



**SUSTAINABLE  
BUILDINGS  
INITIATIVE**

**A PATH TO ZERO?**

**THE ROLE OF NET ZERO ENERGY**

**BUILDINGS IN BOSTON**

**MAY 10, 2017**



**RICK DIMINO**

**A BETTER CITY**



# BOSTON'S CLIMATE GOALS

Boston 2014 Climate Action Plan

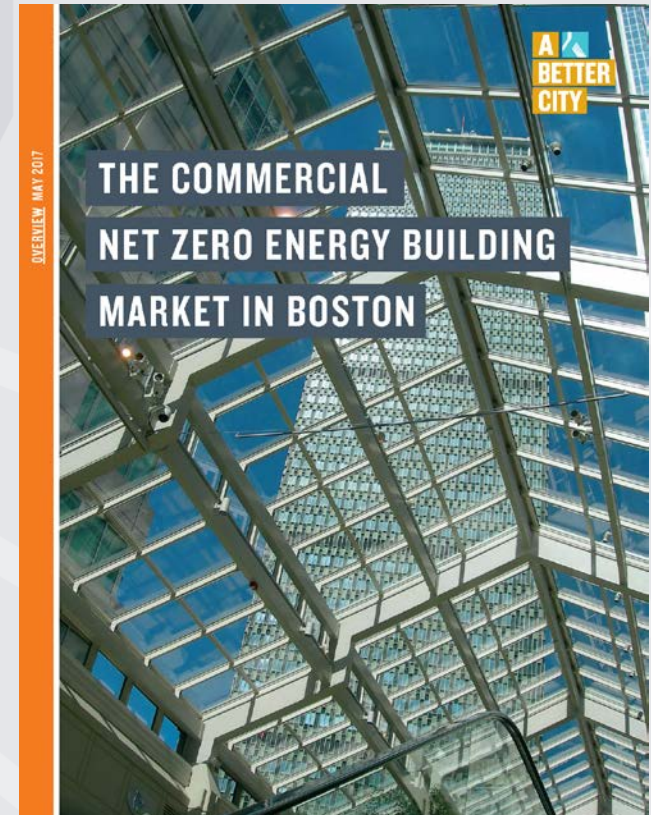
100% by 2050 GHG target

52% emissions from commercial & industrial

48% emissions from residential and transportation

# COMMERCIAL NET ZERO ENERGY BUILDINGS

- Net zero energy buildings are:
  - The next frontier of innovation and energy reduction
  - Key for meeting the City and State 2050 GHG reduction goals
- A Better City's overview document provides:
  - Introduction to net zero buildings and net zero emissions
  - Common barriers
  - Recommended next steps
  - Eight case studies of commercial/institutional net zero or near-net zero buildings in MA or similar climates



# AGENDA

## Welcome

- **Rick Dimino**, A Better City
- **Bob Biggio**, Boston Medical Center

## Panel Presentations

- **John Dalzell**, Boston Planning & Development Authority
- **Jacob Knowles**, Bard, Rao + Athanas Consulting Engineers
- **Jill Kaehler**, Behnisch Architekten
- **Seth Federspiel**, City of Cambridge

## Closing Remarks

- **Amy Longsworth**, Boston Green Ribbon Commission

## (Optional) Building Tour of Boston Medical Center

- **Bob Biggio** and **Nancy Hanright**, Boston Medical Center

**WITH THANKS TO...**

**Event host:**



**Event partner:**





**BOB BIGGIO**

**BOSTON MEDICAL CENTER**

# Why pursue greenhouse gas reductions?

- Boston Medical Center is both the largest level one trauma center and the **largest safety-net hospital in the northeast United States**
- Its leadership as a safety-net provider embeds a focus on **keeping its community healthy into its DNA**
- Healthcare reform creates the an opportunity for the first time in history for BMC to be **financially rewarded for what it does best**
- First hospital in the nation to provide a **hospital-based preventive food pantry**
- **Founded the Medical Legal Partnership** program which is now a model replicated across the country
- Doing our part to care for our communities environment was a natural addition to our goal of “**making Boston the Healthiest urban population in the world**”



**James W. Varnum National Quality Award Winner**



# Our Campus Redesign Plan

- In 2012, BMC launched a \$350 million redesign of our campus aimed at modernizing its facilities to support its bold aspirations
- Energy efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions reduction were identified as a cornerstone of the plan
- The plan renovates over 500,000sf and constructs 130,000sf of new clinical space
- By consolidating clinical functions into a more efficient design we are reducing total square footage by 400,000sf



# As well as financial successes that will help us as we enter the ACO world

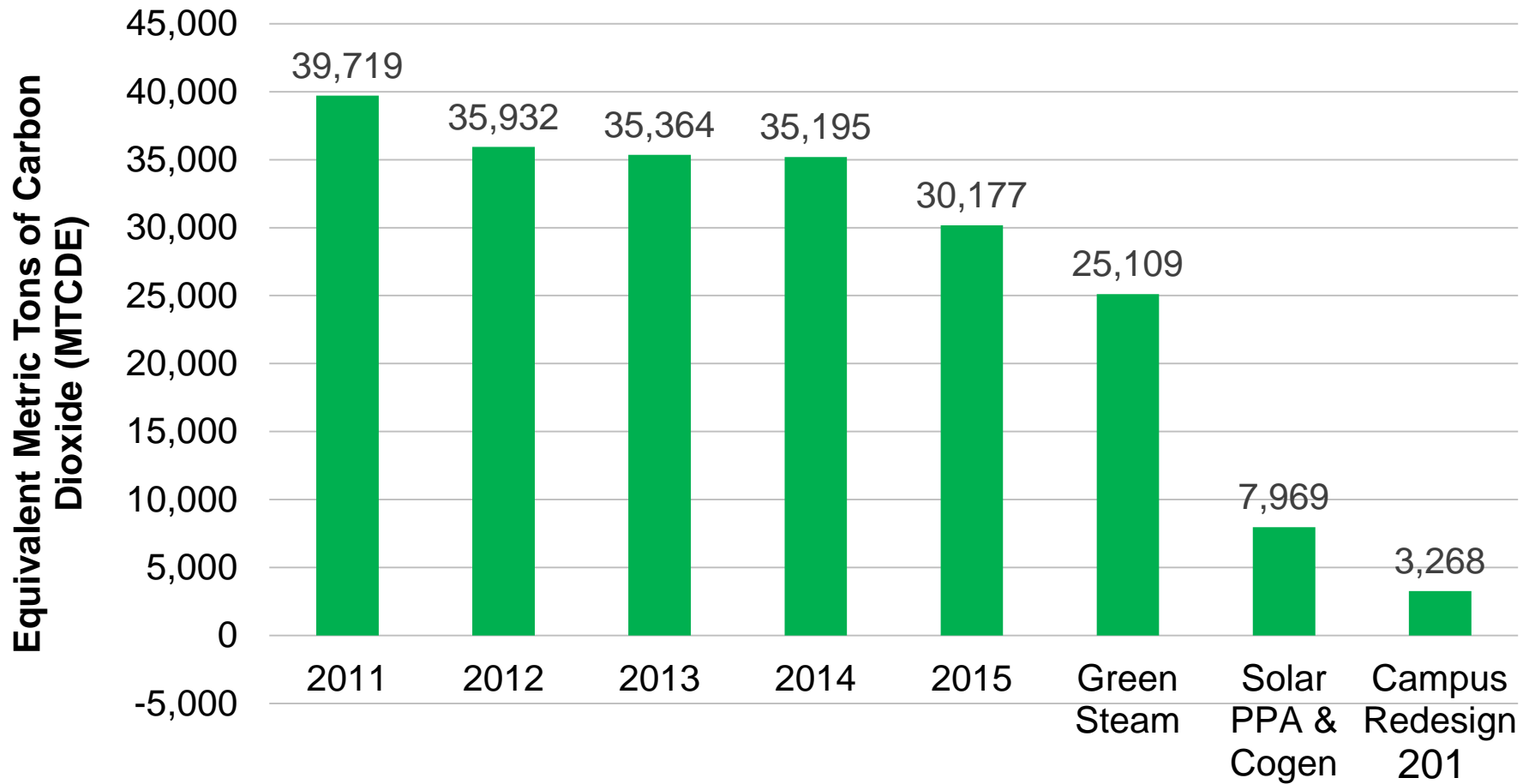
## Energy Costs & Square Footage



**Equivalent Revenue Increase @ \$20/Dollar Saved = \$135 million**

# Going for ZERO

## Campus Carbon Footprint by Year



# Net-zero would not be possible for BMC without our offsite collaborative PPA for solar



- 60 MW
  - 16MW supports BMC
- 650 acres
  - Boston's South End is ~300 acres
- 255,000 panels



**JOHN DALZELL**

**BOSTON PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**



*What if...*



*Buildings and communities could regenerate and sustain the health and vitality of all life?*

USGBC Mission Statement, in part

*Let's get started...*



## **Big Drivers**

*Cambridge Net Zero Action Plan*  
*Carbon Free Boston 2050*

*Let's get started...*



## Practice and Market Forces

*Can we build it...*

*Can we pay for it...*



# E+ Green Buildings



# Platinum

Marcella St, Roxbury  
Completed Fall 2013



# E+ Green Buildings

# Energy Positive



8,140 kWh  
Energy Positive



Sensing & Control in Every Room

Sign up for product updates:



Welcome to the City of Boston's E+ Green Building Program. Over the course of a year an energy positive building (i.e. E+) will produce more electricity than it consumes. This is achieved through innovative design, a well-constructed building envelope, and use of high-efficiency windows and heating/cooling systems. Rooftop solar panels and solar thermal water heaters provide electricity and hot water for building occupants.

## PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Through a grant from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, Embue has installed its sensors and systems in these innovative buildings. For the next three years Embue will track electricity consumption, production, and occupant comfort in each of these model homes. Performance information for each building is provided for the public and can be found in the sections below.

### MARCELLA STREET



A four-unit multifamily townhouse building totalling 7,900 square feet. Predicted annual electricity production of 44,400 kWh, consumption of 36,900 kWh, net electricity production of 12,600 kWh.

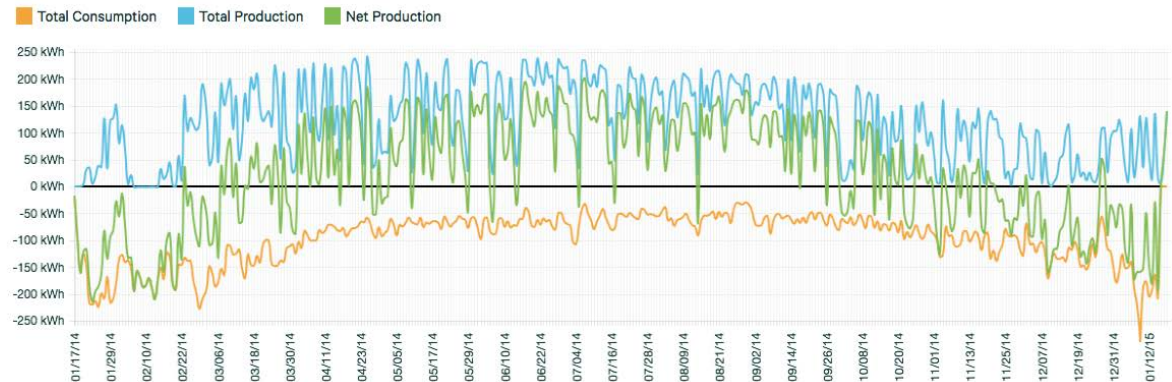
Photo credit Sam Oberter.

### TOTAL ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION

Lifetime	8,140 kWh
Year to Date	-1,409 kWh
Last 30 Days	-2,360 kWh

### DAILY PRODUCTION & CONSUMPTION

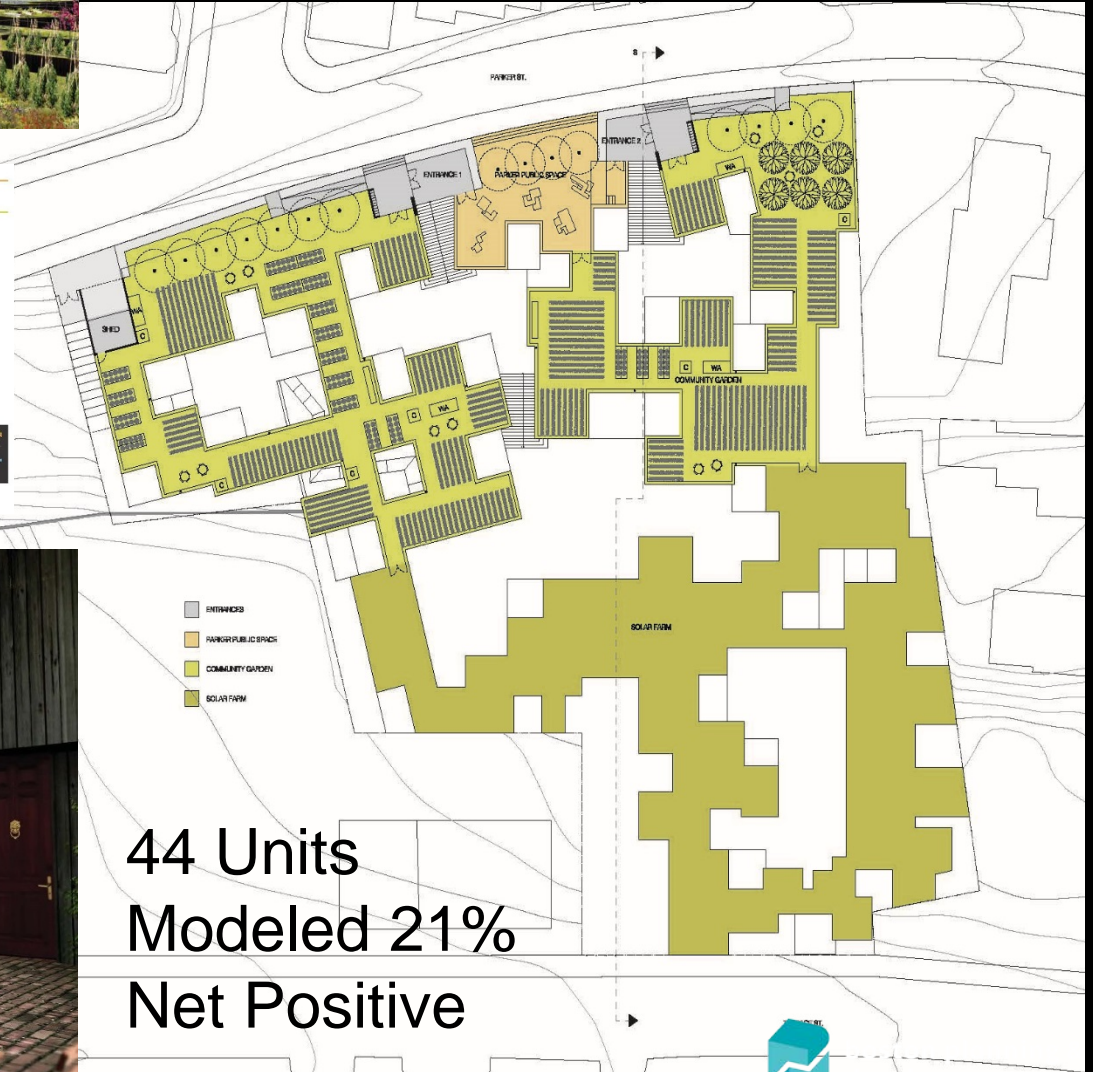
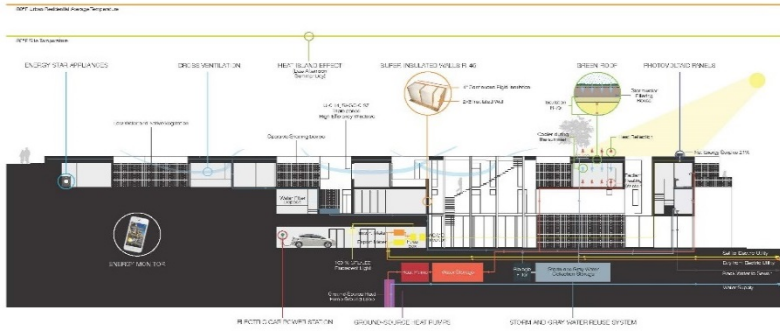
This chart provides daily whole-building performance data for Marcella Street. On days when the green line is above zero, the building is energy positive for that day. For privacy reasons, the most recent two weeks of data are not displayed.



# E+ Green Communities

Selected Developer

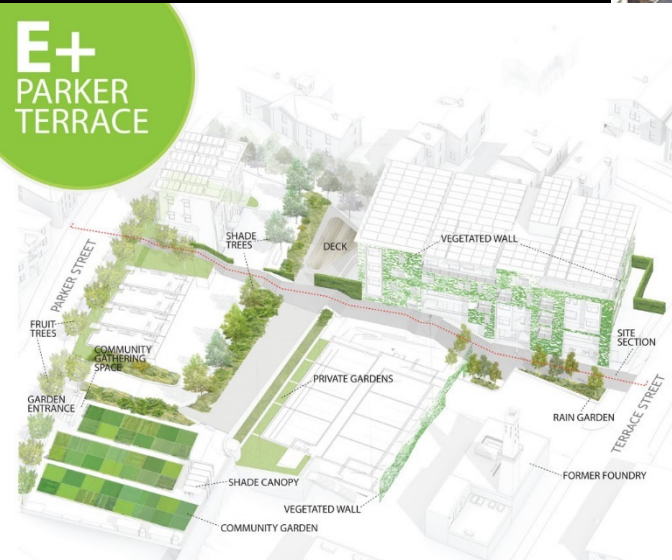
# SEBASTIAN MARISCAL



44 Units  
Modeled 21%  
Net Positive

# E+ Green Communities

Proposed



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Proposed

**E+**  
PARKER  
TERRACE



1 SITE + CONTEXT



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boston planning &  
development agency

# E+ Green Buildings – Residential Market Impact

## Private Near Net Zero Energy Projects

Dorr Street Residences, Roxbury (completed)

Urbanica Development / Merge Architects



# E+ Green Buildings – Public Leadership

Public / Near Net Zero Energy (very near!)

Cronin Field Headquarters, Westborough

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife / Architerra



*Let's get started...*



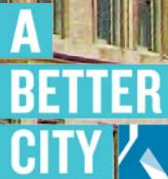
**...the Path to Zero**





**JACOB KNOWLES**

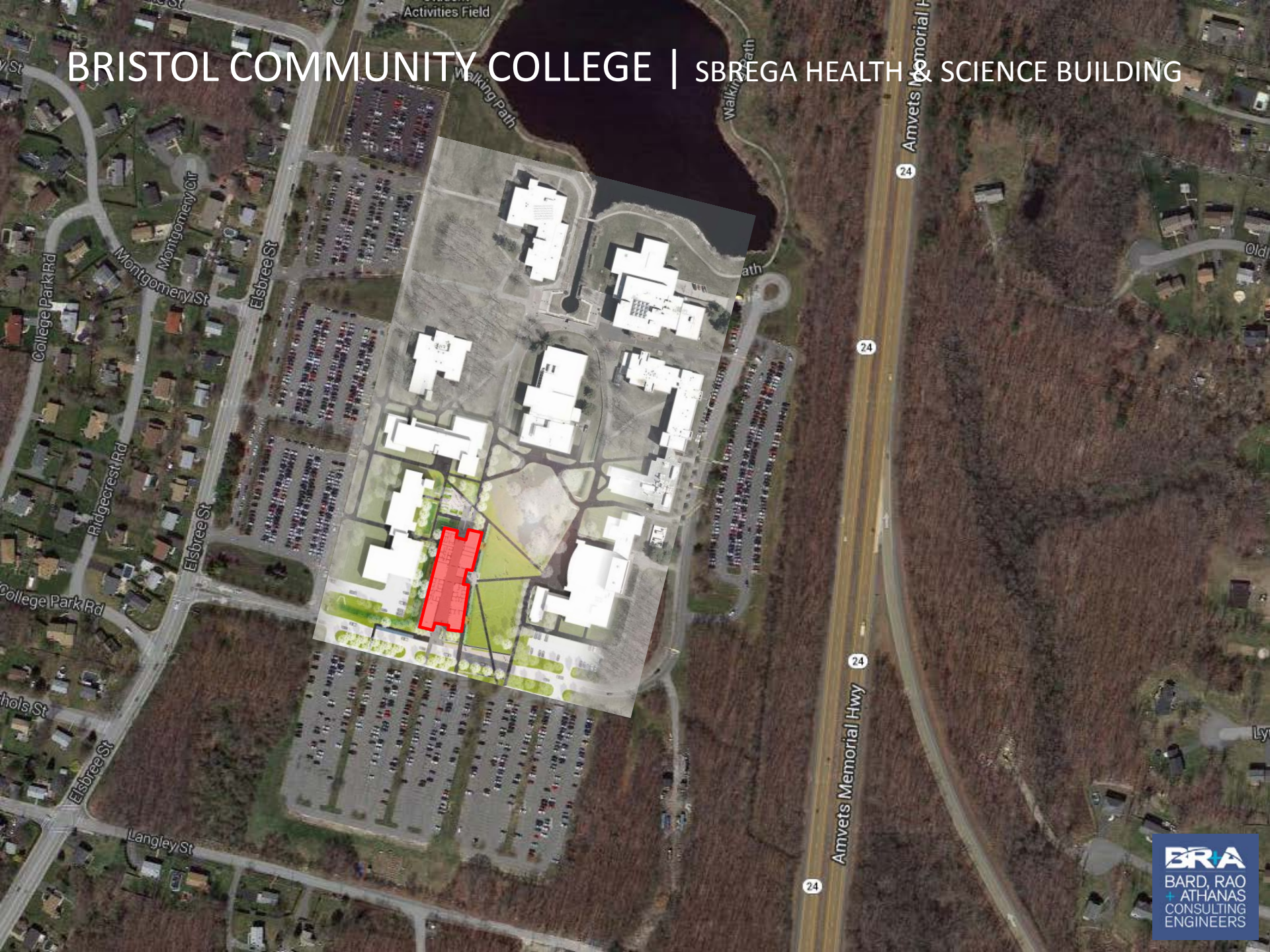
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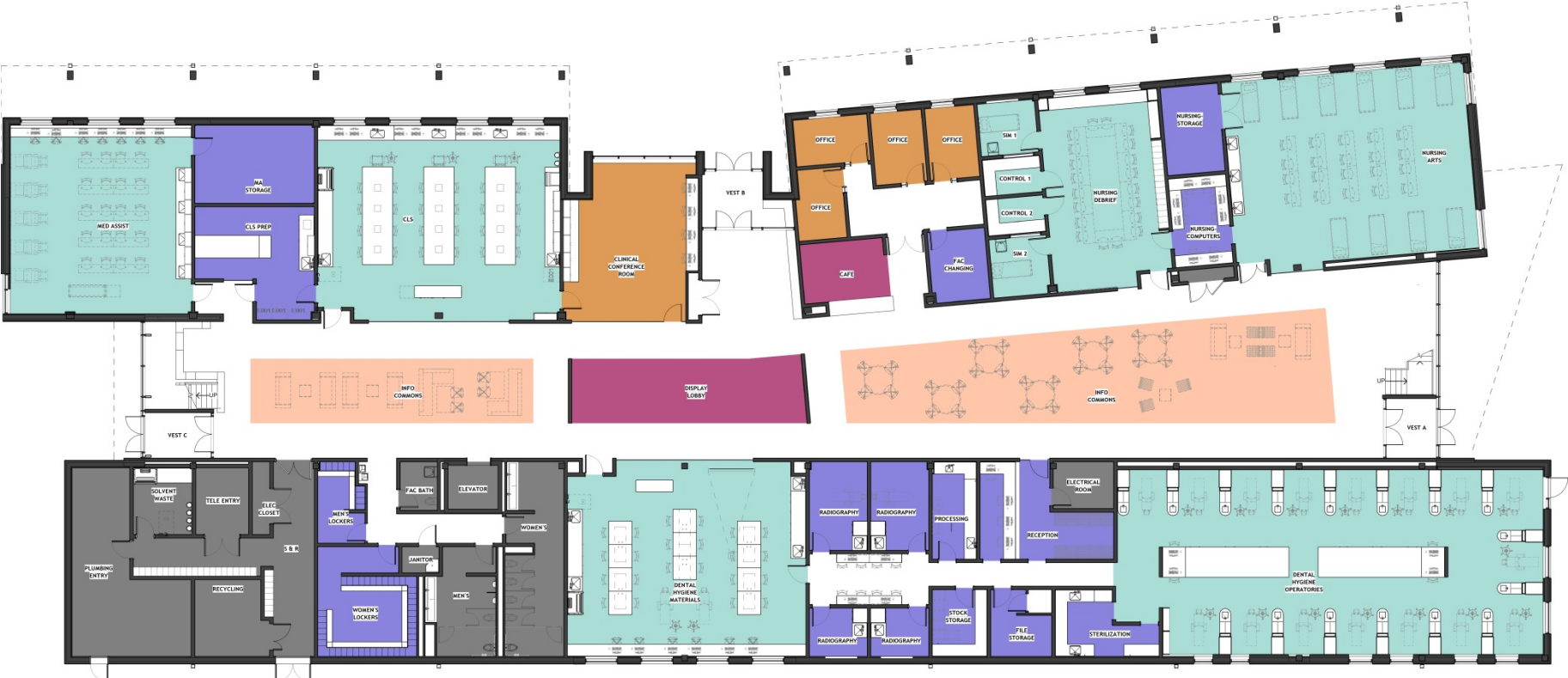
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 1st Floor

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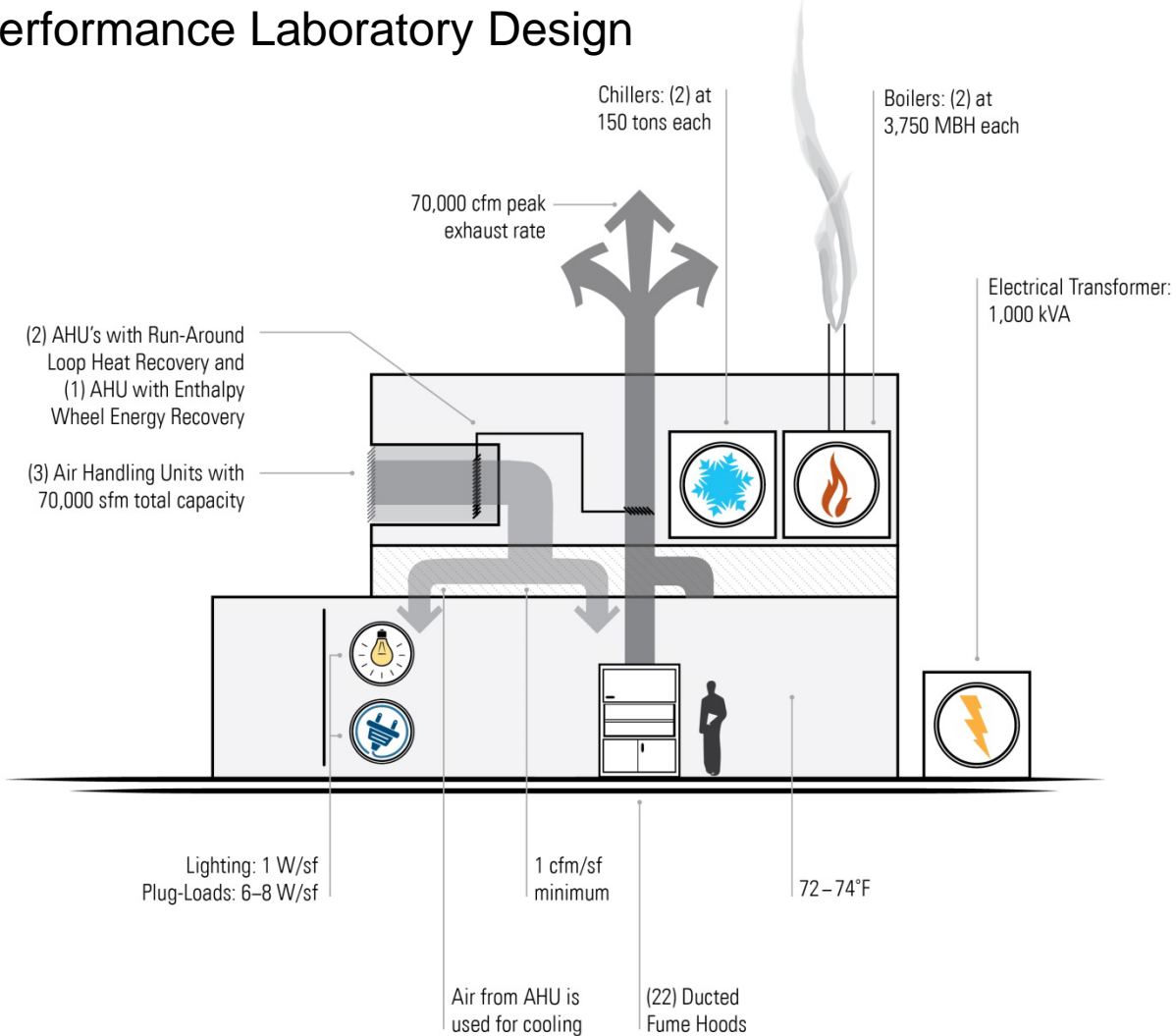


 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

# BRISTOL COMMUNITY COLLEGE | SBREGA HEALTH & SCIENCE BUILDING.



## High Performance Laboratory Design







*through night and day and in and out of weeks and almost over a year*

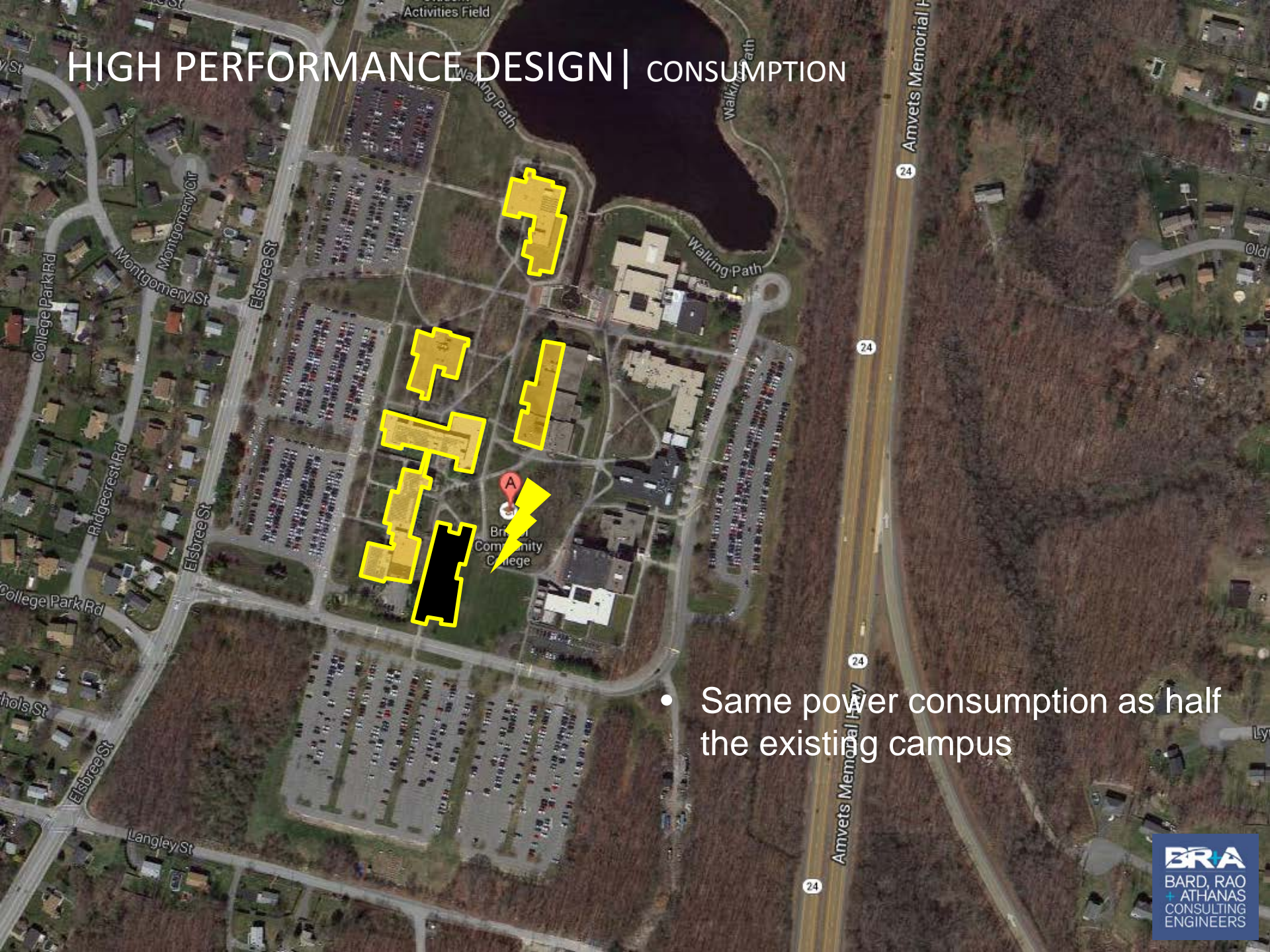
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# HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN | CONSUMPTION

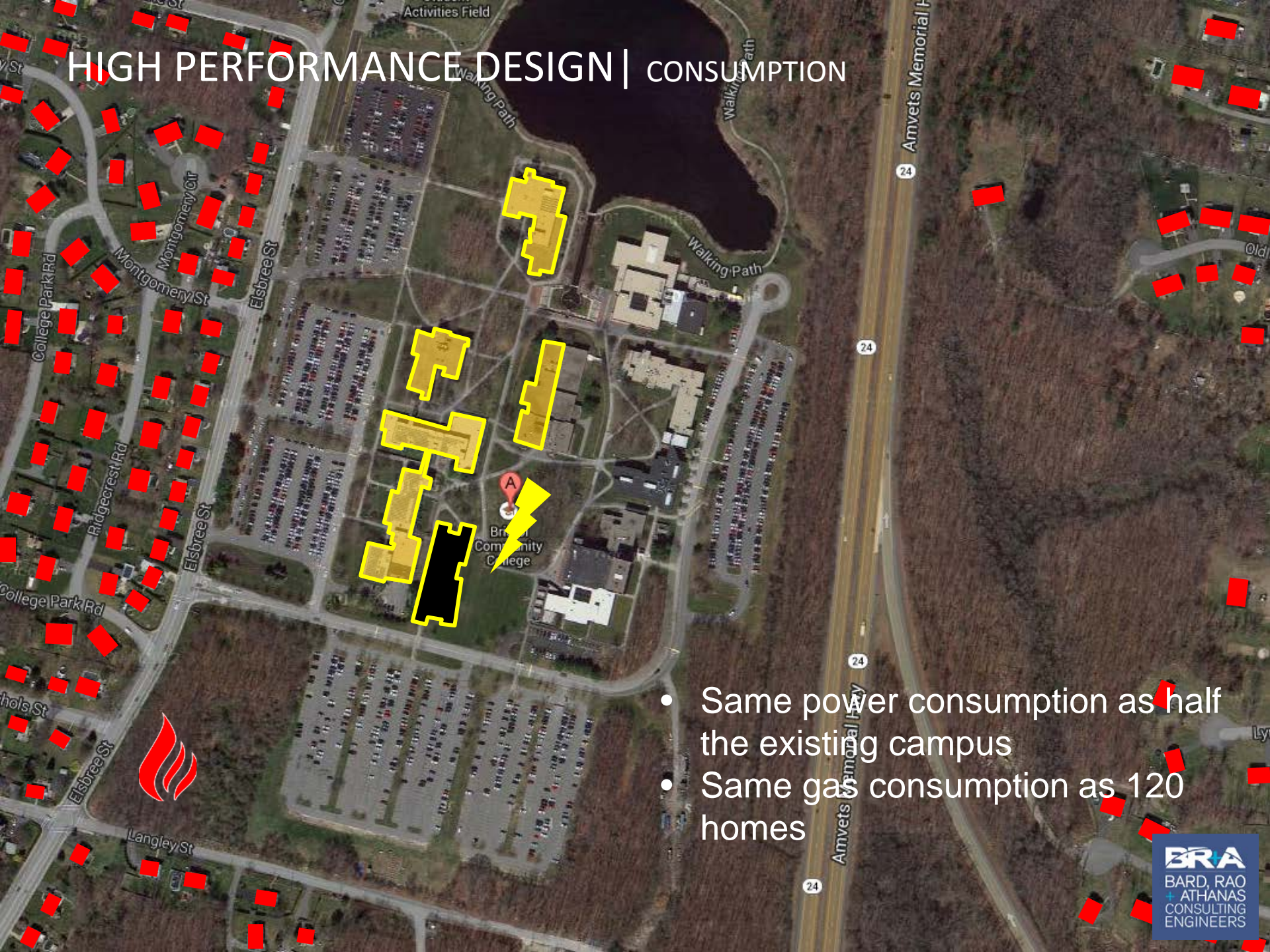


# HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN | CONSUMPTION



- Same power consumption as half the existing campus

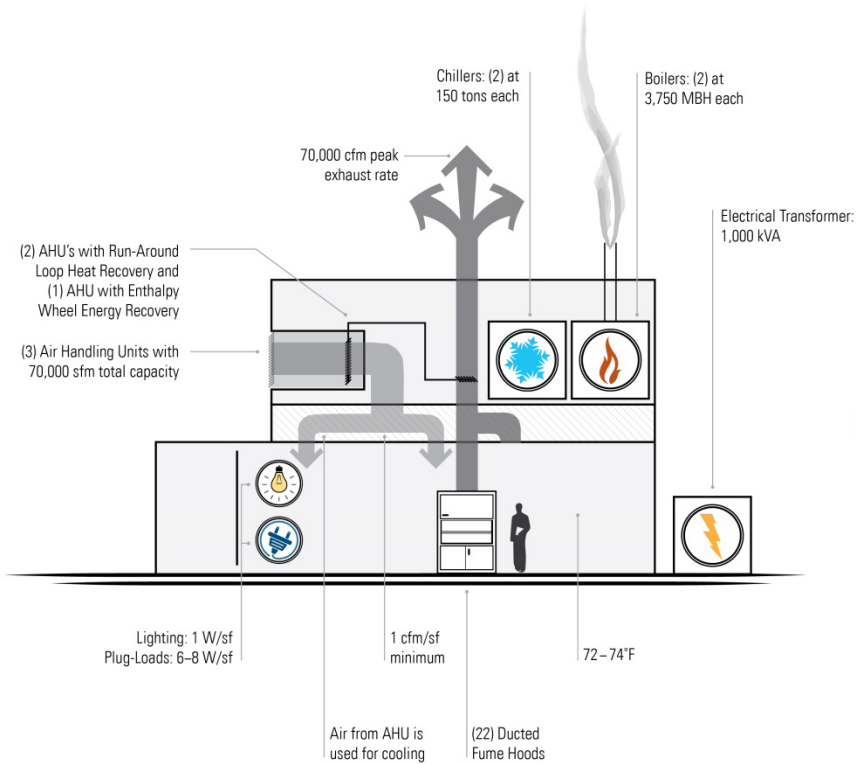
# HIGH PERFORMANCE DESIGN | CONSUMPTION



- Same power consumption as half the existing campus
- Same gas consumption as 120 homes



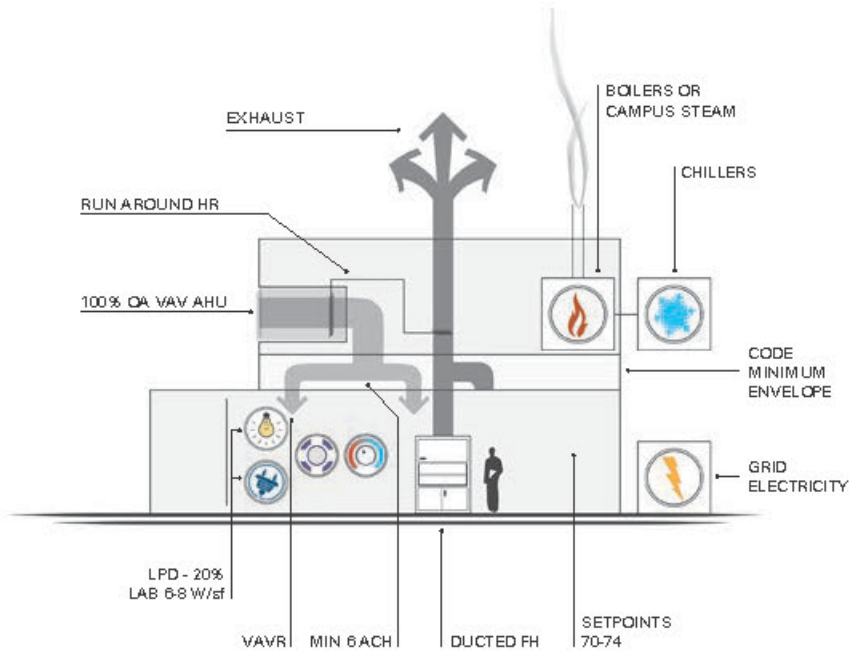
# High Performance



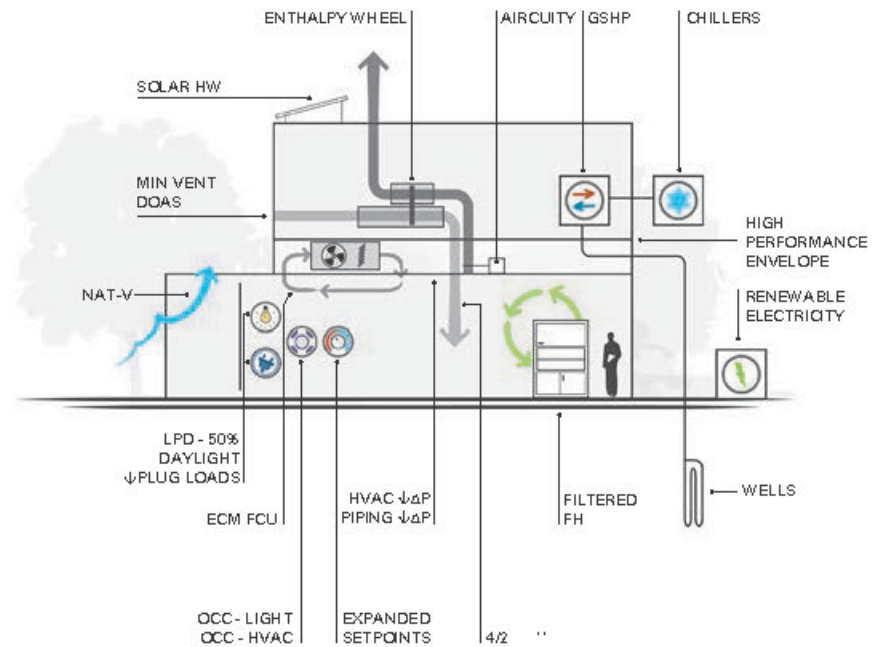
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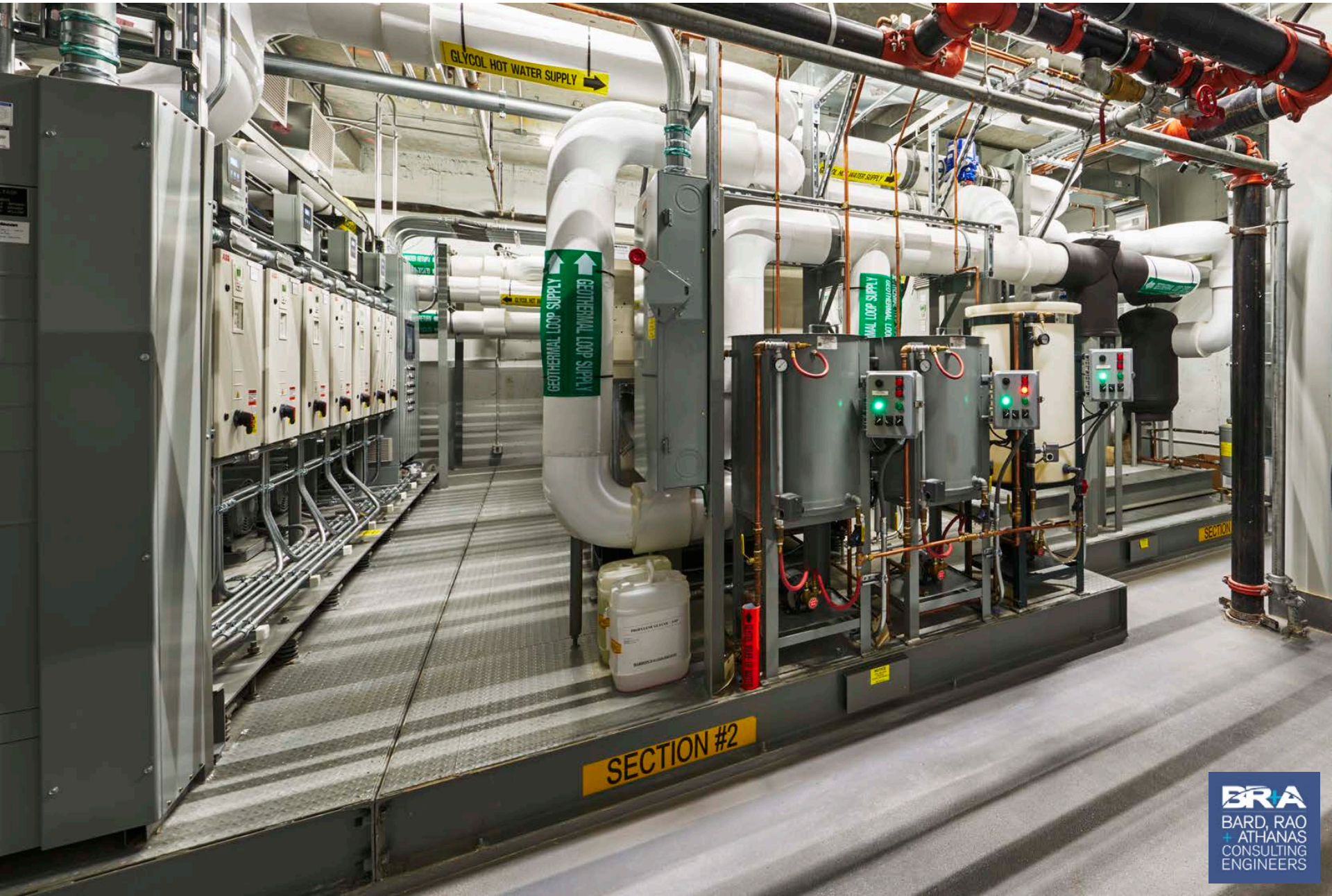
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# ZERO NET ENERGY | GROUND-SOURCE HEAT PUMP



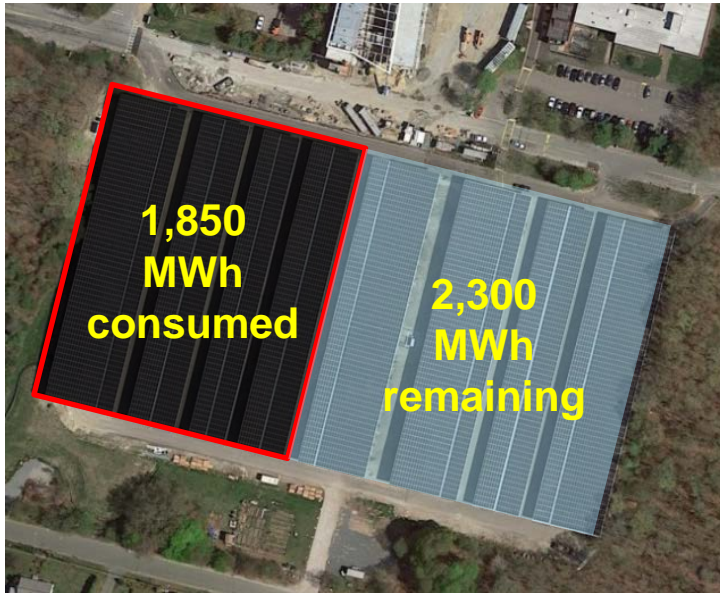


# ZERO NET ENERGY | ON-SITE RENEWABLE ENERGY



# ZERO NET ENERGY | MODELED ENERGY CONSUMPTION

High Performance



Zero Net Energy



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# ZERO NET ENERGY | DETAILED CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE

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<b>Misc. service</b>			
Sleeving,oring,firestopping	20	ea	\$235 \$4,700
Coordination Drawings	6	ea	\$4,590 \$27,540
Identification	60	ea	\$49.00 \$2,988
seismic vbe/isolation	22	ea	\$901 \$19,822
Holding	2	ea	\$8,783 \$17,566
Glycol feed system	1	ea	\$2,859 \$2,859
Glycol 50%	1,200	gal	\$13.20 \$15,840
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<b>Cab/Unit &amp; small Coil</b>			
Fin Tube Element only	675	ft	\$49.60 \$33,480
Fin Tube Cover only	900	ft	\$59.40 \$53,460
Fin Tube Piping Hook Up 3/4"	25	ea	\$1,191 \$29,775
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<b>Chillers/towers/coil</b>			
Air Cooled Chiller,	300	ton	\$1,007 \$302,100
Chilled Water Connection Chiller/Heat Exchanger 6"	2	ea	\$15,726 \$31,452
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<b>Pumps &amp; accessories</b>			
Pumps 2-1/2" installed/W final connection, Insulation	2	ea	\$13,304 \$26,608
Pumps 4" installed/W final connection, Insulation	6	ea	\$19,128 \$114,768
Pumps 8" installed/W final connection, Insulation	2	ea	\$26,174 \$52,348
Expansion Tank 150 Gal.	1	ea	\$8,937 \$8,937
Expansion Tank 200 Gal.	1	ea	\$13,250 \$13,250
Air Separator 6"	2	ea	\$11,897 \$23,794
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Exhaust Units by CFM inc Energy Coil only	40,000	cfm	\$3.40 \$138,000
Air Handling Units by CFM inc Energy Coil	40,000	cfm	\$7.60 \$304,000
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AHU Coils 125 to 250 gpm w 2 way control valve 4"	2	ea	\$13,282 \$26,564
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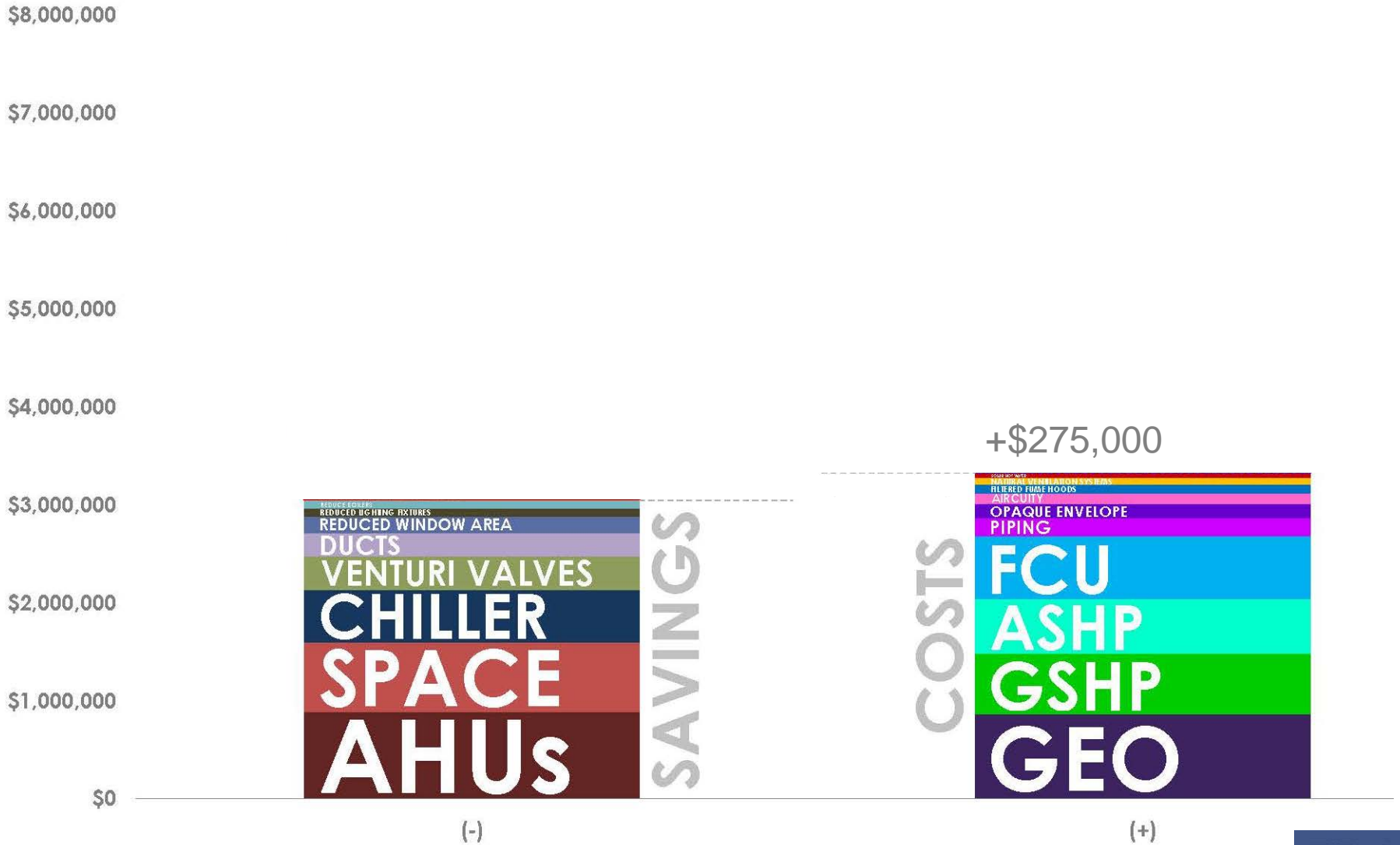
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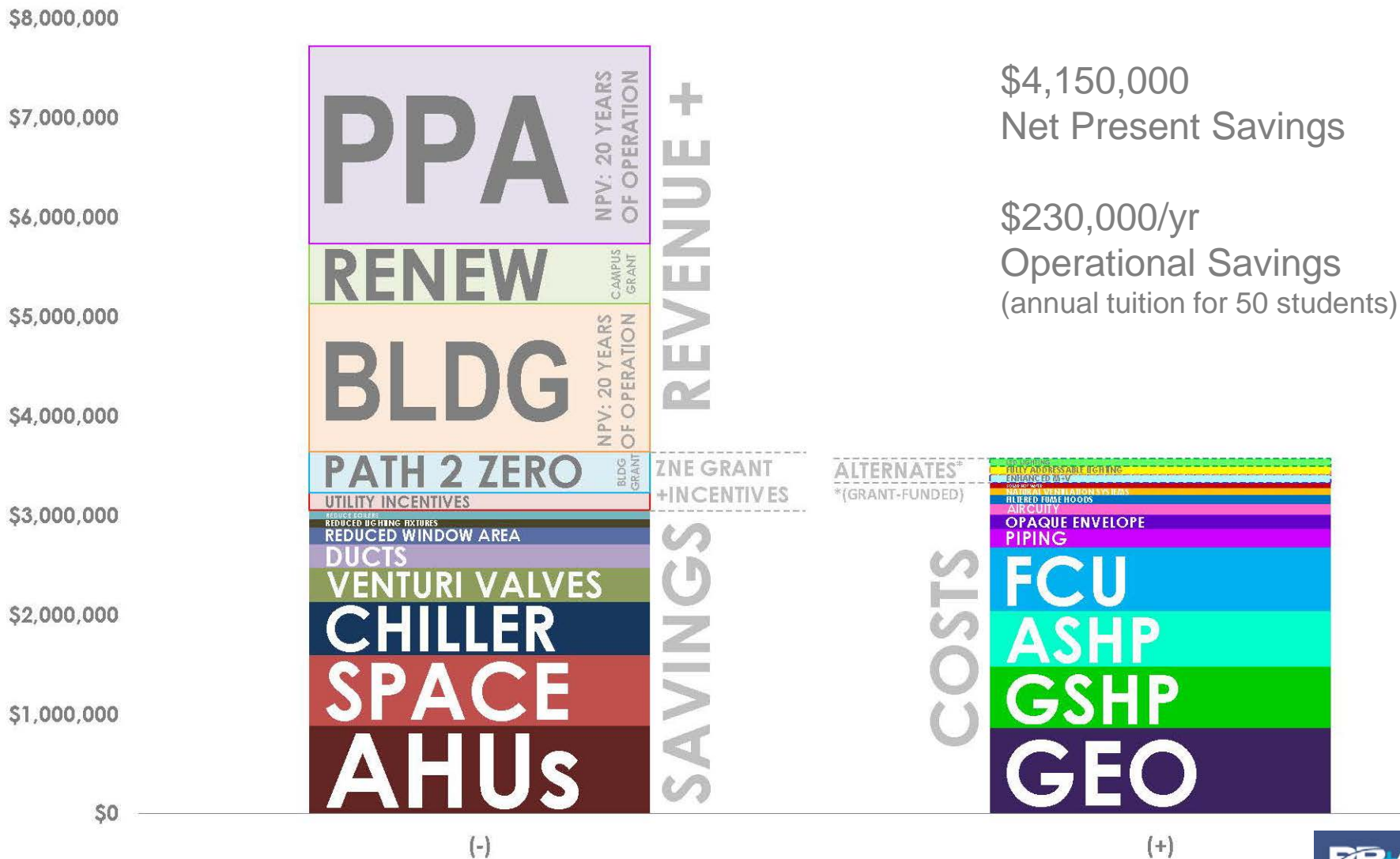
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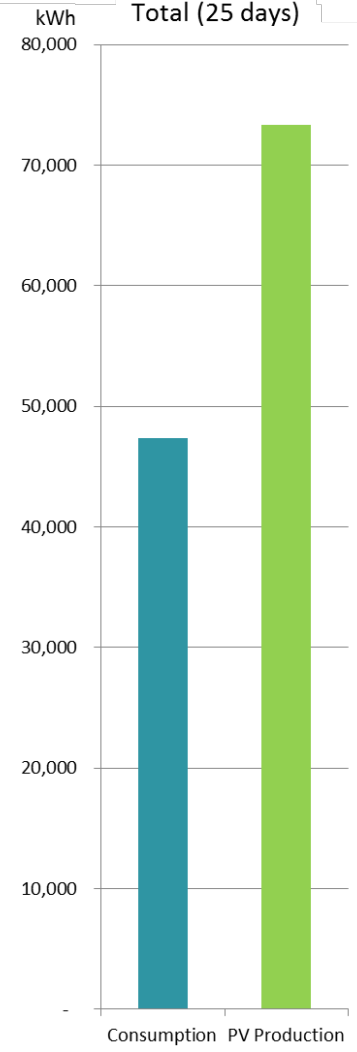
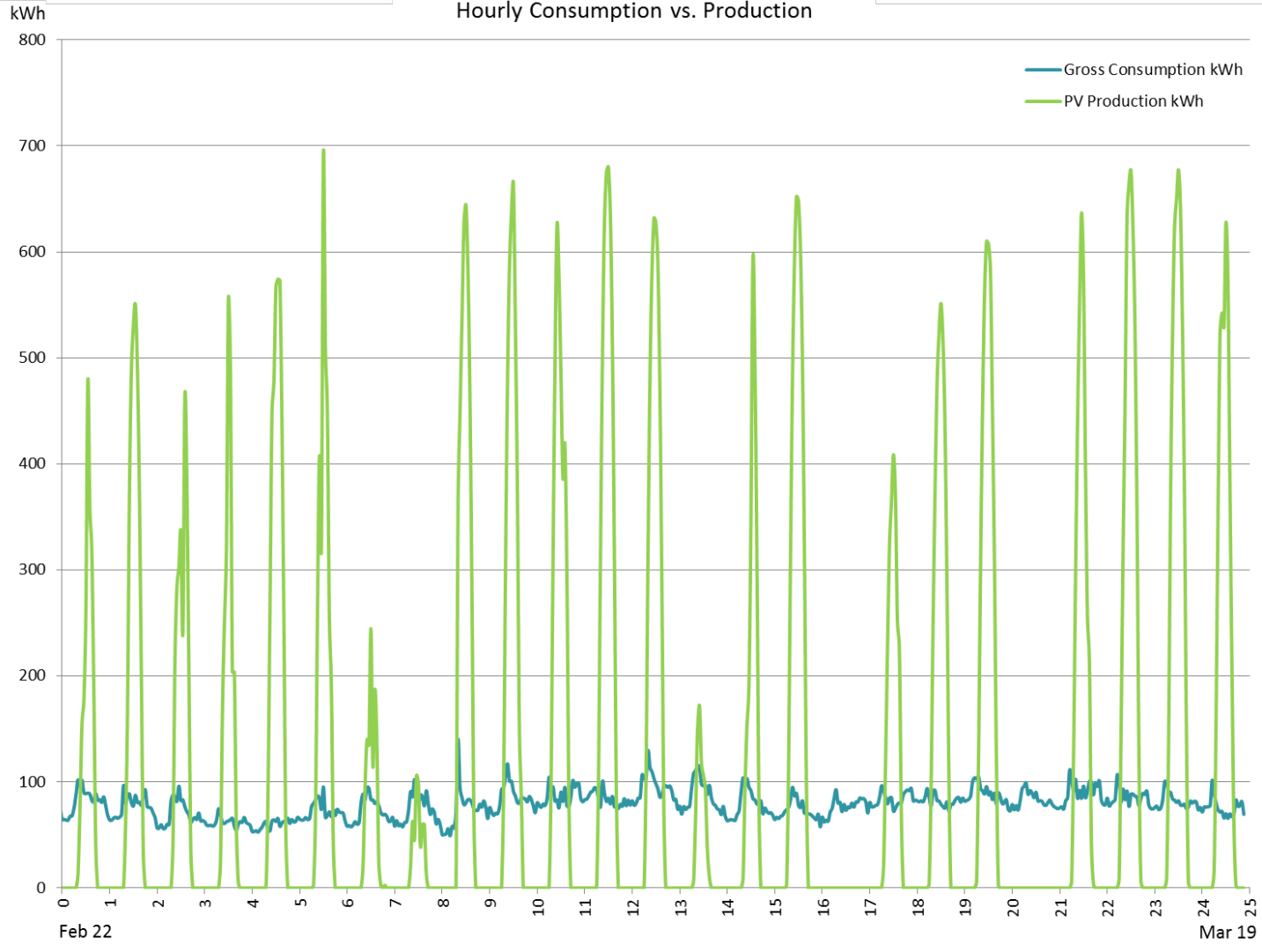
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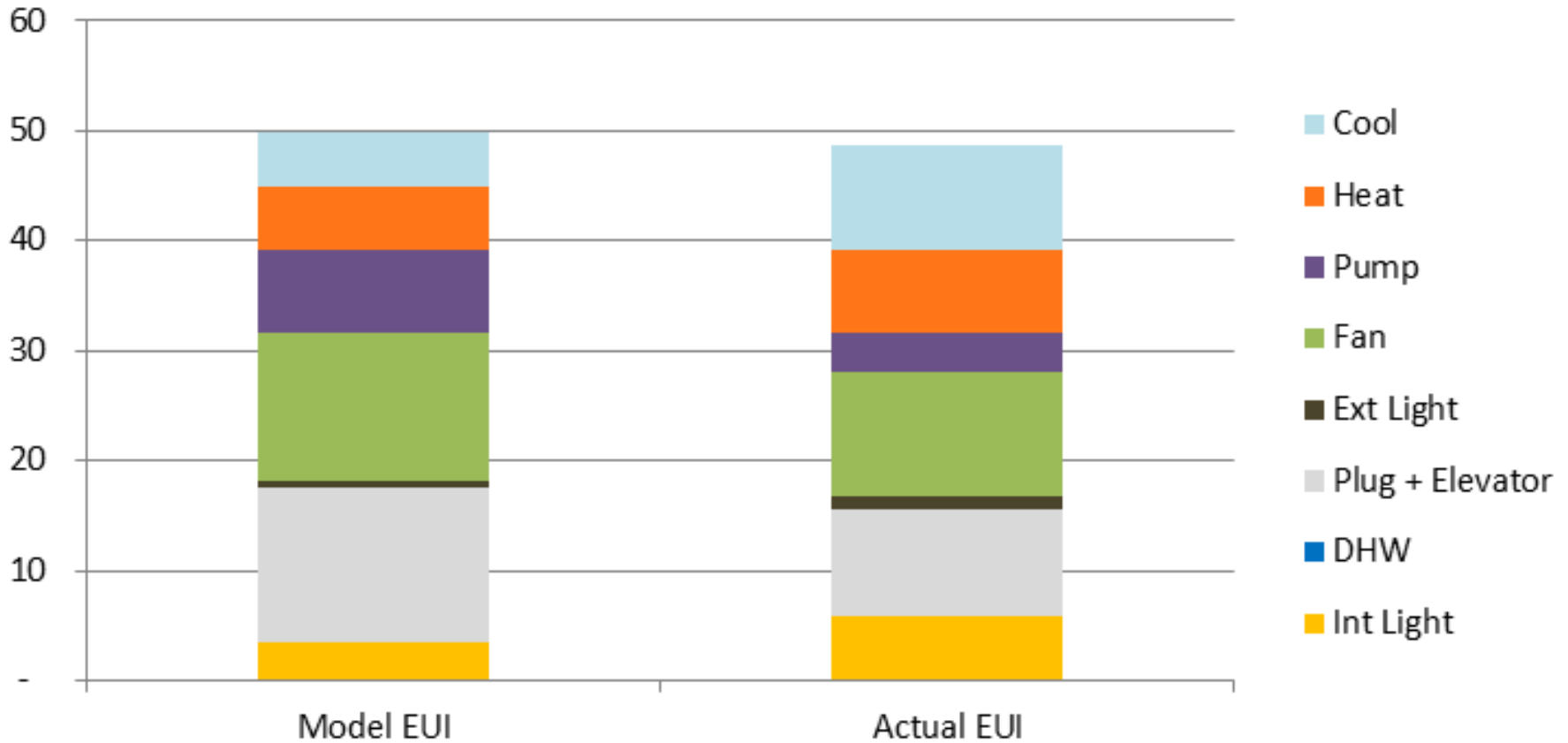
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# ZERO NET ENERGY | MEASURED RESULTS



# ZERO NET ENERGY | MODELED VS. MEASURED RESULTS





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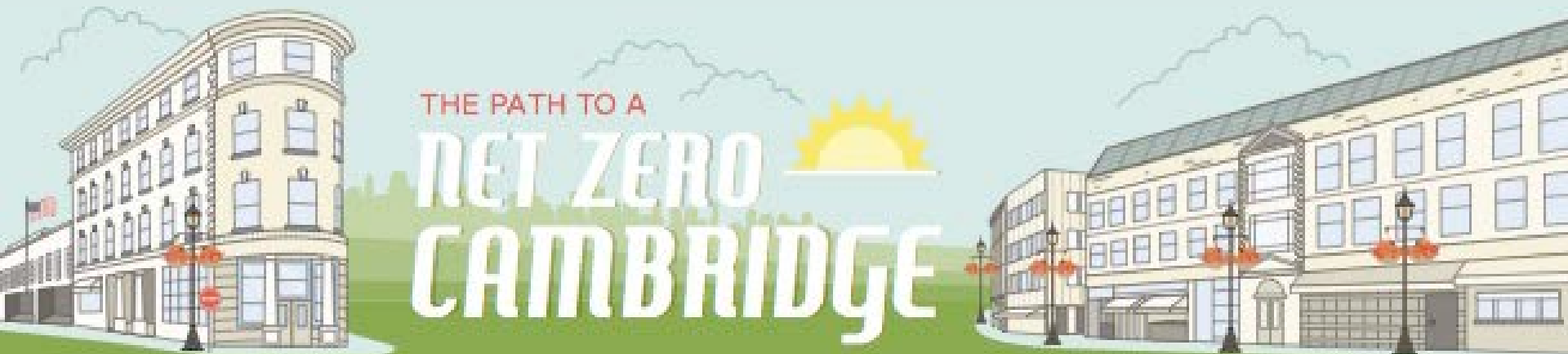




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**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

# City of Cambridge Getting to Net Zero Action Plan 2015-2040



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## THE CLIMATE IMPERATIVE

Climate change poses a growing set of risks and challenges to cities.



80%



Combating climate change needs to **start locally**

Buildings generate over 80% of Cambridge's total greenhouse gas emissions.

That is why it is Cambridge's aim to achieve

**NET ZERO EMISSIONS**

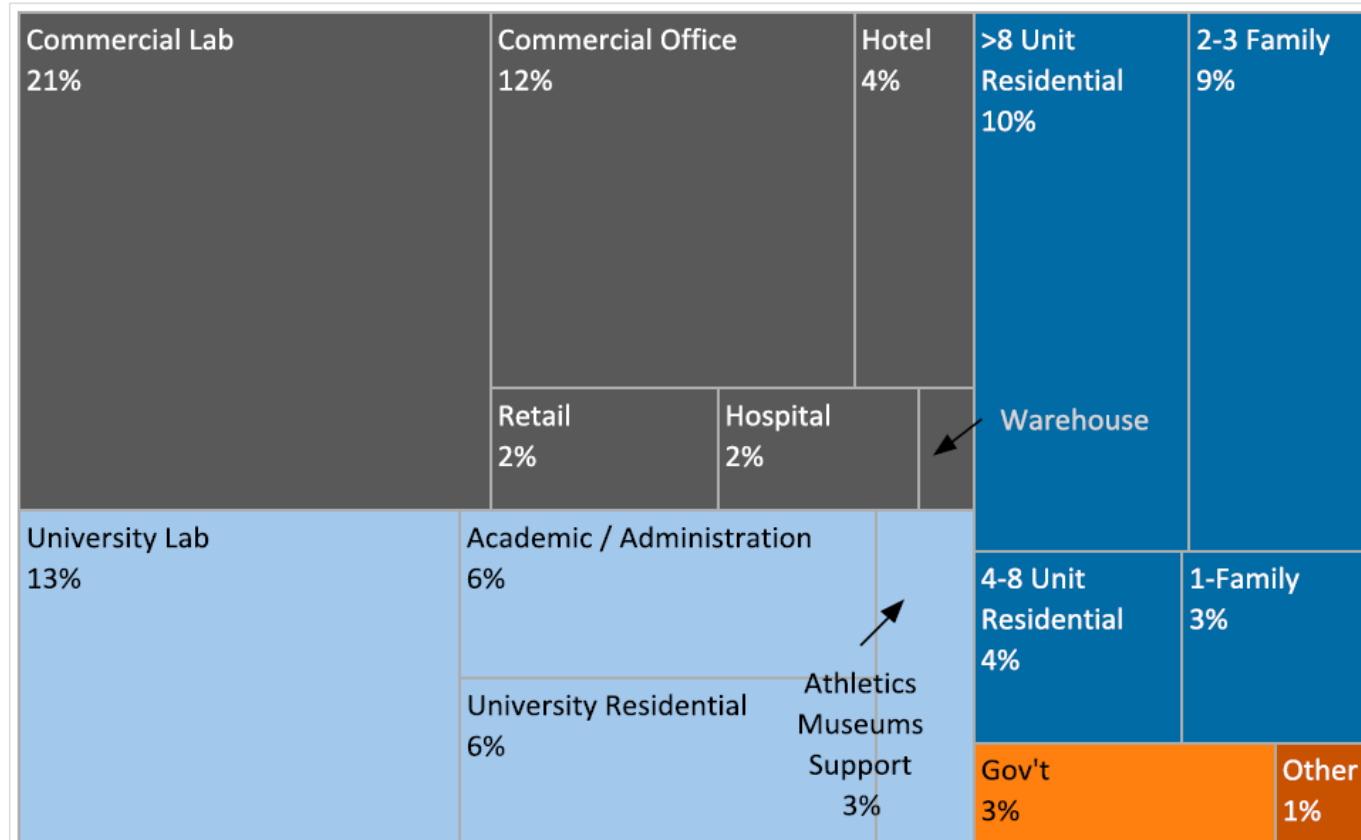
from buildings.



Residents, universities, businesses and the City are collaborating to address the immediacy of the climate imperative.

# Energy Use in Cambridge

Estimated Energy Use by Space Type



THE PATH TO A  
**NET ZERO  
CAMBRIDGE**



# Net Zero Action Plan: The Impetus

- Significant construction activity in the city and concern that any new development makes reducing GHGs harder, unless Net Zero
- Zoning petition filed by residents requiring all new buildings to be Net Zero or annual offsets required (Connolly Petition)
- City Council instead charged Getting to Net Zero Taskforce with developing plan within 12 months
- Net Zero Action Plan adopted by Council on June 22, 2015



# Goal is Game Changing

- All sectors are involved: government, universities, residents and business
- How do we get there, not can we get there?
- Demonstrates that bold strategies are needed. Current best practice won't get us there



# Net Zero Task Force

**Jane Carbone,**

Director of Development, Homeowner's Rehab, Inc.

**Caitriona Cooke,**

Program Director, Conservation Services Group

**Henrietta Davis,**

Resident and former Mayor of Cambridge

**Emily Grandstaff-Rice,**

Resident (2014), Boston Society of Architects, Cambridge Seven Associates

**Heather Henriksen,**

Director of the Office for Sustainability, Harvard University

**Shawn Hesse,**

Architect, Sustainability Expert at Emersion Design

**Marc Hoffman,**

Resident and Energy Efficiency Advisor

**Bill Kane,**

Vice President of Leasing & Development, BioMed Realty

**Andrea Love,**

Resident, and Director of Building Science, Payette Architects

**Paul Lyons,**

Resident and President, Zapotec Energy, Inc.

**Joseph Maguire,**

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**Julie Newman,**

Director of Sustainability, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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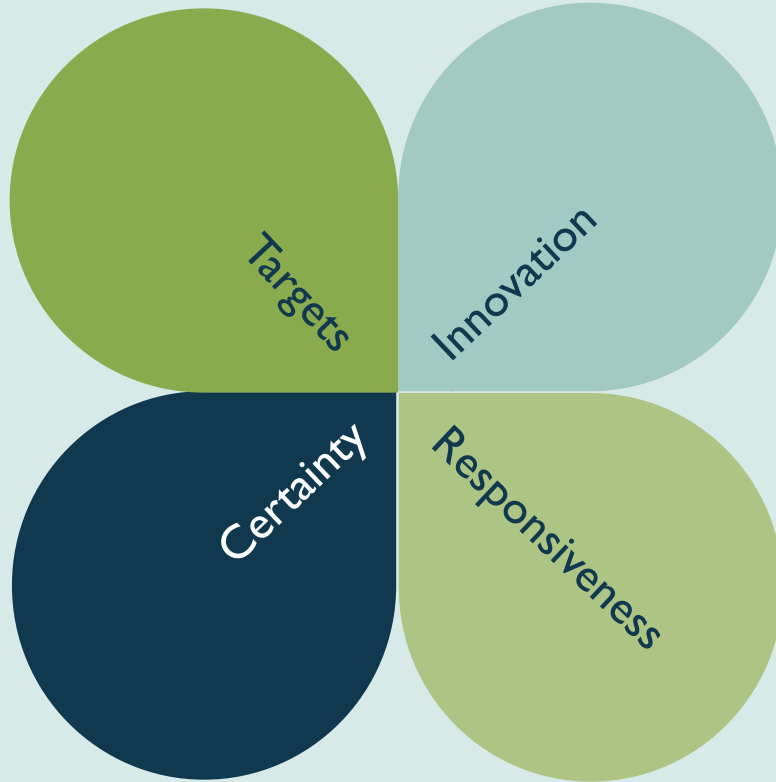
**Barun Singh,**

Resident and Founder & CTO of Wegowise

**Quinton Zondervan,**

Resident and Executive Director, Climate Action Liaison Coalition

# The Framework



**The Net Zero Framework is a balance of:**

- Defined targets
- A process to adapt and respond to changes in the market and technology
- Costing & impact / opportunity assessment when appropriate
- Regulations & incentives
- New construction & existing buildings
- Equally targets savings from all sectors (no one sector is punished)





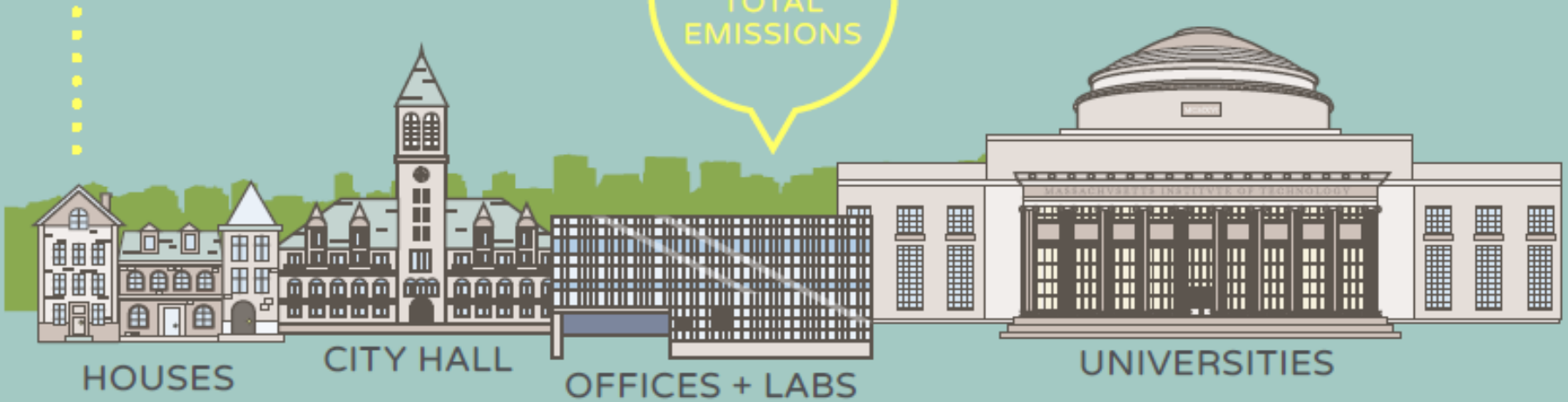
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## WHAT IS NET ZERO?

A community of buildings for which, annually, all greenhouse gas emissions produced through building operations are offset by carbon-free energy production.

### THE TARGET:

Net zero annual emissions from buildings citywide.



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## HOW TO ADDRESS CARBON REDUCTION

There are **3** ways to  
reduce emissions from  
buildings:

EFFICIENT DESIGN  
& RETROFITS



IMPROVED  
OPERATIONS



RENEWABLE  
ENERGY SUPPLY



REDUCTION

Retrofits

Replacement

Engagement

TARGET

RENEWABLES

Onsite

Solar & Geo Exchange

District Scale

CHP, Waste Heat Recovery, Heat-Pumps

Grid Scale

Wind Farms, Hydro



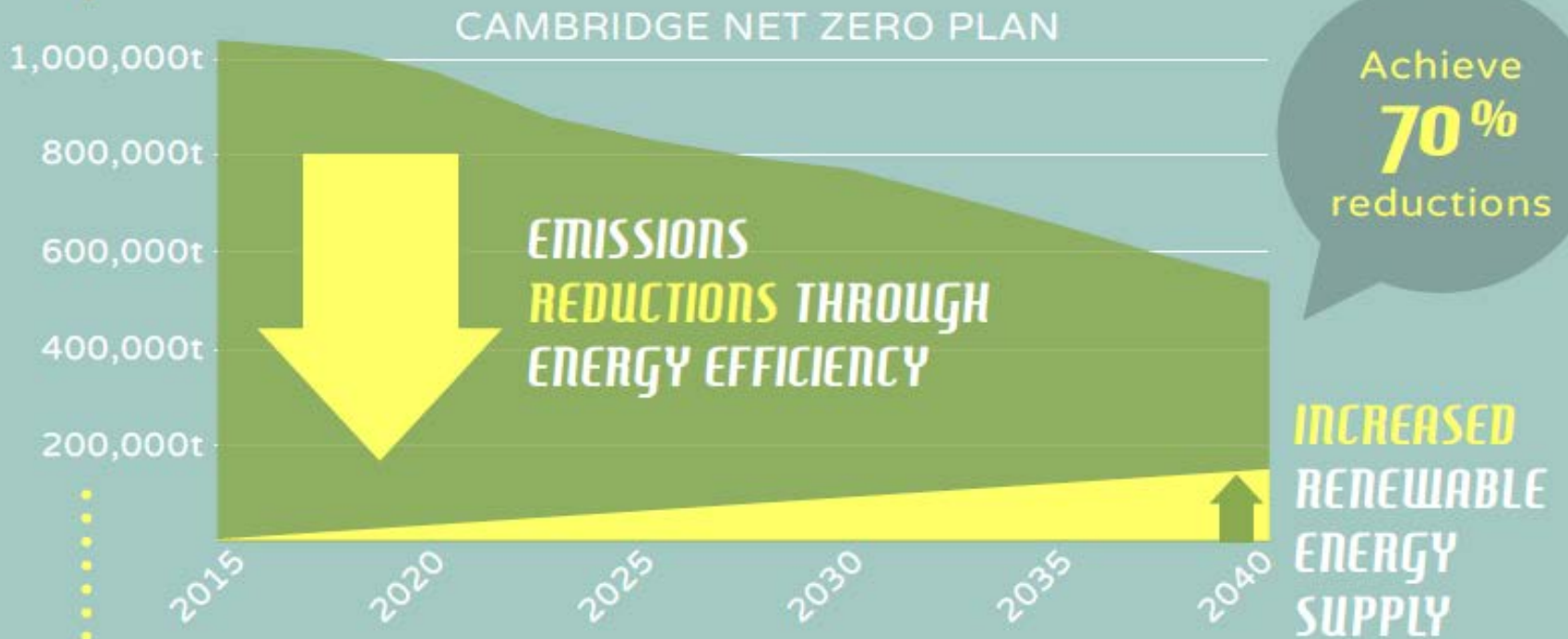
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## THE 25-YEAR NET ZERO STRATEGY

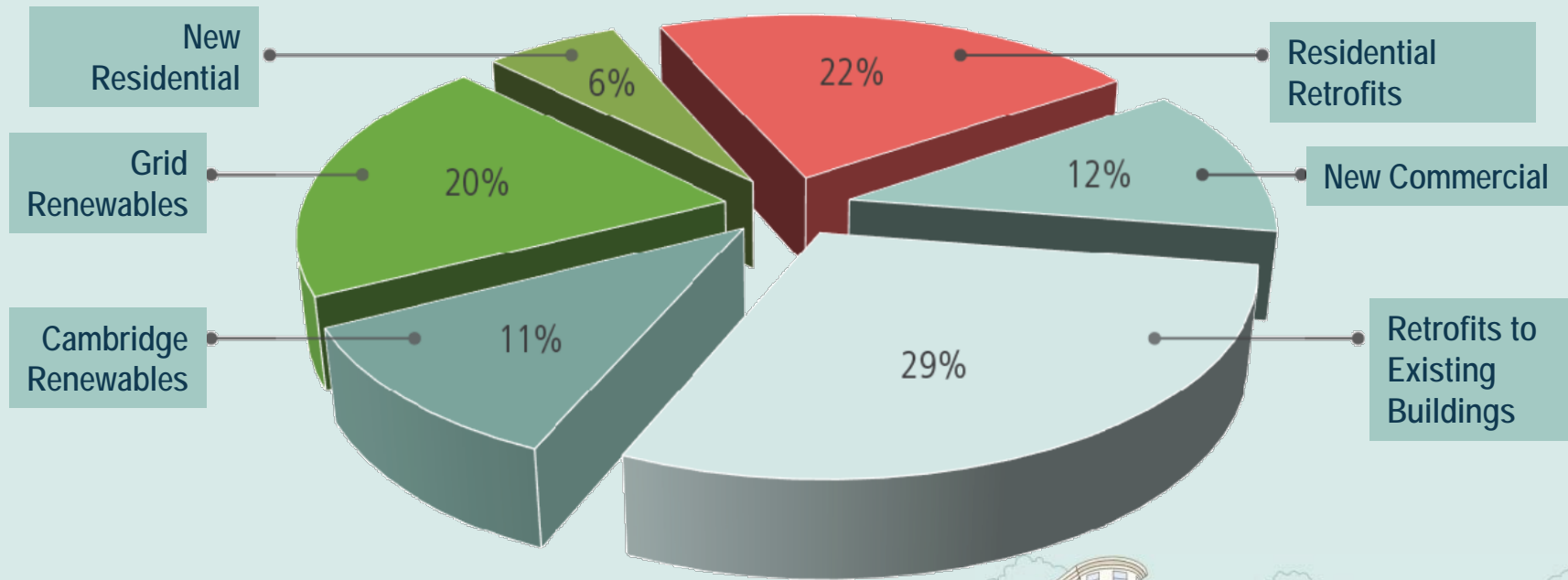
The net zero action plan aims to cut energy demand significantly, and replace fossil fuels with renewable energy.



# Cambridge Emissions Reduction Model

## Key Actions:

1. Retrofits to Existing Buildings
2. Net-Zero New Construction
3. Energy Supply
4. Local Carbon Fund
5. Engagement & Capacity Building



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# Net Zero New Construction Targets

Type:	Municipal	Residential	Multi-Family	Commercial	Institutional	Labs
Target year:	2020	2022	2025	2025	2025	2030

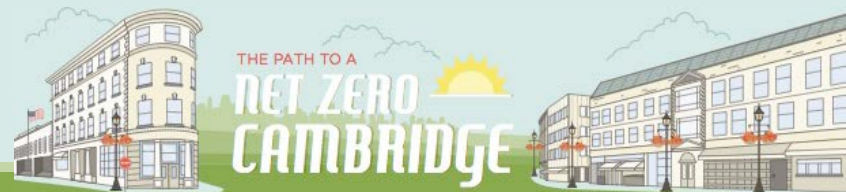
The **criteria** that will be evaluated in order to determine the the feasibility is:

- Number of Net Zero Buildings in that building type
- Technical feasibility/industry capacity
- Access to renewable energy
- Economics including NPV analysis
- Contribution to other goals such as resiliency



# Key Actions for Commercial Buildings

- New Buildings
  - Zoning
    - Green Building Ordinance (LEED)
    - Rooftop Solar Ready Requirement
    - Removal of Barriers to Increased Insulation
  - Incentives
    - Market Based Incentive Program
    - Height and FAR Bonus



# Key Actions for Commercial Buildings

- Existing Buildings
  - Regulations
    - Building Energy Use Disclosure Ordinance (BEUDO)
    - Upgrades at Time of Renovation or Sale
    - Operations and Maintenance Planning
  - Incentives
    - Custom Retrofit Program





# Key Actions for Commercial Buildings

- Enabling Actions
  - Low Carbon Energy Supply Strategy
  - Local Carbon Fund Development
  - Communications Strategy



# Challenges and Next Steps

- Regulatory Barriers (i.e.: state building code)
  - Stretch Energy Code
  - Collaborative work towards performance-based standards
- Technical Barriers
  - Energy Efficiency Plans and Grid Modernization
  - Net Zero Labs Working Group
  - Joint renewable energy procurement

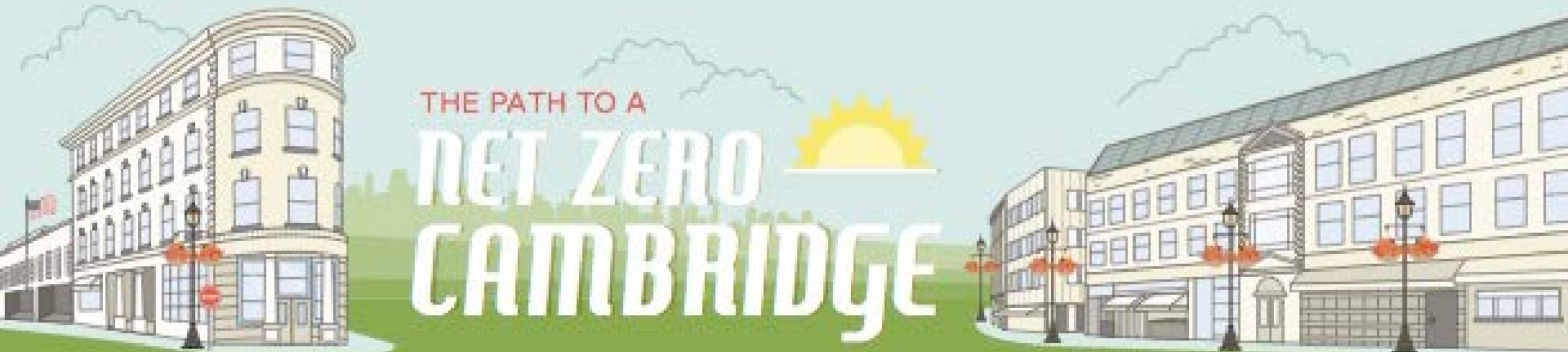


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