structure is heated by district steam.

Following up on a deep energy retrofit initiated in 2009, Empire State Realty Trust (ESRT) has taken a step further with *ESB 2.0*, a 21st century plan to bring the iconic building to Net Zero.

Through this plan, ESRT will prove the technical and economic business case for investing in deep energy retrofits and share findings to drive market change within the high-rise office building landscape.

The phased approach strategically deploys energy conservation measures through 2035. ESRT will optimize existing systems, maximize energy recovery and enable heat pump integration to decrease steam and electricity consumption.

NYSERDA Investment	Private Investment
\$5 Million	\$40 Million +

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Empire State Building will demonstrate phased decarbonization in a fully occupied landmarked building



Learn more about the Empire State Building project

- [ESB: Energy Efficiency and Sustainability](#)
- [ESRT Shares New Guide in Empire Building Playbook](#)
- [Empire Building Playbook: ESRT Case Study](#)
- [How the Empire State Building Became a Green Icon](#)

Optimization: ensure existing systems are operating automatically and efficiently

By enabling automation of heating and cooling systems, upgrading to high performance sequences of operation, and integrating zones throughout the building onto the base building BMS, the functionality and efficiency of current systems are maximized, and simultaneous heating and cooling is eliminated.

Heat Recovery: recaptures thermal energy that would otherwise be wasted

Water source heat pump(s) will recover heat from the condenser water loop to displace steam usage and energy recovery ventilators (ERVs) will retain and utilize heat from the building's exhaust ventilation system.

Heat Pump Integration: install new centralized hydronic heating loop to enable the use of heat pump technology

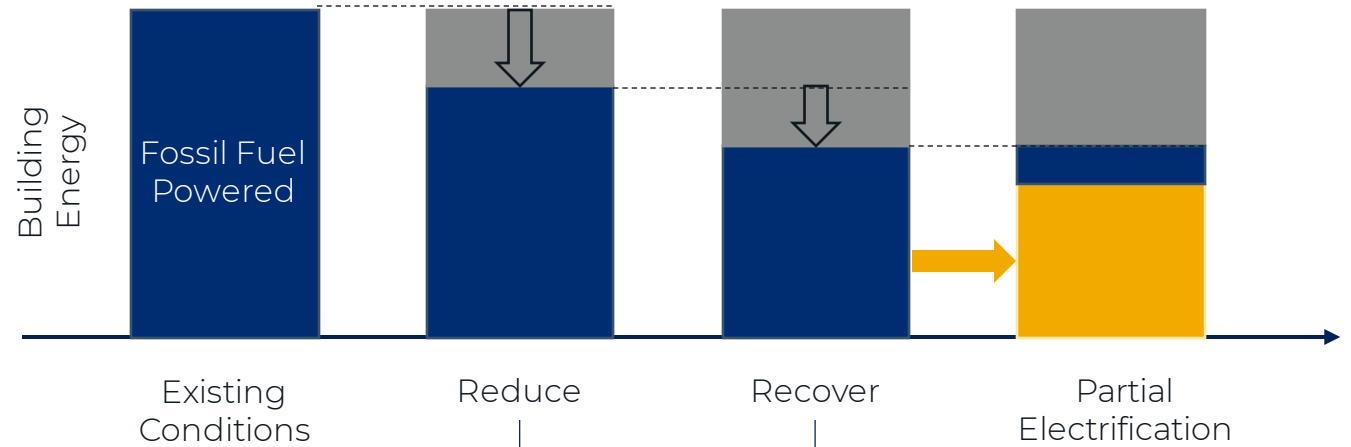
The team is replacing steam coils in core air handling units with low temperature hot water coils supplied by air source heat pumps.

2019 Baseline	Expected by 2035	
84 kBtu/SF/yr	50 kBtu/SF/yr	↓ 40%
35% District Steam + 63% Electricity	16% District Steam + 82% Electricity	
15,640 tCO ₂ e/yr	3,986 tCO ₂ e/yr	↓ 75%
\$933,000 /year of LL97 fines starting in 2035	\$0 LL97 fines starting in 2035	

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- **Cooling plant optimization:** connect the chilled water zones with heat exchangers to share load, optimize shoulder season usage, and increase resiliency
- **Retail Loop Condenser Water Control:** retro commission the CW loop to enable heating mode on existing tenant WSHPs
- **Air Source Domestic Hot Water Heaters Pilot:** replace existing electric water heaters with ASHP
- **Steam System Optimization and Improvements**
- **Airside Sequence of Operations:** implement high performance sequence of operations to enable static pressure and temperature resets and eliminate simultaneous heating and cooling.

Recover Wasted Heat

- **Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV) Pilot:** install ERVs in tenant MERs to recover heat from AHU exhaust, temper incoming outdoor air, and address freeze risk
- **1st Floor Lobby Reheat via Waterside Heat Recovery:** Replace lobby AHU steam coils with hydronic heating coils supplied by WSHP that recover heat from the building condenser water loop to enable electrified heating and reheat. Recover heat from the steam condensate system to provide resiliency during the heating season.

Partial Electrification

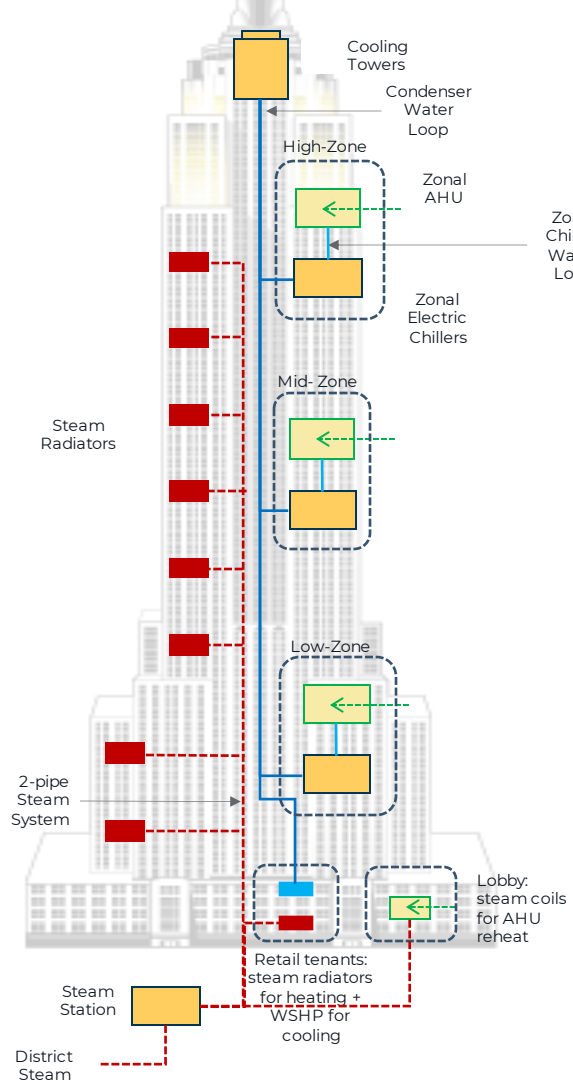
- **Steam Phase-Out Enabling Step:** Eliminate steam usage for airside heating with new low temp. HHW riser (120F) supplied by central ASHP

Empire State Building Decarbonization Plan

Heating
Cooling
Ventilation

Key Takeaways: Reduce district steam usage, decouple core ventilation heating load and perimeter heating, optimize operation of cooling plant, enable heat recovery

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2022:

Central Cooling Plant Optimization

Connect the chilled water zones with HX to share load and optimize shoulder season usage

1st Floor Lobby Reheat via Waterside Heat Recovery

Replace AHU steam coils with hydronic supplied by WSHP

Retail Loop Condenser Water Control

3-port valve to independently control the retail loop from the building condenser loop and enable heating mode on tenant WSHPs

2023:

Steam Phase-Out Enabling Step: Hydronic Riser + ASHP

Eliminate steam usage for airside heating: new low temp. HHW riser (120F) supplied by central ASHP + replace zonal AHU steam coils with hydronic coils

Steam System Optimization and Improvements

Automating start-up practices, convert medium-pressure to low-pressure steam, etc.

2024:

Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV) Pilot

ERV on floor outdoor AHU for select floors

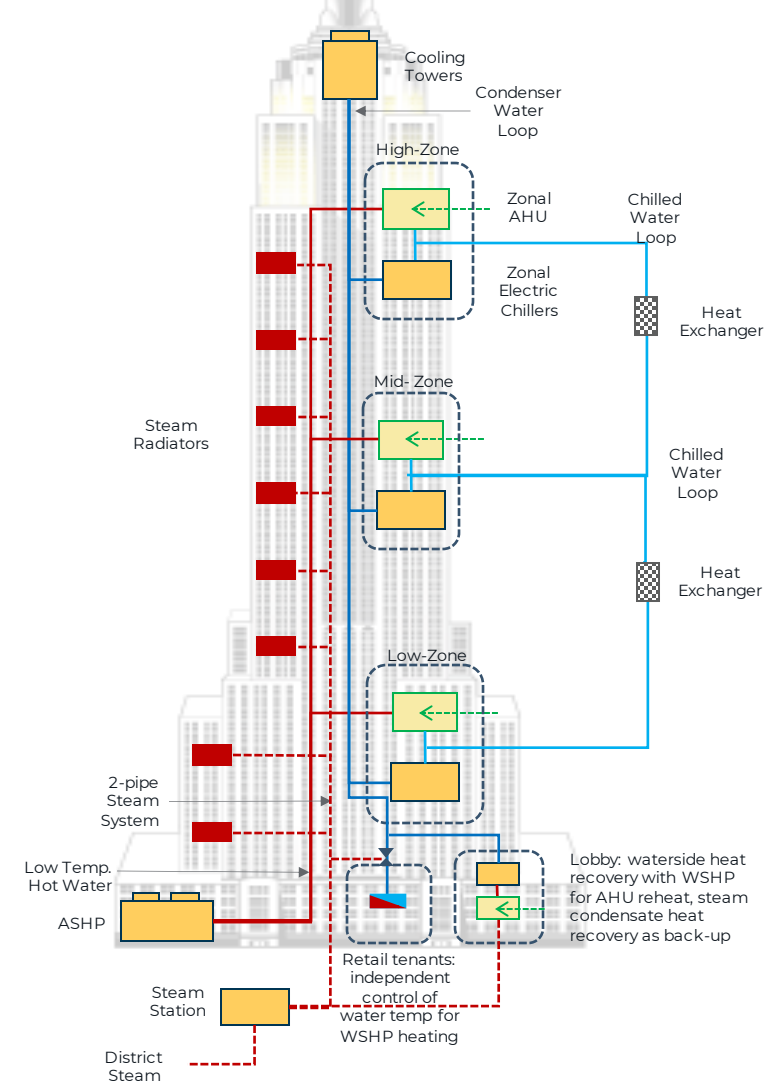
Air Source Domestic Hot Water Heaters Pilot

Convert existing electric water heaters to ASHP

Airside Sequence of Operations

Implement static pressure and temperature resets; Optimize chilled water dT

AFTER



345 Hudson Street

- New York City
- 857,000 GSF
- 17 stories commercial
- office building built in 1931



Nordic design principles applied to New York real estate

Hudson Square Partnership:

Hines

TRINITY CHURCH
WALL STREET

NORGES BANK
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Project Team:

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345 Hudson is a commercial office building with a mid-tier energy rating of 75 kBtu/SF, an ageing heating system burning natural gas and recurring carbon emissions fines starting in 2035.

The Hudson Square partnership is committed to future-proof its flagship property by upgrading its building infrastructure while meeting the legislative climate goals and stay competitive in the commercial office market.

The HSP team brought together a consortium of global solution providers and engineering expertise to develop a long-term retrofit plan to minimize energy usage and carbon emissions.

The 345 Hudson EBC project provides a roadmap for sustainable practices by applying the Nordic design principles of holistic energy recycling and electrification.

As part of the overall decarbonization roadmap, the Empire Building Challenge is funding the measures to be implemented before 2025

NYSERDA Investment

\$5 Million

**EBC Funded Measure
Private Investment**

\$30 Million +

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345 Hudson will demonstrate the power of thermal networking and electrification



Learn more about the **345 Hudson project**

- [High Rise / Low Carbon Partner Profile: 345 Hudson](#)
- [Empire Building Playbook: HSP Case Study](#)

Thermal Networks: enable heat sharing between spaces

Developing a hydronic loop operating at ambient temperatures by converting the existing condenser water riser. The ambient loop enables future optionality with the integration of different heat sources and takes advantage of simultaneous heating and cooling opportunities between spaces and floors to reuse otherwise wasted heat.

Electrification: take advantage of high coefficient of performance

Leverage the high efficiency of heat pump technologies, enable grid interactivity, and take advantage of future low-carbon electricity production planned by the state.



Water Source Heat Pump by Energy Machines

Current Baseline	Potential by 2030*
75 kBtu/SF/yr	38 kBtu/SF/yr
24% Natural Gas + 76% Electricity	100% Electricity
4,999 Ton CO2e/yr	1,500 Ton CO2e/yr
\$204,000 /year of LL97 fines starting in 2030	\$0 LL97 fines through 2030

↓ 50%

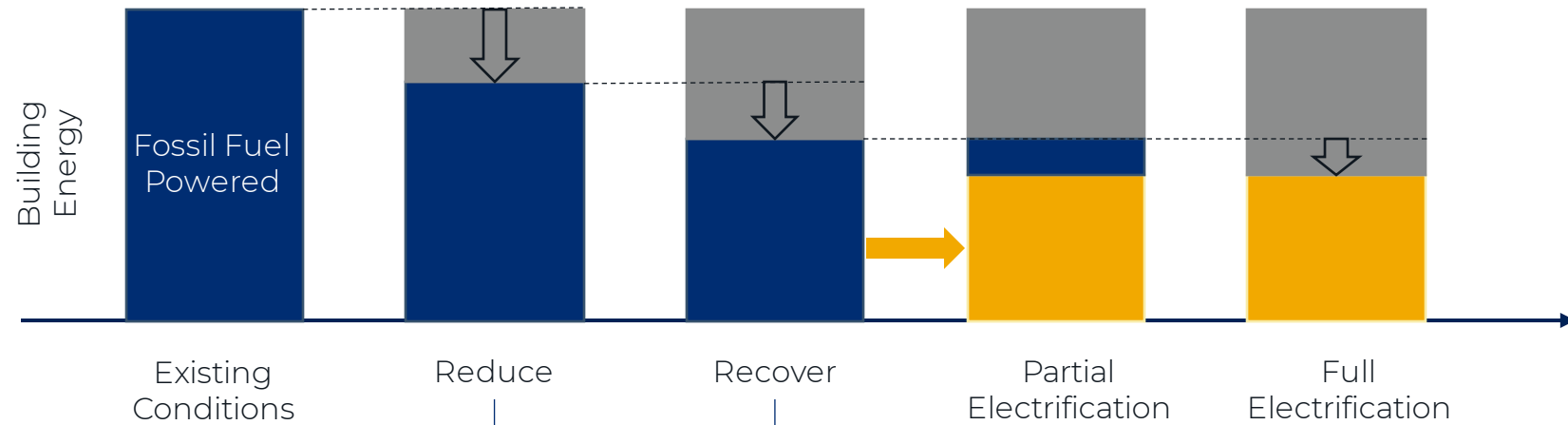
↓ 70%

* These potential results are based on the best-case scenario but are dependent on tenant plug loads and tenant equipment fit-outs.

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Reduce Energy Load and Recover Wasted Heat

- **Ambient Loop Hydronic Spine:** high efficiency water-based distribution system, lower supply temperature and heat sharing between floors/zones
- **Dedicated Outside Air System (DOAS) with Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV):** decouple ventilation from heat and cooling systems, and recapture exhaust air energy to reheat fresh air with 85% recovery
- **Tenant Conversion:** install floor-by-floor WSHPs and convert to hydronic low temperature heating and high temperature cooling
- **Window replacement** (provisional): reduce air infiltration

Partial Electrification: right-size heat pump

- **Central ASHP + Adiabatic Dry Cooler:** heat supply and heat rejection, maintain design temperatures for ambient loop

Full Electrification: replace/remove peak load equipment

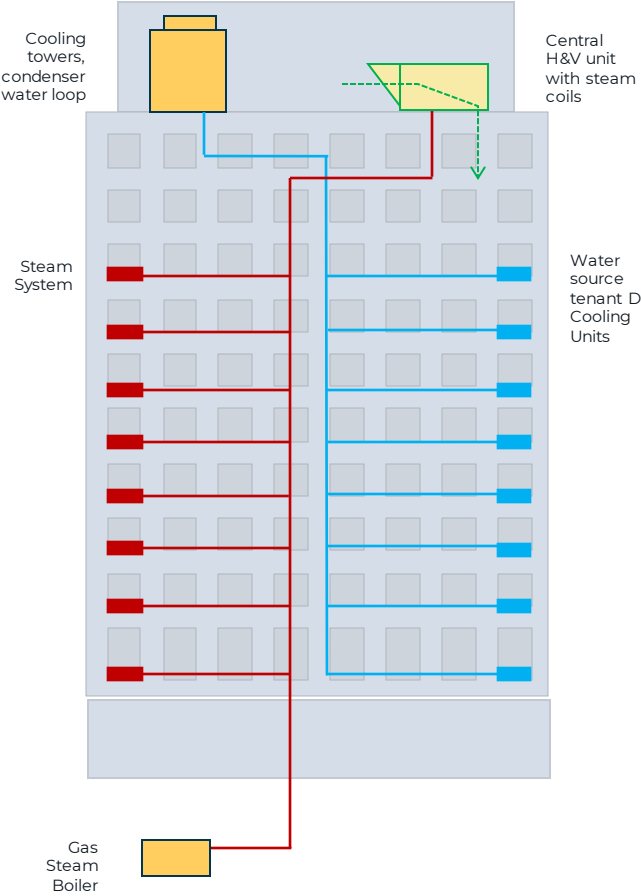
- **Thermal Storage** (provisional): leverage storage for peak load
- **Thermal network connection to neighboring building:** heat sharing capability and leverage geothermal pills in property next door
- **Decommission natural gas boilers**

345 Hudson Decarbonization Plan

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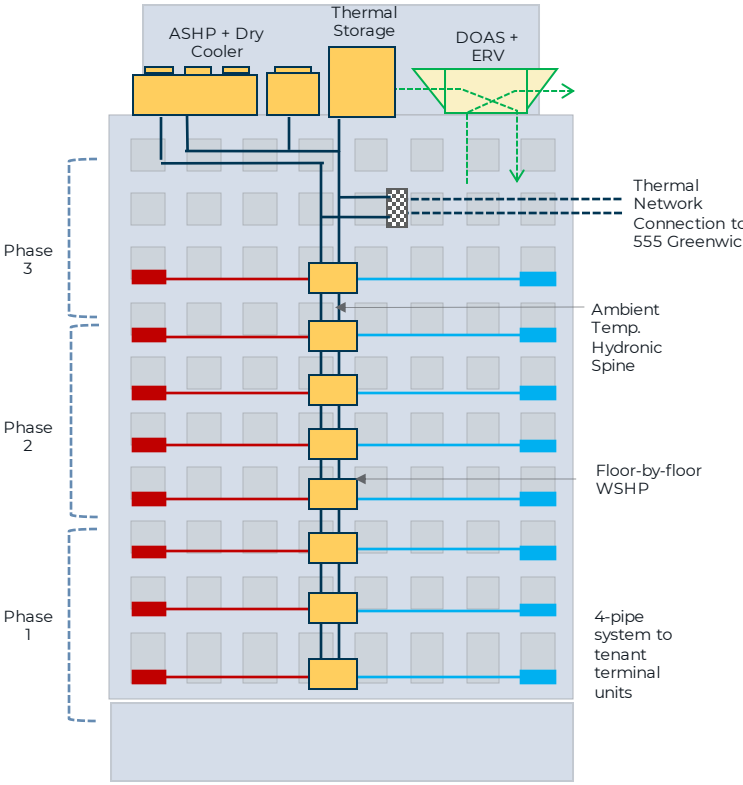
Key Takeaways: Eliminate on-site fossil fuel usage, phased-in implementation based on tenant turnover, lower distribution temperatures, minimize wasted heat, heat sharing

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- 2022: **Install Ambient Loop Hydronic Spine**
Convert existing condenser water loop.
- 2023: **Tenant Conversion Phase 1**
Remove steam radiators and water source DX cooling units
Install 4-pipe hydronic, WSHP, fan-coil, radiant options
- 2024: **Install Central ASHP and Adiabatic Dry Cooler**
Central plant to maintain design temp. for hydronic loop
- 2024: **Install Central DOAS+ERV**
Fresh air supply with minimum 85% heat recovery
- 2024: **Provisional: Thermal network connection to neighbor**
new building with geothermal piles
- 2025: **Provisional: Install rooftop Thermal Storage**
to supplement central plant
- 2025: **Provisional: Envelope Improvements**
Replace windows to improve air infiltration and reduce load
- 2027: **Tenant Conversion Phase 2**
Phase-in tenant floor work based on tenant turnover lease
- 2029: **Tenant Conversion Phase 3**

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601 Lexington

- New York City
- 1.5 million SF
- 59 stories commercial
- Office building built in 1977



Iconic midtown office tower modernizes by recycling heat

Project Team:



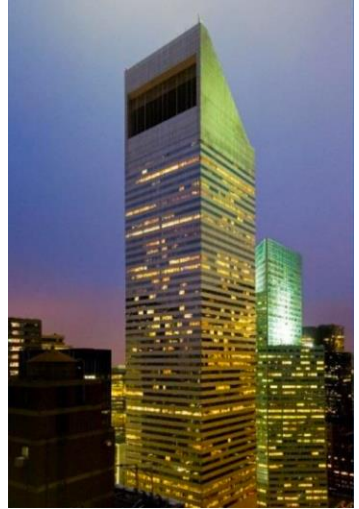
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601 Lexington Avenue anchors BXP's Midtown Manhattan campus, and the skyline itself, with a globally recognized silhouette. The premier workplace building, with ground floor retail, was constructed in 1977. The building's infrastructure is typical of NYC commercial high-rises of its vintage. Heating is achieved with district steam and cooling is achieved by way of a central plant featuring electric chillers and rooftop cooling towers.

BXP strives to improve energy efficiency and has been minimizing the use of district steam at the property since 2010. This project demonstrates a replicable decarbonization solution in existing commercial high-rise buildings and joins a list of energy conservation measures already deployed at the property.

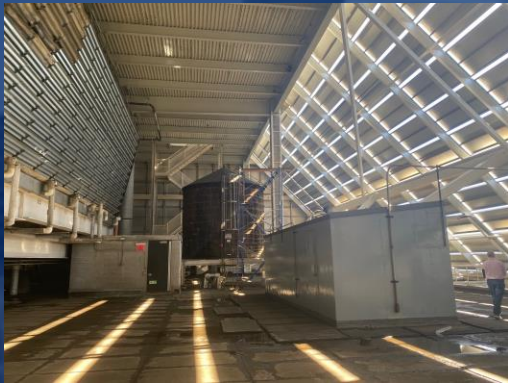
This project will deploy existing technology in a novel way, creating a thermal network that recovers and utilizes heat which would otherwise be rejected by the cooling towers.

The Empire Building Challenge is funding the demonstration of condenser water heat recovery.



NYSERDA Investment	EBC Funded Measure Private Investment
\$1.1 Million	\$2.5 Million

BXP deploys existing technology in a novel way to create a thermal network to re-use heat that would otherwise be discarded.



Condenser Water Heat Recovery and Automated Bypass:

The building condenser water system carries heat from tenant supplemental systems to the cooling towers, where it is rejected to the atmosphere. Much of this heat is constant in commercial office buildings and available year-round for recovery. In the proposed measure, water-to-water heat pumps (WSHPs) will be installed. They will replace the function of the cooling towers during the heating season and will reclaim heat from the condenser water loop for beneficial use. An automated bypass valve will divert condenser water from the cooling towers, retaining as much heat in the building as possible for recovery by the WSHPs. The heat recovered will be reused in the building's heating systems and will significantly offset reliance on fossil fuel-based steam.

These measures will reduce annual steam consumption by an estimated 30%.

Potential Future Electrification:

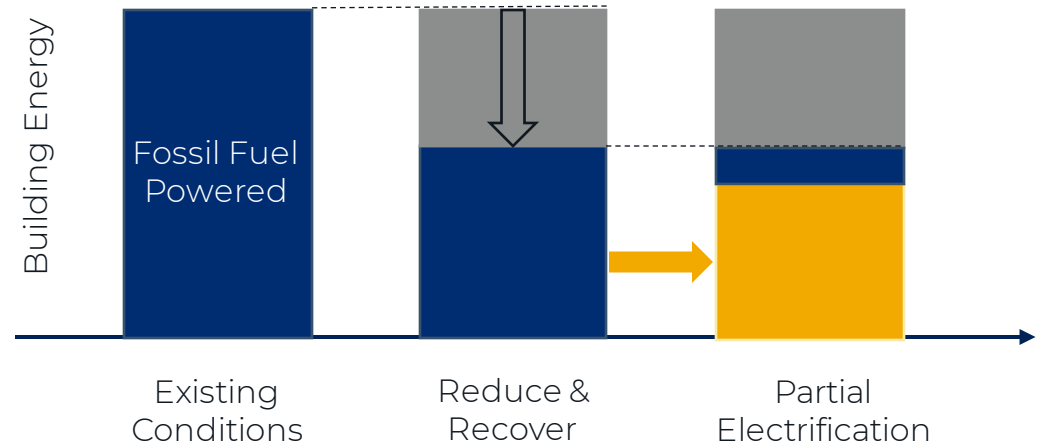
In addition to the WSHPs, air source heat pumps (ASHPs) will be installed to produce low-temperature hot water to cover some of the remaining heating loads. The project team plans to investigate ASHP infrastructure within the physical space constraints of this occupied building to minimize reliance on steam heating.

Current Baseline	Expected by 2035	
86.3 kBtu/SF/yr	73.6 kBtu/SF/yr	↓ 15%
69% Electricity + 31% District Steam	88% Electricity + 12% District Steam	
3,920 tCO2e/yr	2,899 tCO2e/yr	↓ 26%

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Recover Wasted Heat:
EBC funded measure 2024

- **Condenser Water Heat Recovery:** Install WSHPs to capture waste heat from the condenser water loop. The recovered heat will be reused into the building's perimeter heating loop, reducing district steam usage.

Partial Electrification:
Potential Future Measures 2034

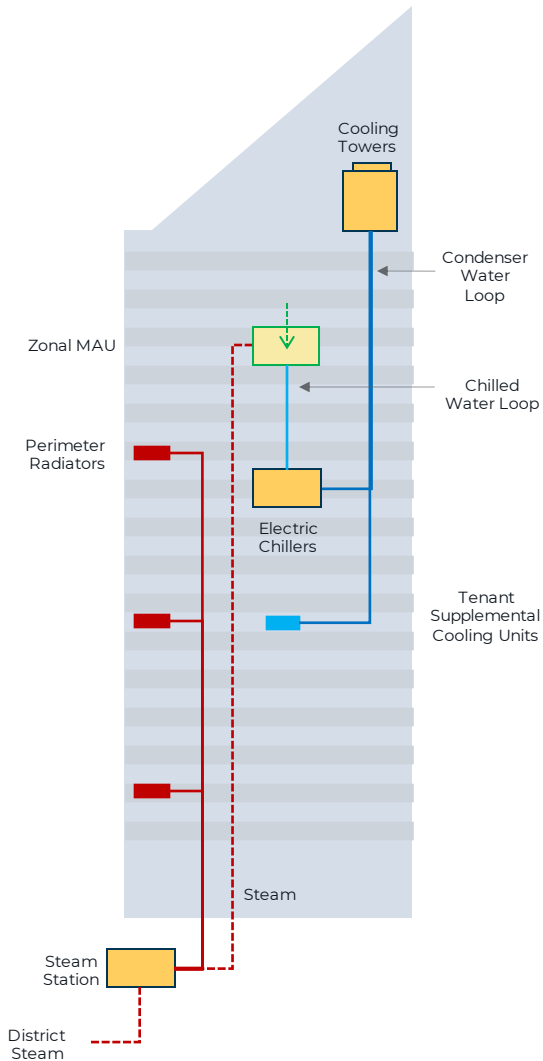
- **Hydronic Coils for Ventilation Preheat:** Low temperature hot water for preheating ventilation air at select AHUs
- **Air Source Heat Pumps:** Use ASHP to produce low temperature hot water to serve partial heating loads

601 Lexington Decarbonization Plan

Heating
Cooling
Ventilation

Key Takeaways: Recycle waste heat from the condenser loop and minimize reliance on district steam. Provide a replicable model for waterside heat recovery industry-wide and integrate air-side heat recovery, where possible.

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2024:

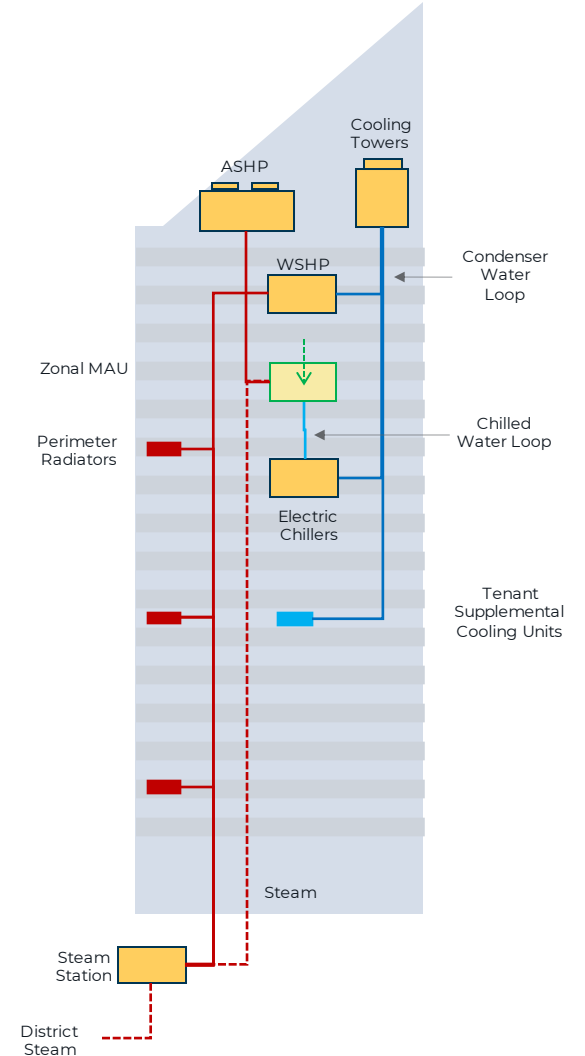
Condenser Water Heat Recovery
Install WSHP to reclaim heat for re-use in the building's perimeter heating systems. An automated cooling tower bypass valve will retain heat in the building, maximizing heat available for recovery during the heating season.

2034-2035:

Hydronic Coils for Ventilation Preheat
Install hydronic coils in select AHUs to supply low temperature hot water for preheating ventilation air, keep steam coils as back-up

Heating and DHW Electrification: Air Source Heat Pumps
Install air source heat pumps. These will reclaim heat from the atmosphere, to produce hot water for the remaining heating loads.

AFTER



660 Fifth Ave.

- New York City
- 1.4 million SF
- 41 stories commercial
- office building built in 1957



Modern heat recycling and fresh air systems help meet accelerated climate goals

Project Team:

**Brookfield
Properties**

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660 Fifth Ave is a 42-story commercial office building located in Midtown Manhattan that is currently undergoing a full redevelopment to modernize the building.

Brookfield Properties is leveraging the redevelopment of this property to integrate decarbonization solutions that will upgrade its internal systems, reducing its reliance on fossil fuels and positioning it for full decarbonization by 2035.

The decarbonization plan for this property utilizes a variety of solutions that will cut energy use, recycle heat that would otherwise be wasted, and electrify existing building systems.

As part of the overall carbon neutrality roadmap, the Empire Building Challenge is funding the measures starting implementation in 2023 and 2024, including: lower distribution temperatures, thermal network expansion and waterside heat recovery.

NYSERDA Investment	EBC Funded Measures Private Investment
\$3 Million	\$6.7 Million

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Brookfield

demonstrates a multi-faceted, strategic approach to decarbonization of a high-rise office building

Energy Load Reduction:

Brookfield is incorporating several measures to immediately reduce the building's steam demand and enable strategic implementation of low carbon heating solutions. These include:

- Replace single pane windows with an insulated curtain wall.
- Replace steam turbine chillers with electric chillers.
- Install a full energy recovery dedicated outdoor air system (DOAS), which separates the building's ventilation system from the heating system, allowing each to operate independently.
- Optimize the existing hydronic system to lower heating hot water supply temperatures and enable integration of air source heat pumps in the future.

Maximize Heat Recovery:

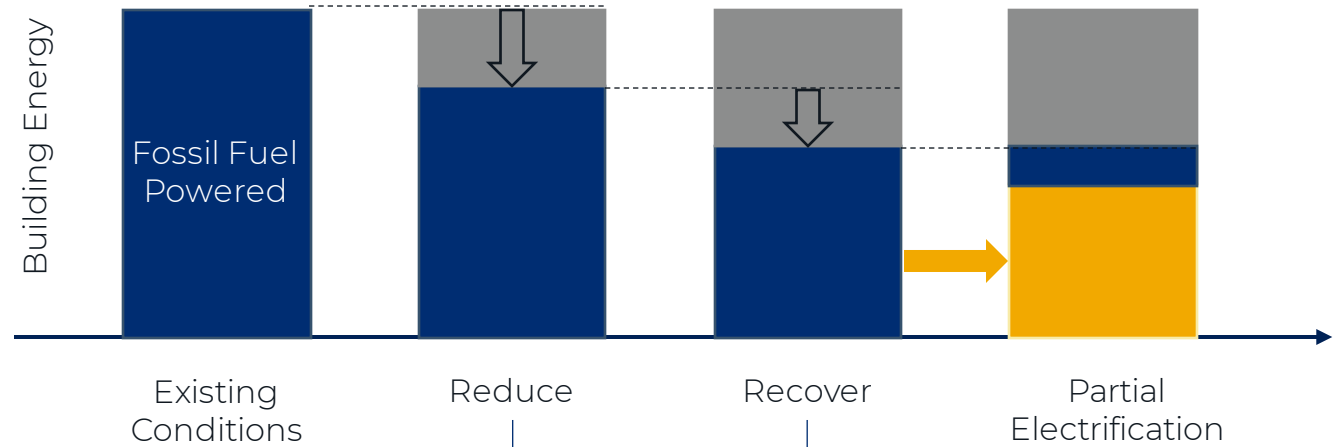
This project utilizes water source heat pumps in a variety of heat recovery and reuse applications to dramatically reduce steam use throughout the building. The team looks to maximize heat recovery by integrating retail and tenant supplemental cooling loops to the main condenser water loop.

Current Baseline	Expected by 2035	
119.5 kBtu/SF/yr	47.9 kBtu/SF/yr	↓ 60%
62% Electricity + 38% District Steam	94% Electricity + 6% District Steam	
12,508 Ton CO2e/yr	3,059 Ton CO2e/yr	↓ 76%
\$340,000 /year of LL97 fines starting in 2030	\$0 LL97 fines starting in 2030	

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Reduce Energy Load

- **New Façade:** install new insulated curtain walls
- **Lower Heating Distribution Temperatures:** reduce heating hot water supply temperatures to 120-130F

Recover Wasted Heat

- **Thermal Network Expansion:** connect retail tenant condenser water loop to main condenser water loop to maximize waterside heat recovery
- **Waterside Heat Recovery:** recapture heat from condenser water loop using WSHPs (Lobby, Garage, DHW production)
- **Energy Recovery DOAS:** recapture heat from ventilation exhaust to condition make-up air, energy recovery units replacing high-pressure induction system

Partial Electrification

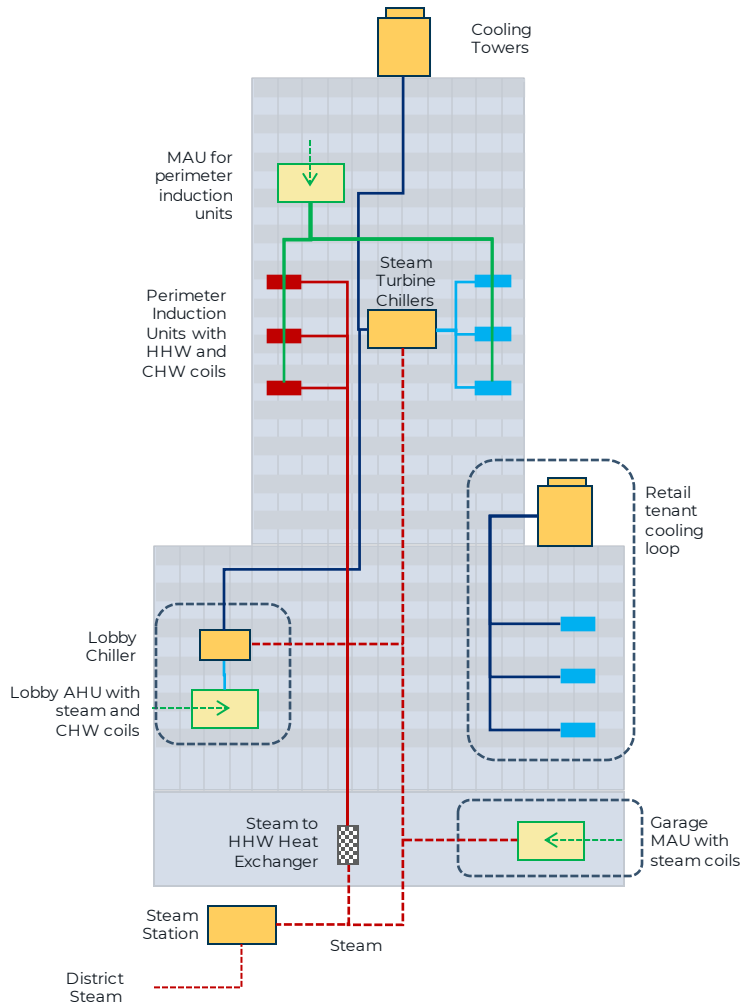
- **Electric Chillers:** replace steam turbine chillers to electric chillers
- **Air Source Heat Pumps:** ASHP to provide supplemental heating and cooling

660 Fifth Ave Decarbonization Plan

Heating
Cooling
Ventilation

Key Takeaways: Building Redevelopment, Reduce district steam usage, Maximize waterside heat recovery, Lower heating hot water temp., DOAS with ERV, Remove perimeter induction units

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2022:

Envelope Improvements
Replace single pane windows with no wall insulation with insulated curtain wall

Install DOAS+ERV
Replace Make-up Air Unit (MAU) supplying high pressure perimeter induction units with energy recovery DOAS with heating/cooling coils

Perimeter Terminal Units
Replace high pressure perimeter induction units with fin-tube radiators

Electric Chillers
Replace steam turbine chillers with electric chillers

2023:

Lower Distribution Temperatures
Reducing heating hot water supply temperature to 120-130F

Thermal Network Expansion
Connect retail tenants to main condenser water loop to maximize waterside heat recovery

Lobby Heat Pump Chiller
Replace lobby chiller with WSHP to supply heating and cooling reusing hydronic coils in lobby AHU

Garage Ventilation Heat Pump
Install water source VRF heat pump to provide minimum heating, replacing steam coils in the garage MAU

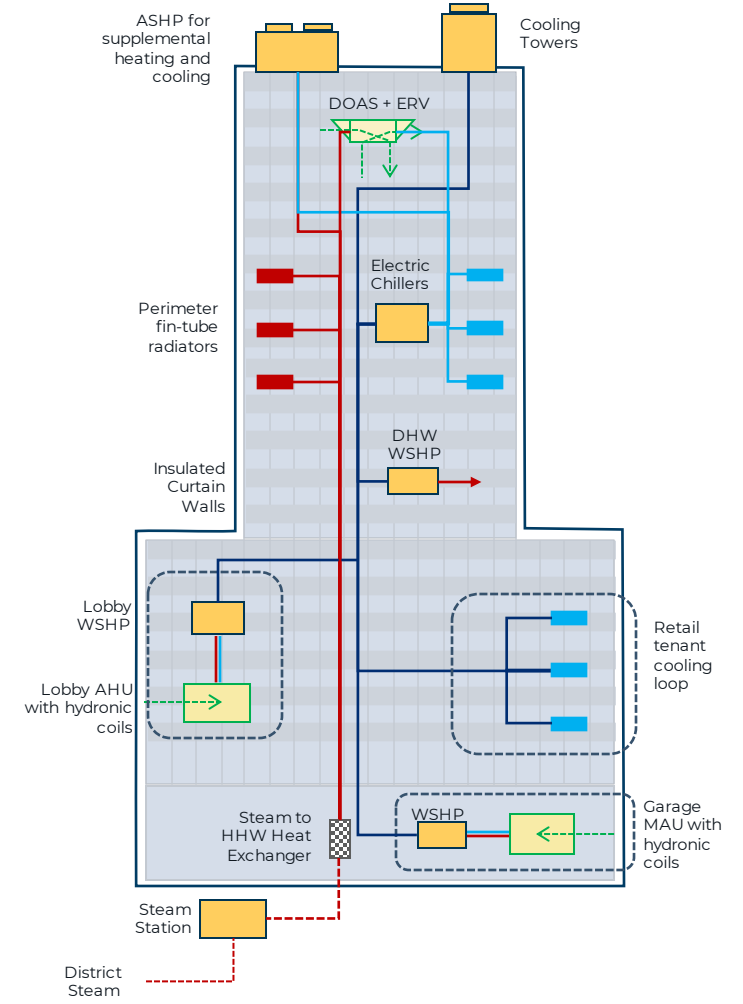
2024:

Domestic Hot Water WSHP
Waterside heat recovery using WSHPs to produce DHW

2026:

Air Source Heat Pumps
Install ASHPs to provide supplemental heating and cooling

AFTER



Lefrak City Plaza

59-17
Junction Boulevard

- Queens, NY
- 396,000 SF
- 20 stories commercial
- office building built in 1970



Leveraging end-of-life building upgrades to support decarbonization and ensure climate resiliency.

59-17 Junction Boulevard is a commercial office building located in Queens, New York. The building is heated and cooled by a dual temperature 2-pipe hydronic system and a central plant that has reached the end of its useful life, due in part to damage sustained during Hurricane Ida in 2021.

LeFrak will leverage these necessary upgrades to install modern, low-carbon solutions that will bring the property to carbon neutrality by 2035, and safeguard critical building systems from future climate events.

The decarbonization approach employed by the project team involves electrifying the central plant, incorporating heat recovery measures to utilize heat that would otherwise be wasted, and transition thermal loads away from inefficient steam usage. It will do so with limited disruption to its anchor tenant which occupies the entire building.

As part of the overall decarbonization roadmap, the Empire Building Challenge is funding the enabling steps for heat recovery, involving hydronic piping work to separate core and perimeter loops.

Project Team:



Steven Winter
Associates, Inc.



NYSERDA Investment	EBC Funded Measure Private Investment
\$3 Million	\$6.7 Million

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LeFrak

demonstrates how to reconfigure an inefficient system to allow core and perimeter zones to exchange energy.

Thermal zoning and enabling heat recovery:

The existing, inefficient 2-pipe system, which only allows the building to be in heating or cooling mode, will be re-piped to create two separate hydronic zones. This will allow the newly independent core and perimeter zones of the building to exchange heat as needed.

This piping work will incorporate heat exchangers to possibly connect with adjacent buildings also owned by LeFrak that are mostly residential and create a community thermal network to share loads.

Electrification:

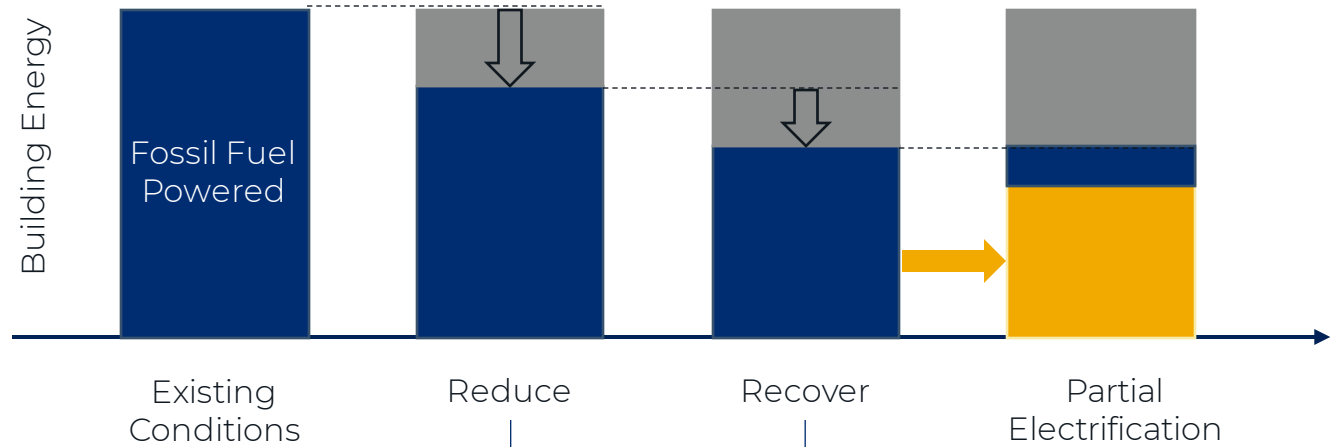
Beginning in 2023, the existing fossil fuel driven plant will be decommissioned, and a new plant that enables decarbonization will be installed, including modular electric chillers with heating and cooling capabilities.

Current Baseline	Expected by 2035	
103.5 kBtu/SF/yr	51.3 kBtu/SF/yr	↓ 50%
54% Natural Gas + 46% Electricity	100% Electricity	
3,330 Ton CO2e/yr	358 Ton CO2e/yr	↓ 89%
\$340,000 /year of LL97 fines starting in 2030	\$0 LL97 fines starting in 2030	

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Reduce Energy Load

- **Building Management System (BMS):** Install new BMS for better integrated control of HVAC equipment and lower distribution temperature

Recover Wasted Heat

- **Enabling Heat Recovery:** New piping work to separate core and perimeter hydronic systems and operate them independently. Install heat exchangers to facilitate heat recovery between core and perimeter using electric modular chillers
- **Heat Recovery Ventilation:** Install Energy Recovery Ventilators (ERV) to recapture wasted heat and pre-condition fresh air.

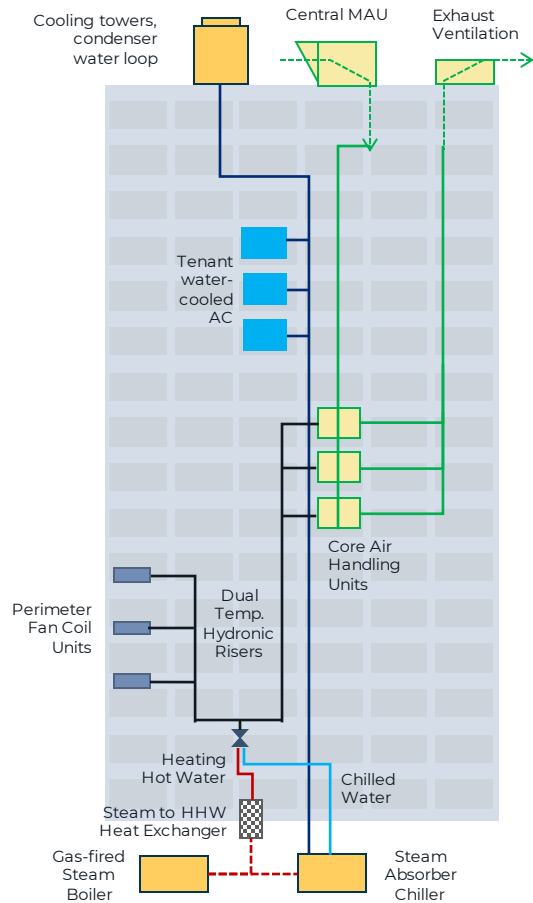
Partial Electrification

- **Electric Chillers:** Replace existing fuel fired steam absorption chillers with electric modular chillers that can provide heat recovery
- **Thermal Network Connection:** Install heat exchangers and auxiliary connection to allow a future connection to a campus-wide thermal energy network.

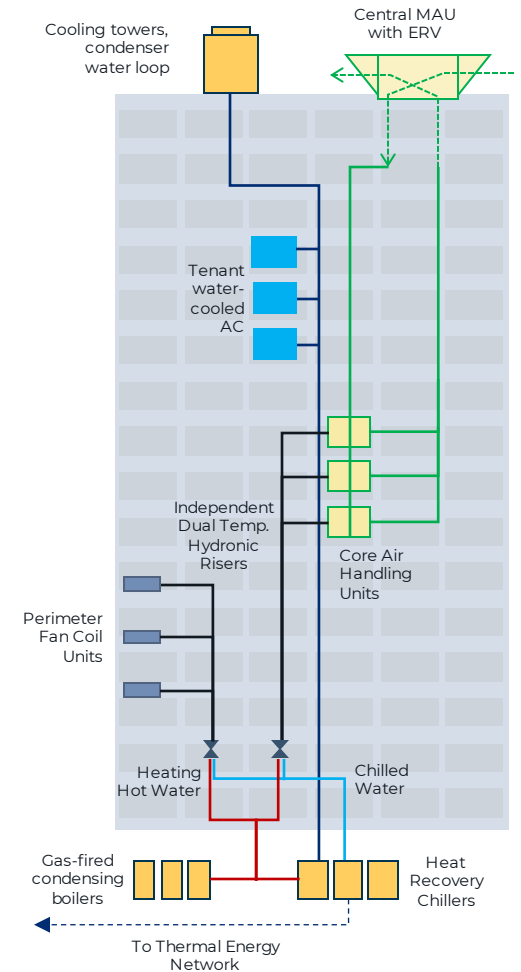
LeFrak City Plaza Decarbonization Plan

Key Takeaways: Re-piping to enable heat recovery, Heat Recovery Chillers, Elimination of Steam Boilers and absorber chillers, Thermal Energy Network connection, Building Management System (BMS)

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2024:

Electric Modular Chillers and BMS
Replace damaged steam chillers with electric modular chillers for electric cooling and enable waterside heat recovery. This is a first step toward eliminating on-site natural gas use. A new BMS system will allow better, integrated control of HVAC systems.

2024-2025:

Enabling Heat Recovery
New piping work to separate core and perimeter hydronic systems and operate them independently. Install heat exchangers to facilitate heat recovery between core and perimeter using electric modular chillers

2025:

Electric Capacity
Expand electrical capacity and provide backup generation for resiliency. The measure will allow additional, layered heat generation needed to meet peak heating loads.

2026+:

Heat Recovery Ventilation
Extract additional heat and cool from outgoing exhaust and redirect back into the building.

520 Madison Avenue

- New York City
- 1,000,000 SF
- 43 stories commercial
- office building built in 1982



Tishman Speyer to drill for geothermal energy below Madison Avenue

Project Team:



TISHMAN SPEYER



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520 Madison Avenue is a class A commercial office building located in Midtown Manhattan with ground floor retail and restaurant spaces. The energy profile of this property is strong, with an 87.4 EUI and energy grade of A based on 2019 baseline.

Tishman Speyer is planning a lobby upgrade and restaurant renovation for the building and is leveraging these improvements to simultaneously upgrade the building systems. These upgrades will help position the property to reach carbon neutrality by 2035.

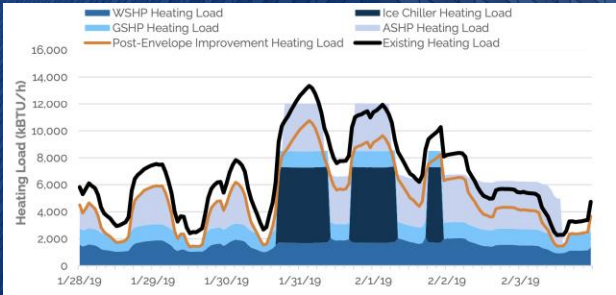
This project will involve reduction of energy loads, recovery and reuse of heat that would conventionally be wasted, and development of an urban geothermal system. The European geothermal drilling technology slated for this project has never been implemented in New York City for a building of this size. In doing so Tishman Speyer sets a strong precedent for scalability and replication of this solution throughout the high-rise office building market.

NYSERDA Investment	Roadmap Phase 1 Private Investment
\$3 Million	\$22.2 Million

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Tishman Speyer

demonstrates how to strategically reduce loads, recover heat, and electrify equipment over time



Enabling Steps:

The project team’s vision for decarbonizing 520 Madison requires enabling steps to significantly reduce heating loads and facilitate heat pump integration. This is achieved via envelope improvements, waterside heat recovery, ventilation upgrades and lower heating hot water supply temperatures.

Electrification:

Heat pumps will be deployed in various applications throughout the building to electrify onsite heating loads. This includes water source heat pumps (WSHPs) for heat recovery, ice heating and geothermal (ground source heat pumps or GSHPs) combined with air source heat pumps (ASHPs) for the remaining heating load.

Thermal Layering:

The decarbonization approach for this project utilizes thermal layering, in which multiple heat sources overlap to meet operational energy needs in the building while minimizing the use of fossil fuels and carbon emissions.

2019 Baseline	Expected by 2030
87.4 kBtu/SF/yr	28 kBtu/SF/yr
3% Natural Gas + 67% Electricity + 30% District Steam	5% Natural Gas + 95% Electricity
2,294 tCO2e/yr	1,166 tCO2e/yr

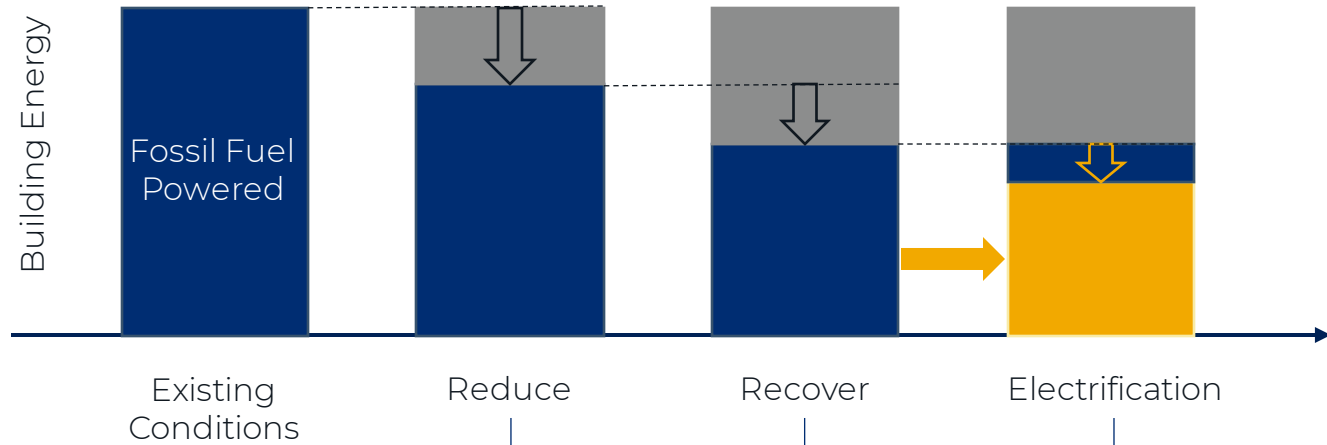
↓ **23%**

↓ **49%**

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Phase 1:

- **New Hydronic Distribution:** to serve new system while transitioning to low supply temperature and enable heat pump integration
- **Façade efficiency upgrades** to bottom portion of tower

Phase 2:

- **Dedicated Outside Air System (DOAS):** decouple ventilation from heat and cooling systems using terminal DOAS delivery and central DOAHU
- **Envelope upgrades** to top portion of tower

Phase 1:

- **Condenser Water Heat Recovery:** piping work and Water Source Heat Pumps (WSHPs) to recapture heat from cooling systems
- **Geothermal:** UrbanGeo drilling and ground sources heat pumps

Phase 2:

- **Thermal Network Expansion:** interconnecting central plant components allows for deeper heat recovery and storage
- **Energy Recovery Ventilator:** expanded DOAHU continues air side heat recovery expansion

Phase 1 – Partial Electrification:

- **WSHPs:** for UrbanGeo and condenser water loop heat recovery
- **Domestic Hot Water (DHW):** point of use electric water heaters to reduce district steam use

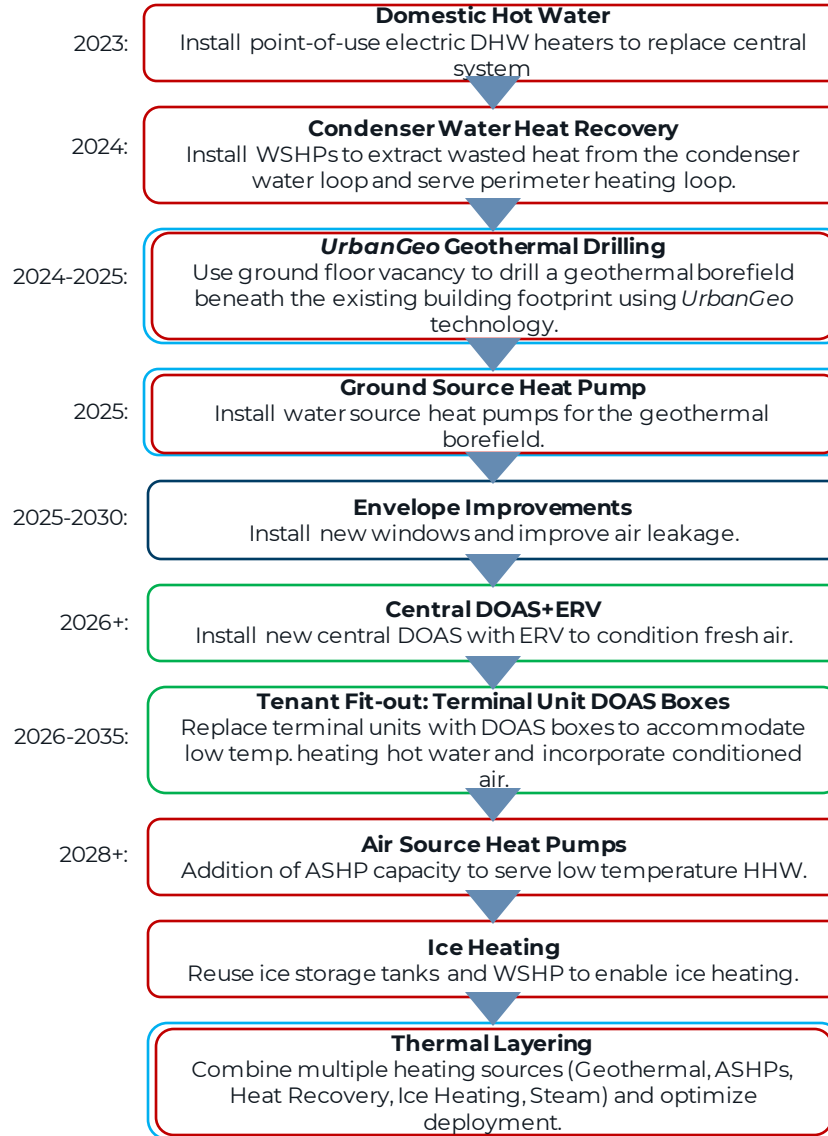
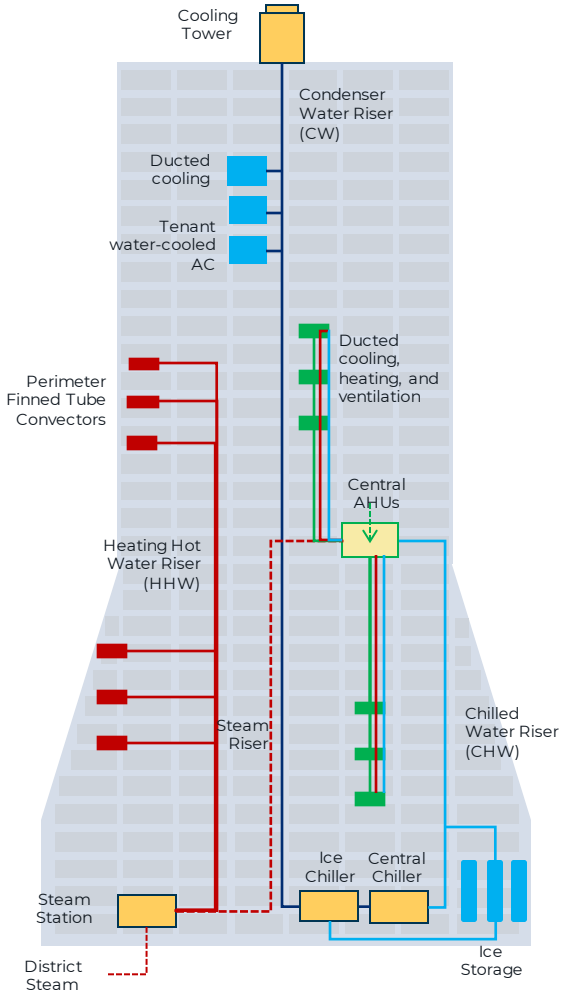
Phase 2 – Full Electrification:

- **Air Source Heat Pump:** integrate ASHPs
- **Ice Heating:** install ice storage and use WSHPs to store and extract heat
- **Thermal Layering:** a multi-source approach using advanced controls to combine and integrate multiple equipment to meet load

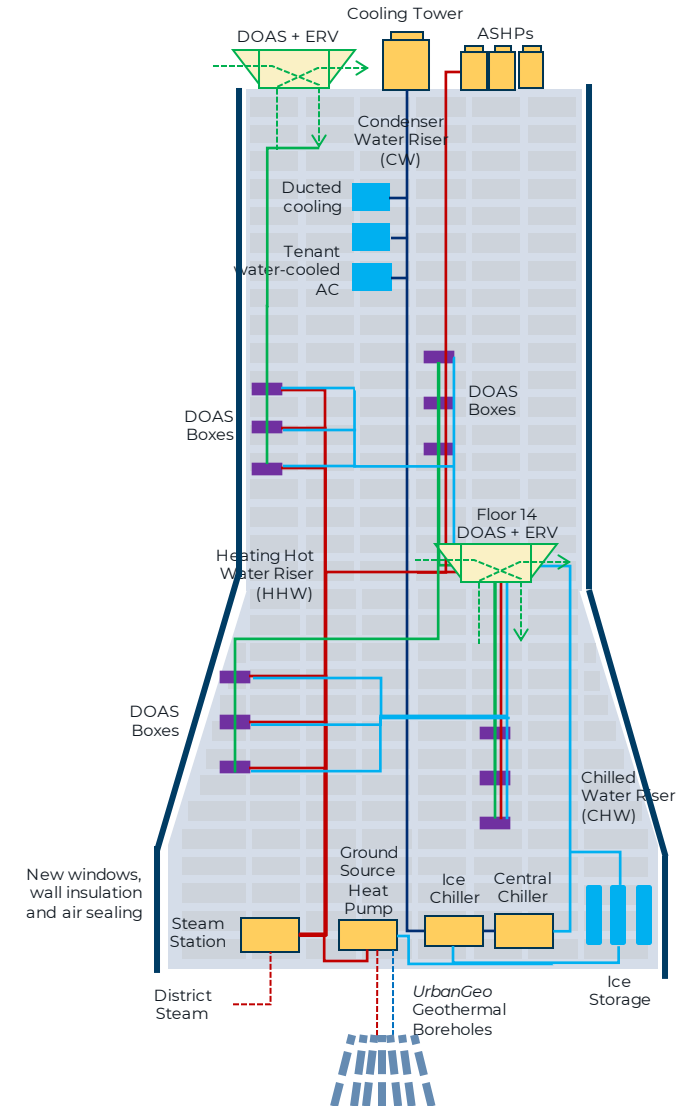
520 Madison Decarbonization Plan

Key Takeaways: Façade improvements, urban geothermal drilling, heat recovery, low temperature heating hot water, DOAS, distributed electric DHW, ice heating and ASHPs

BEFORE



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PENN 1

- New York City
- 2.5 million SF
- 57 stories commercial
- office building built in 1972



Innovating with existing technology that is scalable, practical and affordable.

Project Team:

VORNADO
REALTY TRUST

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PENN 1 is a commercial office building located in Midtown Manhattan that houses commercial office and retail spaces. The building is heated and cooled by district steam that is supplemented by the existing cogeneration plant.

To enable phase-out of the cogeneration plant, Vornado plans to advance a series of heat recovery and thermal storage solutions that will position PENN 1 for carbon neutrality by 2040.

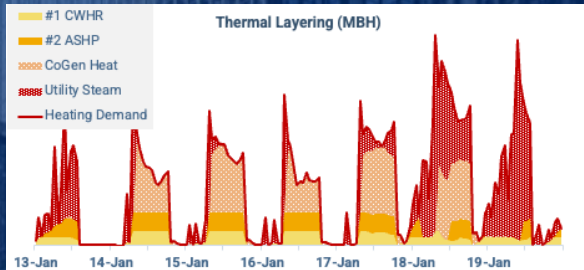
The decarbonization approach at Penn One integrates an innovative thermal dispatch model, which allows the building to intelligently prioritize low-carbon thermal resources for operational building needs ahead of those that are more carbon intensive. This thermal layering strategy, enabled by electrification of heating loads and heat recovery measures, will reduce energy use by 22% and carbon emissions by 38% by 2030.

From this decarbonization roadmap, the Empire Building Challenge is funding one measure to demonstrate condenser water heat recovery.

NYSERDA Investment	EBC Funded Measure Private Investment
\$1 Million	\$3 Million

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demonstrates creative decarbonization with advanced heat recovery solutions and thermal layering.



Advanced Waterside Heat Recovery:

This tactic will use water-source heat pumps (WSHP) to utilize heat from the condenser water system to supplement heating hot water for the building’s hydronic system. The WSHP method creates a “heat-lifting” machine that will raise the temperature of hot water to match the building’s existing supply – usefully extracting heat that would otherwise be wasted and reducing steam heat emissions.

Thermal Layering:

Heating loads are sequenced and prioritized to first engage low-carbon resources to meet the building’s heating demand, and then use next-available or higher carbon thermal resources to come online. For example, first use low carbon electric thermal resources, then heat from the Cogen, and finally utility steam to meet remaining demand. When the ASHPs are installed, they will be dispatched second, as another low carbon alternative. This approach makes it possible to meet peak heating loads during extreme cold events with relative ease and low carbon emissions.

Current Baseline	Expected by 2035
167 kBtu/SF/yr	49 kBtu/SF/yr
31% Electricity + 14% District Steam + 55% Natural Gas	100% Electricity
18,750 tCO2e/yr	1,638 tCO2e/yr
\$790,000 /year of LL97 fines starting in 2030	\$0 LL97 fines starting in 2035

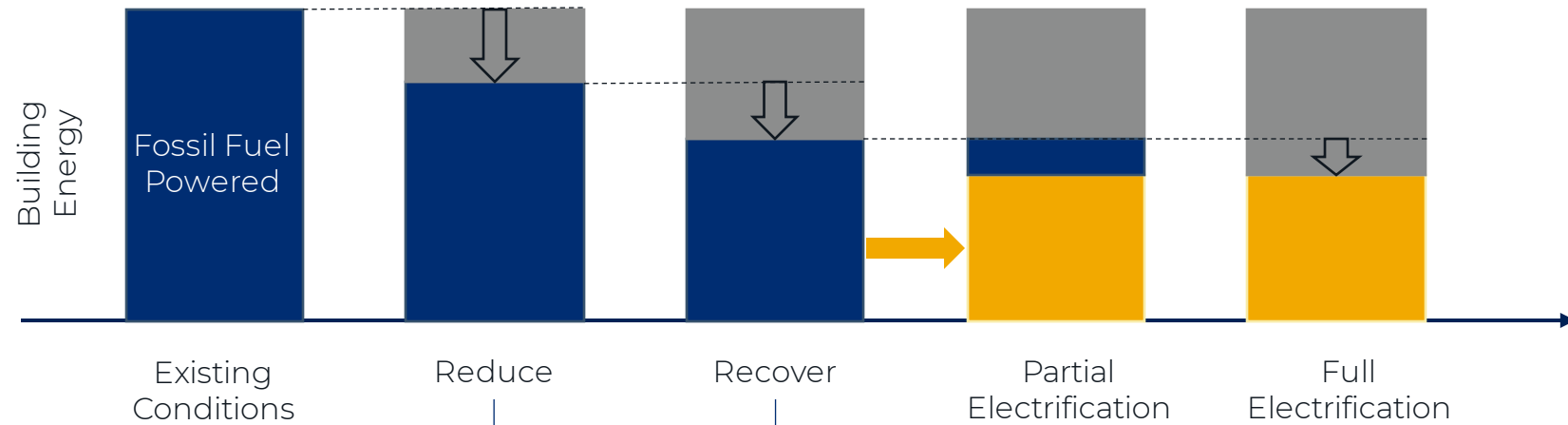
↓ 71%

↓ 91%

Resource Efficient Decarbonization (RED):

An incremental methodology and integrated design process combined with strategic capital planning creates a path towards carbon neutral buildings.

A holistic approach and phasing can make decarbonization technically and economically feasible.



Reduce Energy Load

- **Envelope Improvement:** Triple pane glazing
- **Induction Units Replacement:** replace constant volume perimeter induction units with VAV units
- **Enhance Tenant Fit-out:** Install high-efficiency equipment and engage with tenants to ensure best-in-class fit-out during turnover

Recover Wasted Heat

- **Condenser Water Heat Recovery:** Install WSHPs to recapture wasted heat from the condenser water loop
- **Computer Room Air Conditioning (CRAC) Conversion:** Convert existing condenser water-cooled DX units to chilled water-cooled unit to maximize heat recovery and improve cooling efficiency

Partial Electrification:

- **Electric Chillers:** Replace steam absorption chillers to electric chillers
- **Partial Air Source Heat Pumps:** Install ASHPs to partially cover heating load served by the secondary hot water loop

Full Electrification:

- **Cogen Decommissioning:** Retire cogeneration plant and eliminate on-site fossil fuel usage, keep district steam as back-up
- **Ice Thermal Storage:** Install ice storage to enable full-building electrification by shifting and support heating and cooling peaks and empower grid flexibility
- **More ASHPs:** Install ASHPs to cover remaining heating load

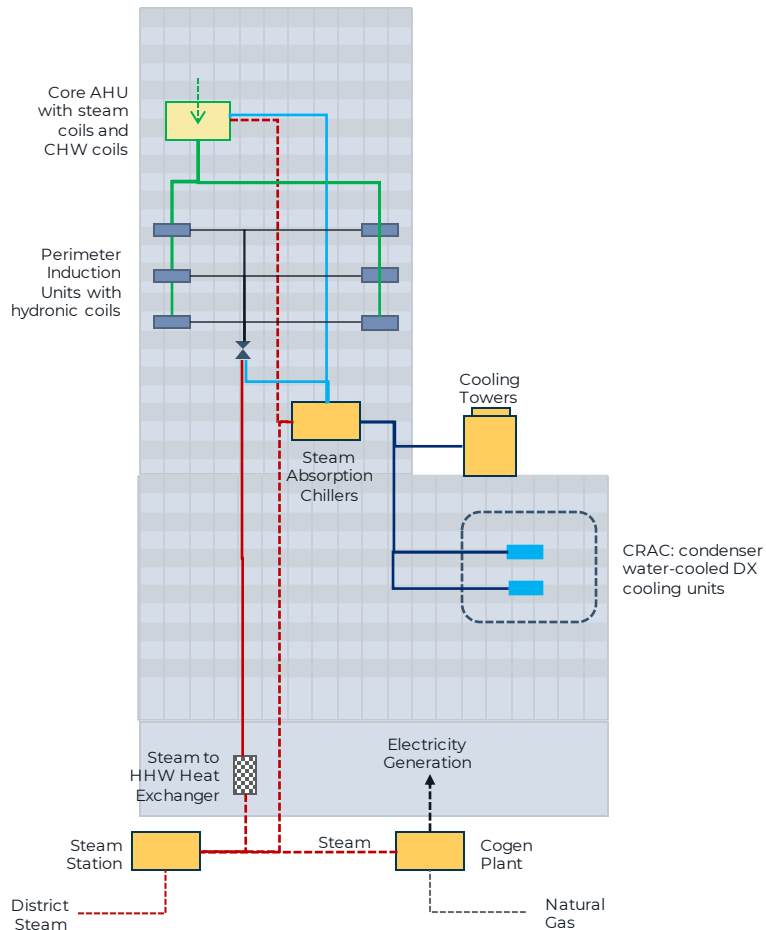


Penn One Decarbonization Plan

Heating
Cooling
Ventilation

Key Takeaways: Minimize district steam usage, maximize waterside heat recovery, integrate air source heat pumps where possible

BEFORE



2022:

Envelope Improvements

Replace existing curtain wall glazing with triple pane

Electric Chillers

Replace steam absorption chillers with electric chillers

Induction Unit Replacement

Replace constant volume induction units with Variable Air Volume (VAV) units

2023:

Condenser Water Heat Recovery

Install WSHPs to reclaim rejected heat

2024:

Partial Air Source Heat Pumps

Install ASHPs to electrify heating and inject to secondary HHW

2025:

Computer Room Air Conditioning (CRAC) Conversion

Convert existing condenser water-cooled DX units to chilled water-cooled units. Maximize heat recovery

Enhanced Tenant Fit-out

Engage tenants during turnover to ensure best-in-class fit-out

2029:

Cogen Decommissioning

Retire cogeneration plant and eliminate on-site fossil-fuel usage, keep district steam as back-up

2030+:

More Air Source Heat Pumps

Install ASHPs to electrify the remaining heating load

Ice Storage System

Install ice storage to support peak demand

AFTER

