

# NYC Local Laws and Pathways to Municipal Electrification



# Agenda

- Intro to DCAS Energy Management (DEM)
- NYC GHG Emissions Goals and the Need for Building Electrification
- Local Laws Governing Municipal Capital Projects
- Drivers of Full HVAC Electrification in Municipal Capital Projects
- Drivers of Incremental Electrification in Smaller Municipal Projects
- Potential Market Opportunities
- DEM Is Hiring!

# Our City's Ambitious Reduction Goals

CITYWIDE  
**80X50**

GOVERNMENT  
OPERATIONS  
**50X30**





1.5°C

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WITH THE  
PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT**

# Intensifying Our Commitments

- Frontload emissions reductions efforts
- Cap energy use intensity for large buildings
- Achieve 20% deeper cuts in City building's energy use by 2025
- Launch deep energy retrofits
- Procure 100% renewable electricity

# What is the Department of Citywide Administrative Services?

DCAS serves as the back office for all New York City municipal agencies

Support the City's  
Workforce Needs

Manage the City's  
Portfolio of Facilities  
and Real Estate

Procure Goods,  
Services, and  
Contracts for City  
Agencies

Manage the City's  
Fleet

Manage the City's  
Energy Use

# Who is DCAS Energy Management?



## SUPPLY

- Manage the City's \$700 million Heat, Light, and Power budget
- Install clean energy projects
- Leading City towards long-term procurement of 100% renewable electricity



## DEMAND

- Implement energy efficiency retrofit projects in City buildings
- Expanding O&M best practices across the City's portfolio
- Train City employees to change behaviors

# Our Energy Services for Agency Partners



Data Analytics



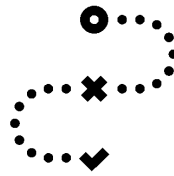
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Staff & Training



Technical Expertise



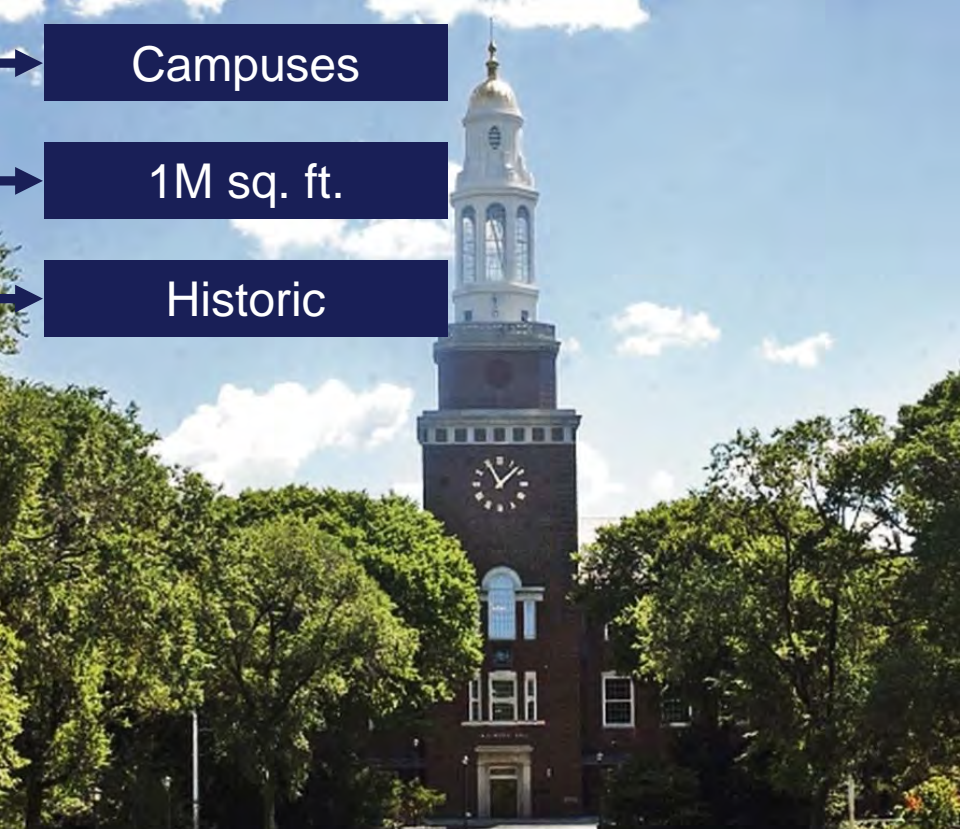
Strategic Planning



Contract Resources

# A Diverse Portfolio of Municipal Buildings

## 4,600+ Buildings





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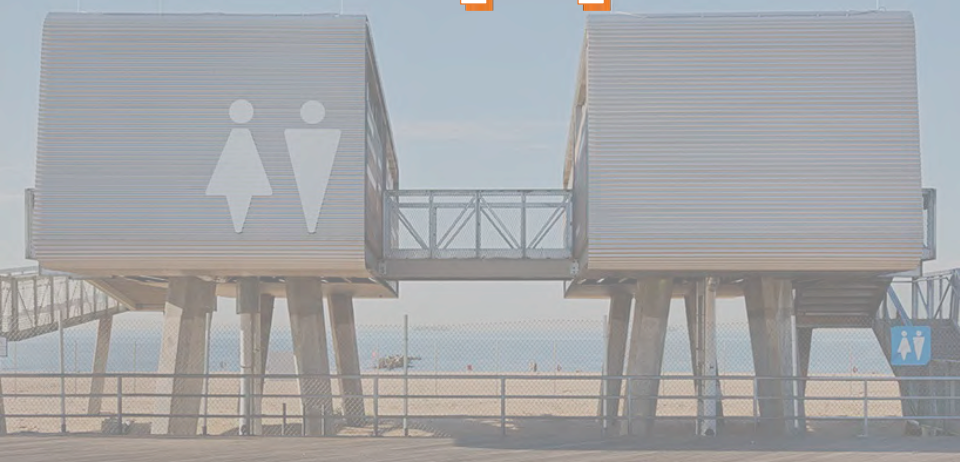
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Decarbonization

Opportunities!

200 sq. ft.

1M sq. ft.



# Successes to date

## Cut Total Emissions and Energy Use

- GHG emissions in City buildings down 26% since FY06

## Flattened Utility Costs

- FY17 HLP Budget forecasted 3.4% below 5-year average, despite 29% growth in budget

## Scaled Up Investments

- Completed \$500 million of energy retrofits in 1,000+ City buildings since FY08

## Clean Energy Development

- Increased solar generation on City buildings 10-fold since FY14

## Agency Capacity

- 200% increase in agency energy professionals since FY09



# **Local Laws Governing NYC Municipal Capital Projects**

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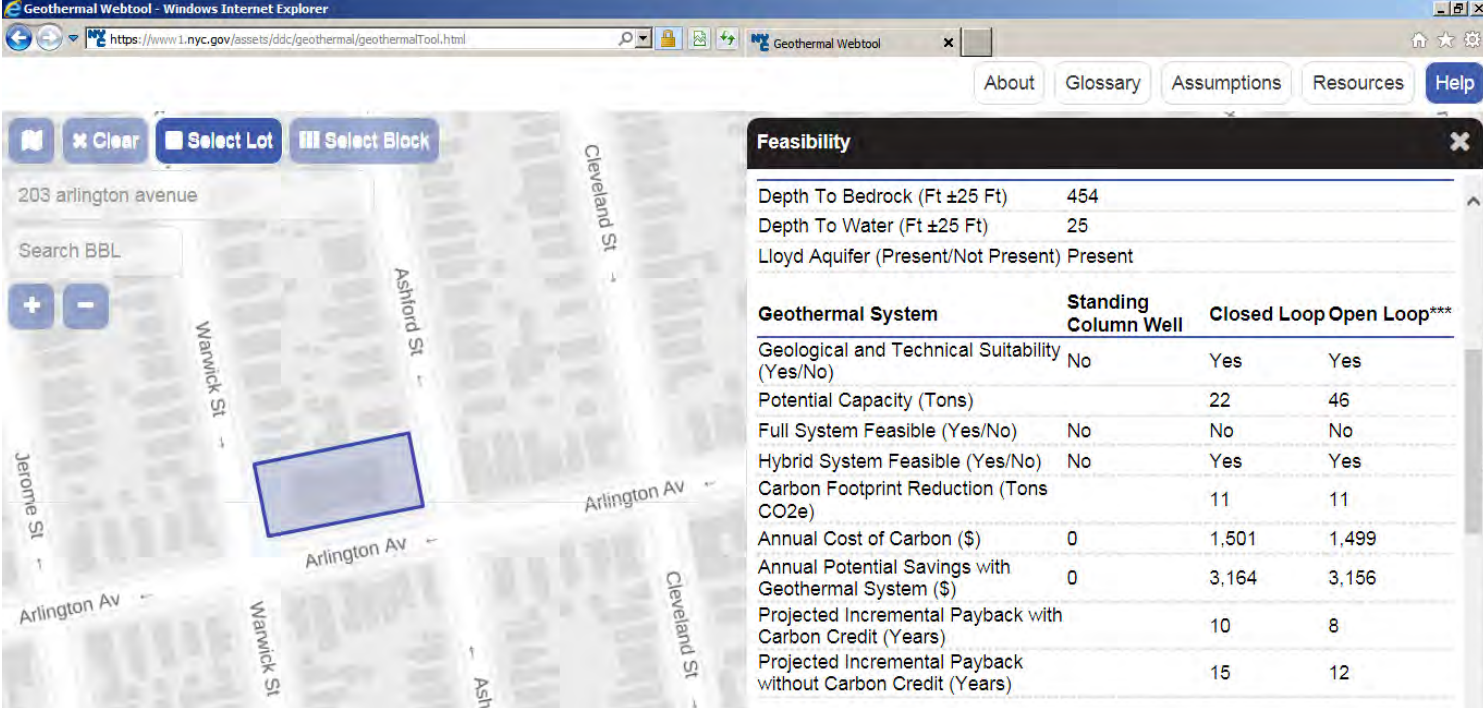
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- LL147-2019 Modifies LL97

# LL06 of 2016: GSHP feasibility

Requires feasibility study and, if lowest net present value, installation of ground-source (geothermal) heat pump systems for new or retrofit HVAC projects in NYC-owned buildings



The screenshot displays the DDC Geothermal Webtool interface. On the left, a map shows a street grid with a blue rectangle highlighting a building at 203 Arlington Avenue. The interface includes a search bar for BBL, zoom controls, and buttons for 'Clear', 'Select Lot', and 'Select Block'. On the right, a 'Feasibility' panel provides detailed data for the selected location.

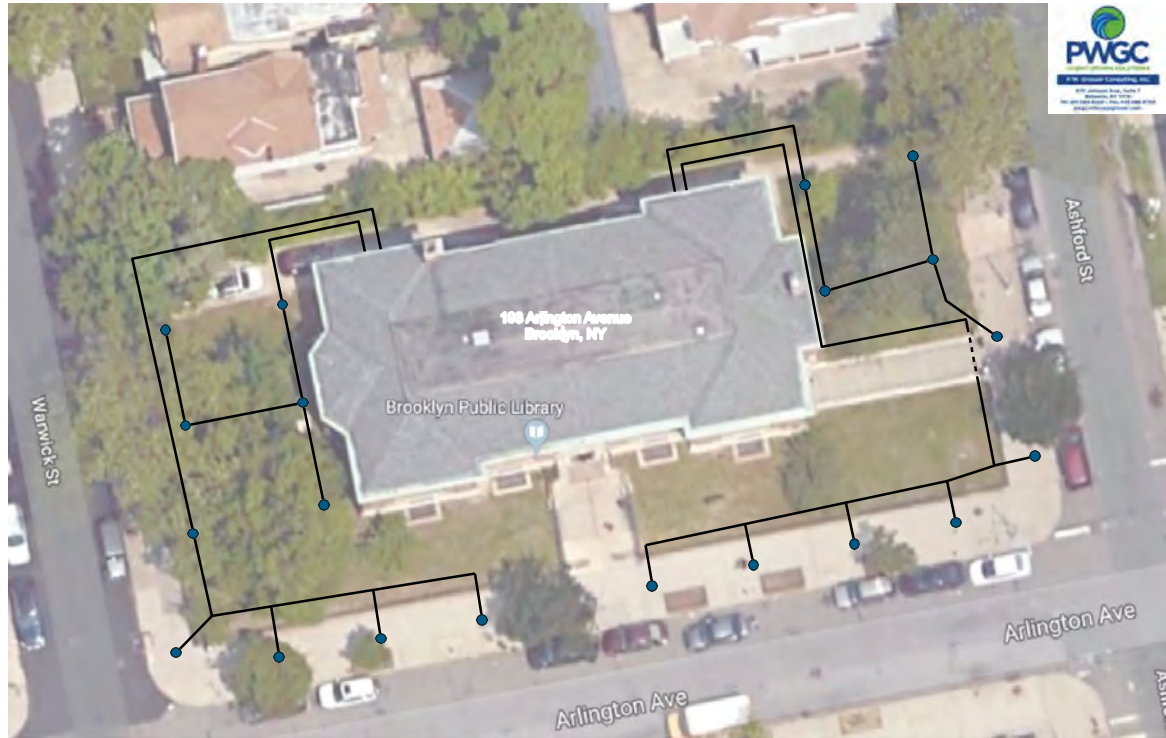
Geothermal System	Standing Column Well	Closed Loop	Open Loop***
Depth To Bedrock (Ft ±25 Ft)	454		
Depth To Water (Ft ±25 Ft)	25		
Lloyd Aquifer (Present/Not Present)	Present		
Geological and Technical Suitability (Yes/No)	No	Yes	Yes
Potential Capacity (Tons)		22	46
Full System Feasible (Yes/No)	No	No	No
Hybrid System Feasible (Yes/No)	No	Yes	Yes
Carbon Footprint Reduction (Tons CO2e)		11	11
Annual Cost of Carbon (\$)	0	1,501	1,499
Annual Potential Savings with Geothermal System (\$)	0	3,164	3,156
Projected Incremental Payback with Carbon Credit (Years)		10	8
Projected Incremental Payback without Carbon Credit (Years)		15	12

Screenshot from DDC Geothermal Webtool

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Social Cost of Carbon (\$ / MTCO <sub>2</sub> e)	
2017	\$128
2018	\$132
2019	\$136
2020	\$140
2021	\$142
2022+	TBD





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## Will it drive electrification?

Not likely.

- Capital cost still high (drilling)
- SCC too low

BPL Arlington Library Schematic Design Estimate	Split System	Split w/ VRF Heat Recovery	GSHP
Capital Cost	\$1,190,000	\$1,309,000	\$1,915,900
Annual O&M Cost	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$2,500
First Year Energy Cost	\$29,000	\$27,000	\$19,000
Social Cost of Carbon			-\$820
Net Present Value	\$1,942,000	\$2,091,800	\$2,377,000

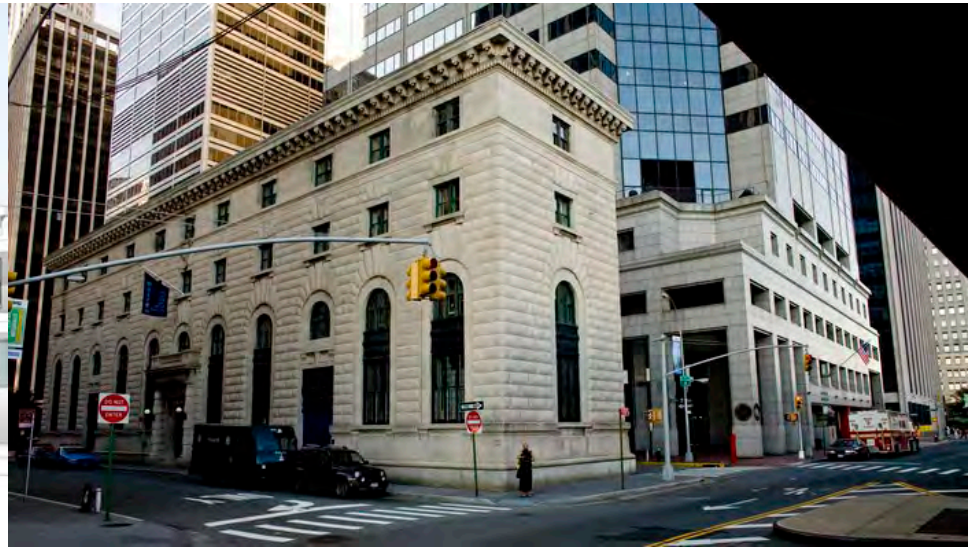
20-year study period. Energy cost inflation rate 3%. O&M inflation rate 6%. Discount rate 6%.

# LL32 of 2016: LEED v4 Gold

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NYC Parks Shirley A. Chisholm Community Center  
1100 Architects



NYPD Operations Facility at 100 Old Slip  
(former Police Museum)

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- LEED and LL32 measure energy cost savings, not energy or GHG savings



### ENERGY & ATMOSPHERE

Prereq	Fundamental commissioning and verification	REQUIRED
Prereq	Minimum energy performance	REQUIRED
Prereq	Building-level energy metering	REQUIRED
Prereq	Fundamental refrigerant management	REQUIRED
Credit	Enhanced commissioning	6
Credit	Optimize energy performance	18
Credit	Advanced energy metering	1
Credit	Demand response	2
Credit	Renewable energy production	3
Credit	Enhanced refrigerant management	1
Credit	Green power and carbon offsets	2

LEED v4 Energy & Atmosphere Credits

# LL31 of 2016: Low Source EUI

Requires NYC-funded and -owned new construction and substantial reconstruction to be designed to have a low source EUI target:

- 50% lower than current median EUI for typology, per LL84, or
- 50% lower than ASHRAE 90.1-2013 baseline building, or
- 32/42 (new/existing) kBtu/sf/yr - only target after 1/1/2030

Case Studies	LL84 Target	ASHRAE Target	2030 Target
Westchester Square Library	103.2 Libraries	60.2	38.0 (new)
Woodstock Library		46.1	42.0 (exg)
Bergen Building	91.5 Offices	37.6	42.0 (exg)
Glenmore Building		38.7	42.0 (exg)
Spring Street Garage	111.4 Repair Garages	45.8	38.0 (new)
Queens 7 Garage		49.3	42.0 (exg)

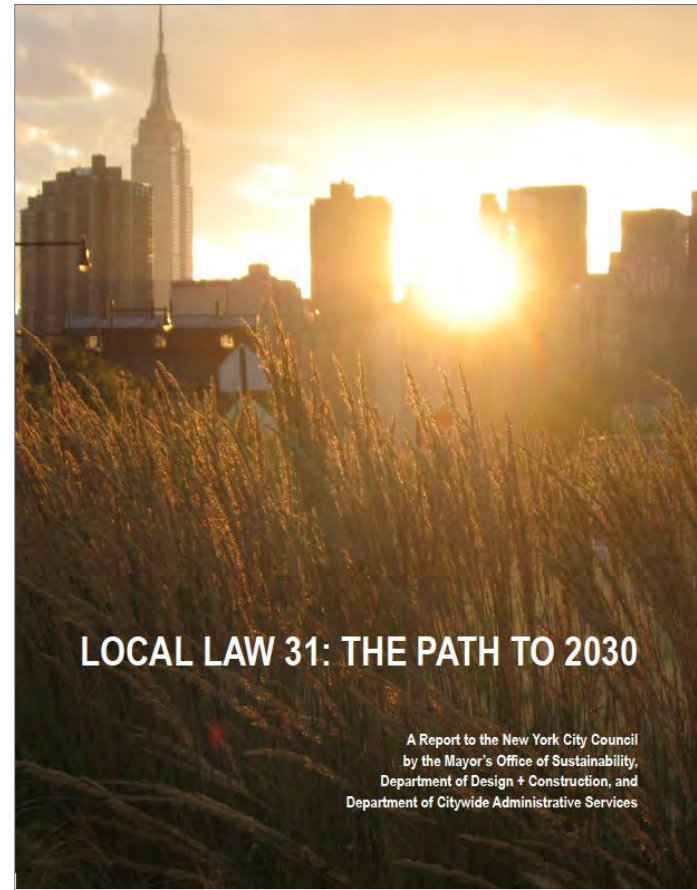
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## Will it drive electrification?

Maybe.

- Source EUI targets can favor gas (source:site ratio of 1.05) over electricity (ratio of 2.80)
- Will shift with greener grid



# LL92/94 of 2019: Solar or Green Roofs

Requires new roofs on NYC-owned buildings to be covered by:

- Solar PV (if more than 4kW can be accommodated) or
- Green roof systems (if slope is less than or equal to 2:12)



NYC Parks 5-Boro Admin Building



Queens Public Library Kew Gardens Hills Branch

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**Maybe (indirectly).**

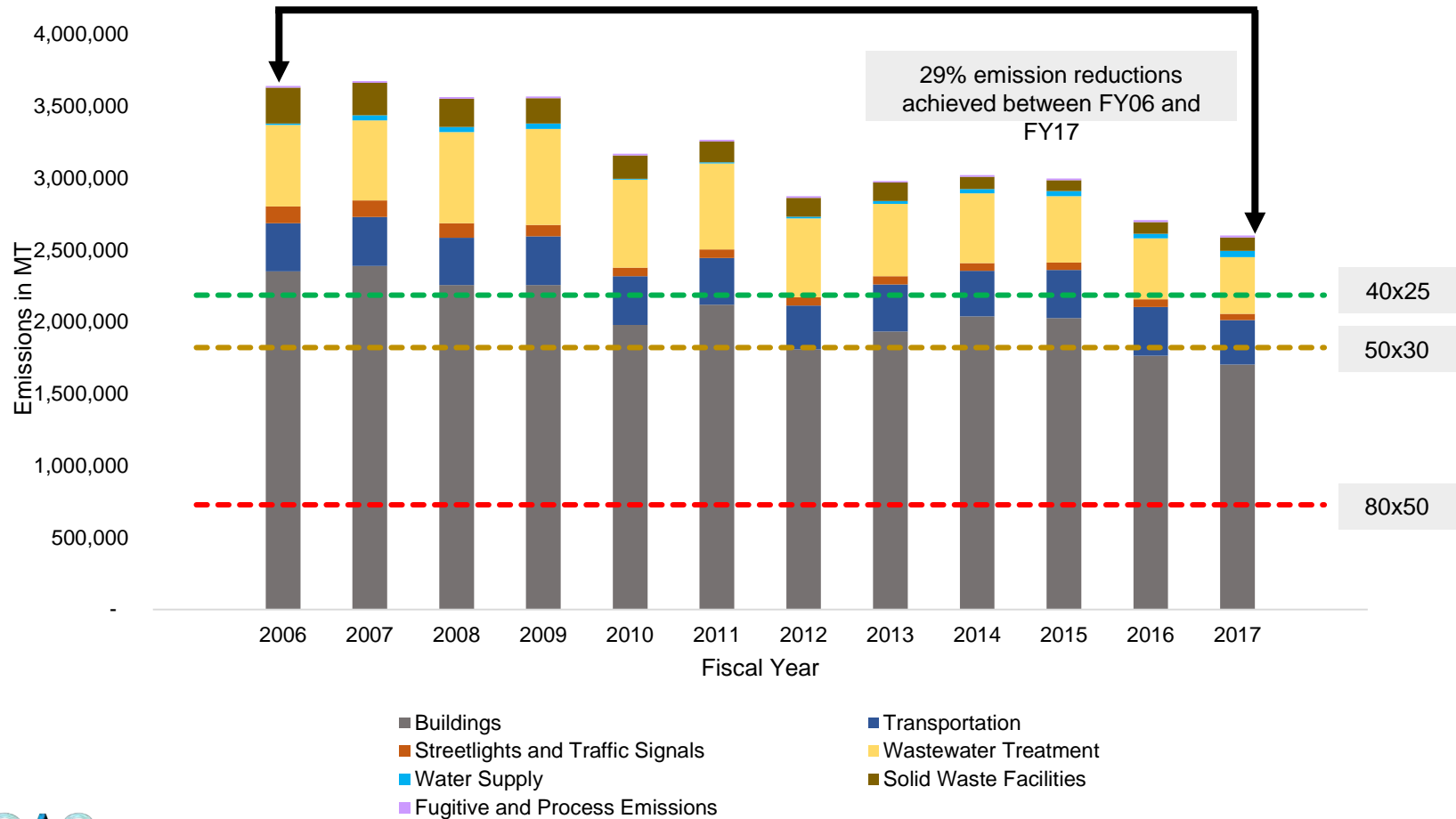
- Solar can “offset” electricity use, but not enough to meet most buildings’ HVAC loads
- Also requires battery storage



100 MW on NYC Municipal Buildings by 2025

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Eventually.

- Depends on greener grid
- GHG conversion factors used for compliance of city-owned buildings will update annually



**Drivers of Full HVAC  
Electrification in NYC  
Municipal Capital Projects**

# Case Study 1: Heating Concerns

NYPL Westchester Square Branch Library

Electrification: Air-Source VRF for Supply Air Conditioning

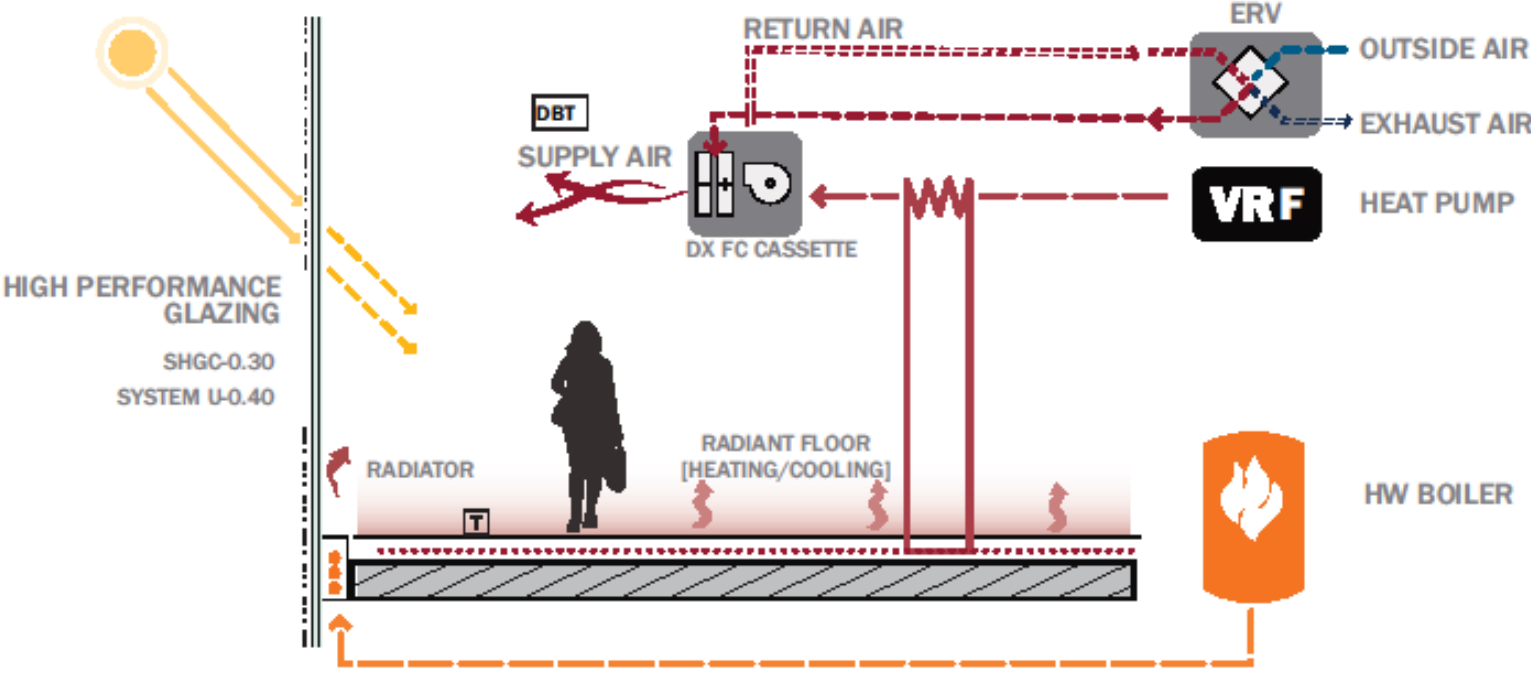


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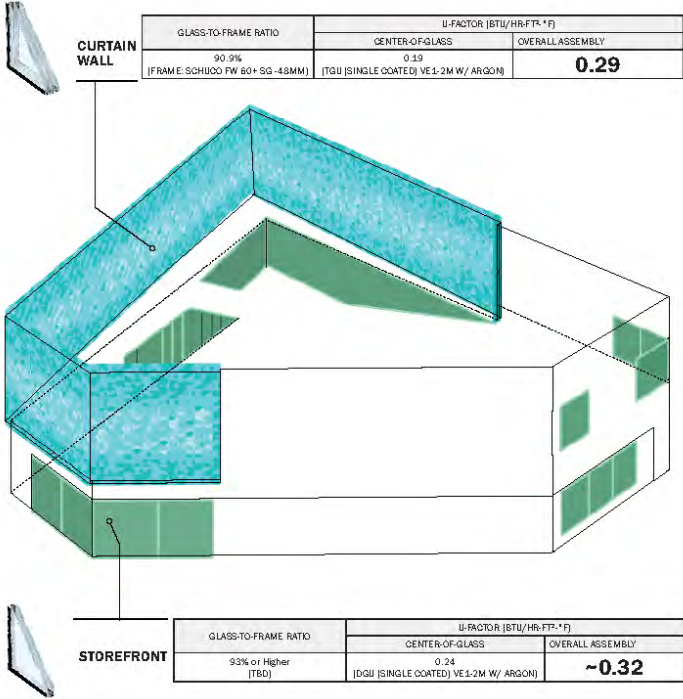
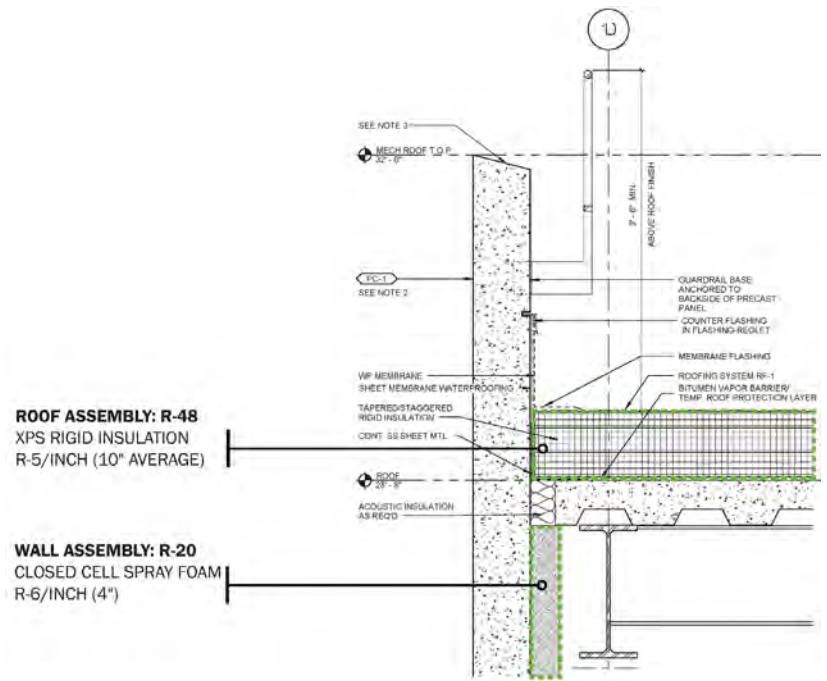


Conceptual Diagram of HVAC System

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Enabling Conditions: Backup Heating + Envelope Upgrade



Upgraded Envelope Performance

# Case Study 2: Heating Concerns

BPL Arlington Branch Library

Electrification: 100% Air-Source VRF for Heating/Cooling (proposed)



East Branch Library c. 1914



Arlington Library c. 2009

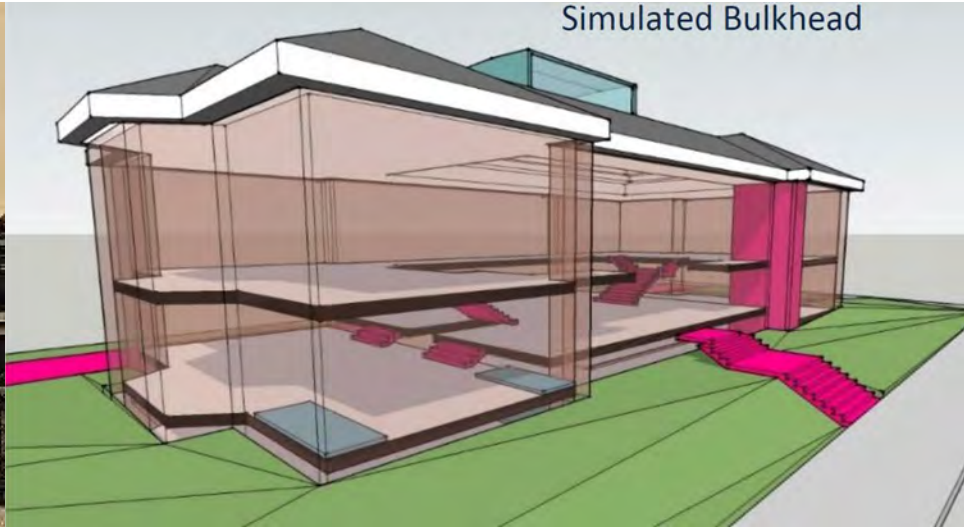
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Enabling Conditions: Landmark



East Branch Library c. 1914



Conceptual HVAC Bulkhead at Former Skylight

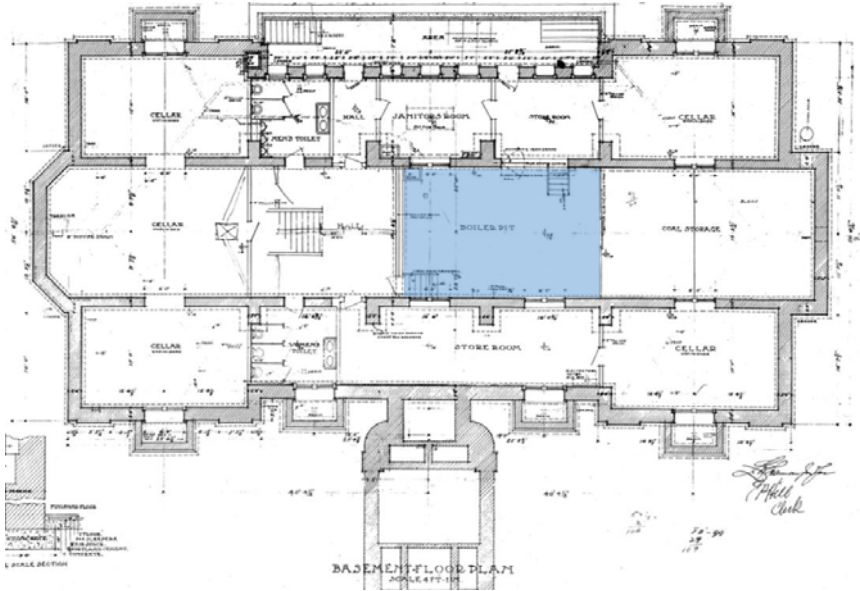
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Enabling Conditions: Landmark + Space Constraints



Downsize Ductwork



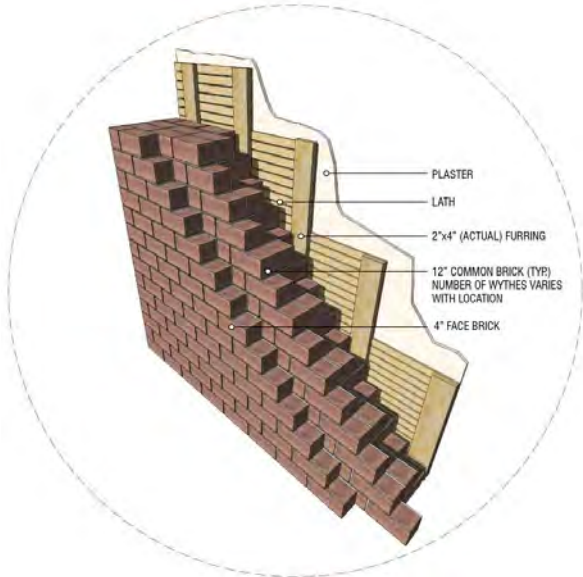
Convert Boiler Pit to Community Room



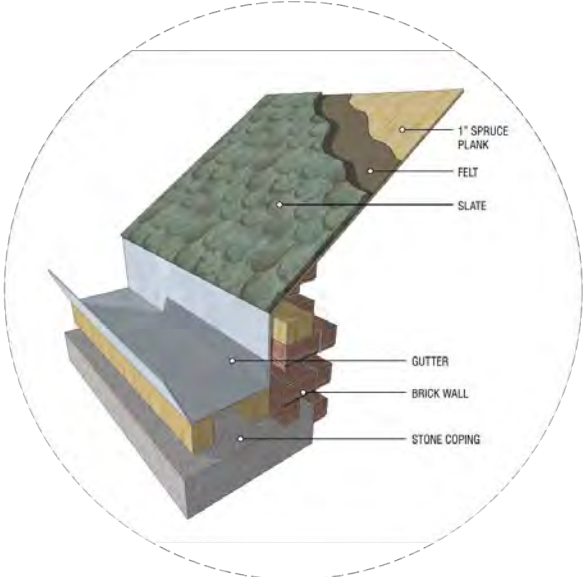
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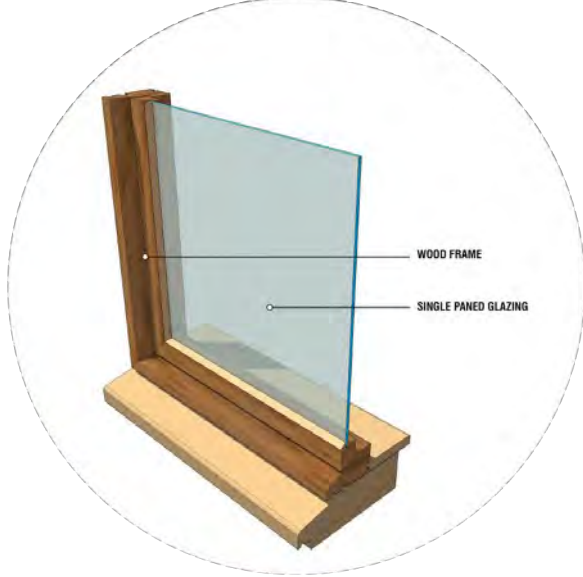
Enabling Conditions: Landmark + Space Constraints + Envelope Upgrade



Existing Wall



Existing Roof

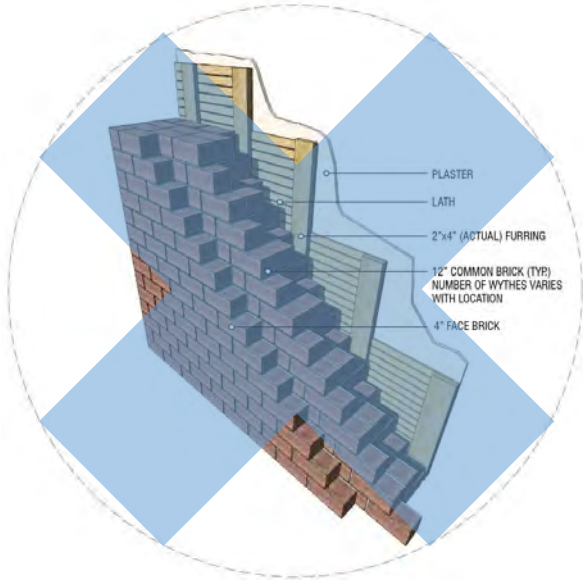


Existing Window

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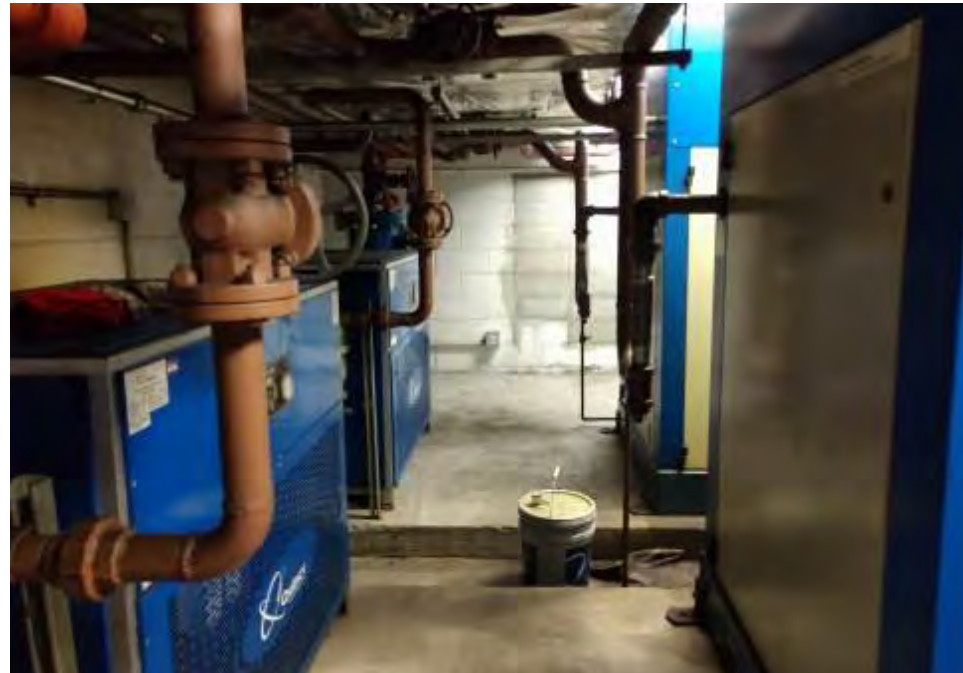


Built-In Bookshelves Preclude Wall Insulation

# Case Studies: Heating Concerns

Other solutions to lingering concerns about meeting heating loads on design days:

- Envelope commissioning and airtightness testing
- Locate heat pumps in rooms with ambient waste heat
- Maximize ERV efficiency to preheat fresh air
- Add electric resistance coils to ducts (not preferred!)



Compressor Room at DSNY District 4/4A/7 Garage

# Case Study 3: Geothermal Feasibility

Staten Island Museum at Snug Harbor Cultural Center

Electrification: Ground Source Heat Pump System for Heating/Cooling



Gluckman Tang Architects / Arup / P.W. Grosser Consulting

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Enabling Conditions: Landmark Exterior + Landscape



Geothermal Field Installation



Post Installation

# Case Study 4: Geothermal Feasibility

Weeksville Heritage Center

Electrification: Ground Source Heat Pump System for Heating/Cooling



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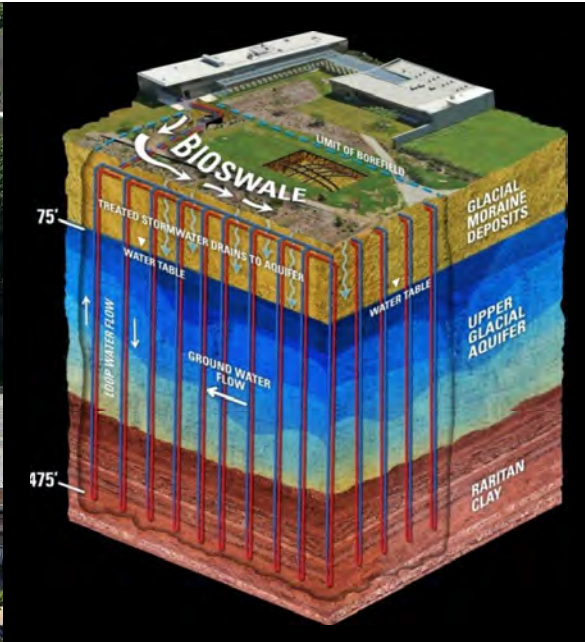
# Case Study 4: Geothermal Feasibility

Weeksville Heritage Center

Enabling Conditions: Historical Landscape



Remnant of Hunterfly Road



Site Hydrology Concept



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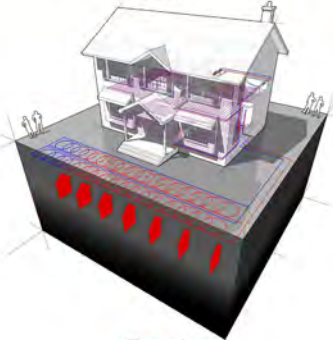
Weeksville Heritage Center

Enabling Conditions: Historical Landscape + Incentives Eligibility



Ground Source Heat Pump  
Rebate Program

Program Manual  
For Participating Contractors  
June 2019



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# Case Studies: Geothermal Feasibility

Other conditions favoring geothermal in NYC municipal buildings (aside from hydrogeography):

- Limited access to gas infrastructure
- Similar-sized annual heating and cooling loads
- Sufficient site area accessible to drilling rig
- Pile foundations



Geothermal Pile Frame

# Case Study 5: Resiliency Concerns

Case Study: New NYPD Bomb Squad Facility

Electrification: 100% Air-Source VRF for Heating/Cooling



Rice + Lipka Architects / Plus Group Consulting Engineers

# Case Study 5: Resiliency Concerns

Case Study: NYPD Bomb Squad Facility

Enabling Conditions: No Gas Infrastructure



NYPD Tactical Campus, Rodman's Neck

# Case Study 5: Resiliency Concerns

## Case Study: NYPD Bomb Squad Facility

### Enabling Conditions: No Gas Infrastructure + Space Constraints

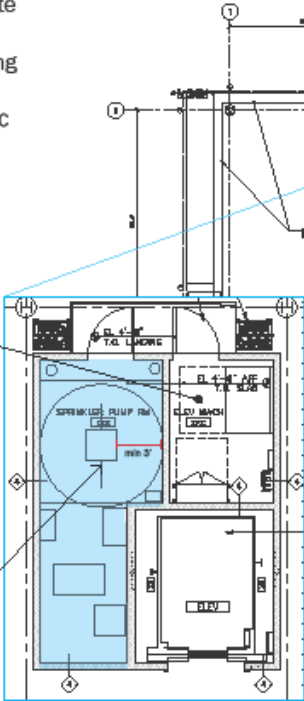
#### Option 1: VRF

Multiple hydrant flow tests at the site have revealed extremely low water pressure in the water main supplying the building, thus requiring the addition of a sprinkler and domestic water pump system to be added to the building.

1st Floor  
Option with 80x50 ECMs

The 80x50 VRF system would replace the boiler system in the current design, allowing the elevator machine room to replace the oil tank room to accommodate the necessary size for the new sprinkler pump room without expanding the building core.

Pump requires room 3' clearance on all sides.

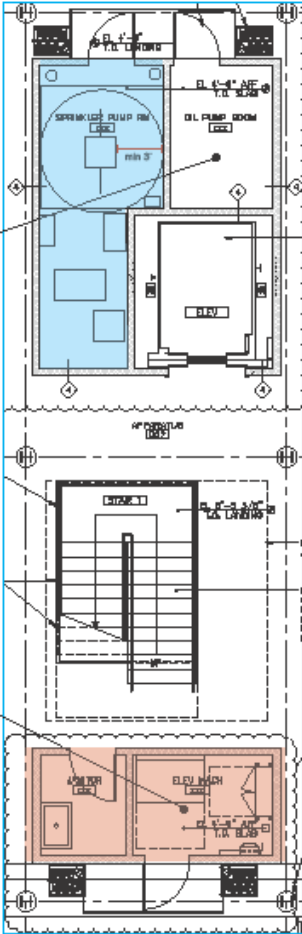


#### Option 2: Fuel Oil Boiler

1st Floor  
Non 80x50 (Base Design) Option 2  
EMR relocated to area south of stair

Without 80x50 the oil pump room needs to remain on the first floor mezzanine level. The ECM room must be relocated.

The elevator machine room could be located in the area south of the central stair (currently an open muster area.) Pipes would run overhead from this room to the hydraulic elevator.



# Case Study 6: Resiliency Concerns

DOHMH East Harlem Health Center

Electrification: 100% Air-Source VRF for Heating/Cooling (proposed)



Proposed Lobby Renovation

# Case Study 6: Resiliency Concerns

DOHMH East Harlem Health Center

Enabling Conditions: All-Electric Teaching Kitchen



Teaching Kitchen Concept



Neighborhood Health Action Center Cooking Class

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DOHMH East Harlem Health Center

Enabling Conditions: All-Electric Teaching Kitchen + Emergency Power



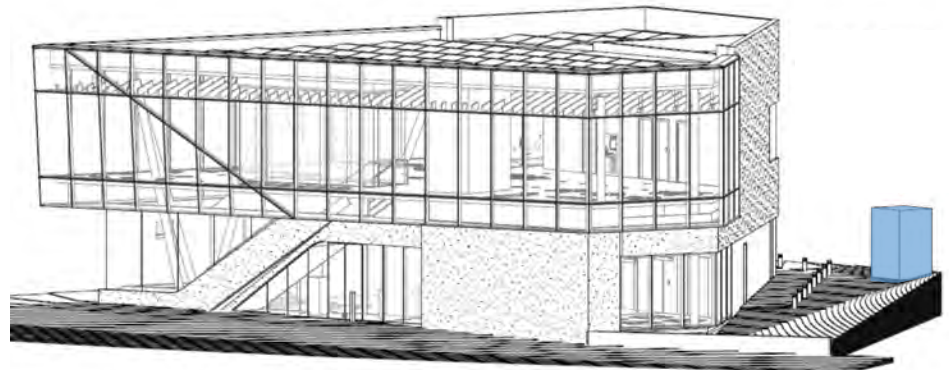
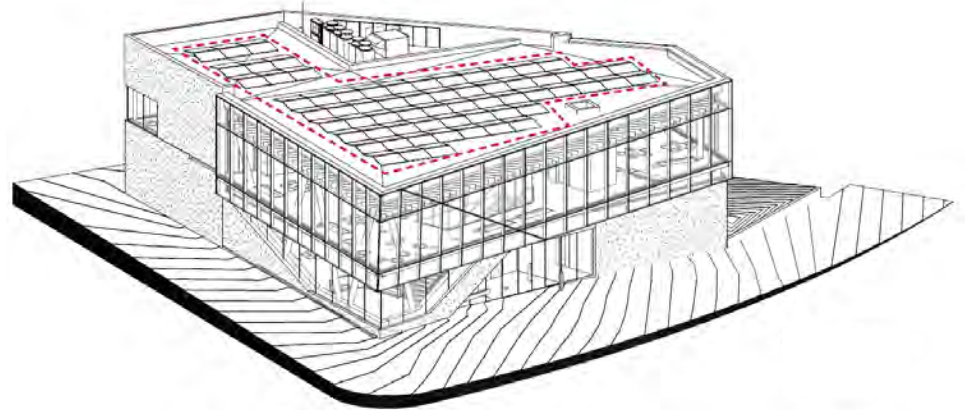
Smoothie Bike and Charging Station



# Case Study 6: Resiliency Concerns

Other solutions to concerns about maintaining heat during disruption in electrical service:

- Size emergency generators to power heat trace
- Size emergency generators to maintain minimal interior temperature (easy for geothermal)
- Battery or thermal storage



Proposed Li-ion Battery at Westchester Square Library

# Case Study 7: Refrigerant Management

DCAS Staten Island Campus

Electrification: 100% Water-Source VRF for Heating/Cooling (proposed)

Costantino  
Judicial Center

Staten Island  
Supreme  
Courthouse

Staten Island  
Borough Hall



# Case Study 7: Refrigerant Management

DCAS Staten Island Campus

Enabling Conditions: Landmark



Judicial Center  
1961



Supreme Courthouse  
1913-1919



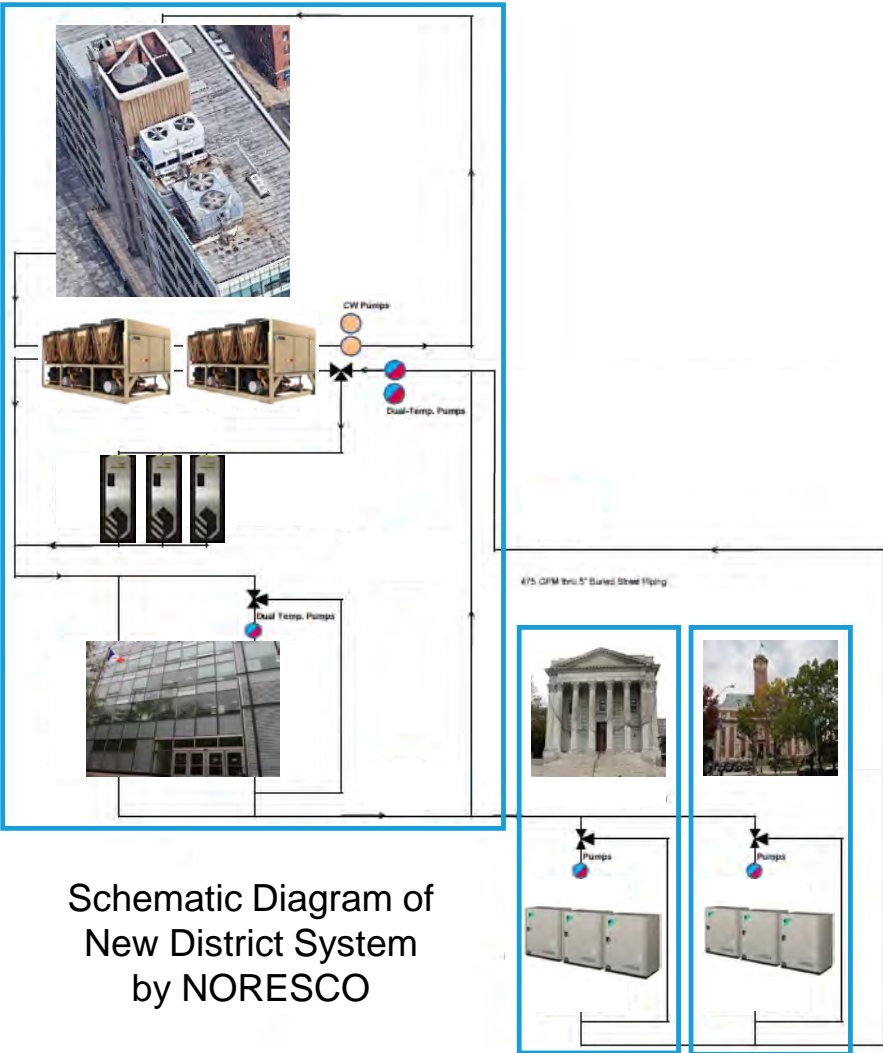
Borough Hall  
1904-1906

# Case Study 7: Refrigerant Management

DCAS Staten Island Campus

Enabling Conditions: Landmark Served by New District System Housed in Modern Neighbor

- New cooling tower, chillers, condensing boilers located in Judicial Center
- HHW / CHW runs beneath street to water-source VRF units at Borough Hall and Supreme Courthouse



Schematic Diagram of New District System by NORESKO

# Case Studies: Refrigerant Management

Other solutions to lingering concerns about refrigerant leakage:

- Circulate HHW / CHW instead of refrigerant
- Zone refrigerant distribution to allow for targeted shutdown
- Better maintenance contracts
- Double-pipe (not preferred!)



Compressor Room at DSNY District 4/4A/7 Garage

# Summary of Capital Scale Projects

- Currently, electrification of NYC municipal buildings is opportunistic
- Moving toward a more prescriptive approach for some typologies as we implement solutions to common concerns
- Ultimately, some typologies will be 100% electrified, while the majority of the portfolio will likely see partial electrification
- Much of the work will have to be incremental as buildings must remain in service
- Eager to demonstrate innovative solutions

# **Drivers of Incremental Electrification in Smaller Municipal Projects**

# Expense Projects and 1:1 Retrofits

- Capital isn't all we do!
  - Expense funded retrofits are a large portion of our VRF portfolio
  - What is Expense vs. Capital?
- Case studies
  - Brooklyn Public Library
  - DCAS Facilities Management
- Focus on small scale building portfolios and equipment at end of life
- Installation with in-house teams
  - Train the trainer
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# Expense Projects and 1:1 Retrofits

- Connections to the marketplace are difficult due to contracting, however, procurement is just the first hurdle...
  - Workforce Development → in-house and contractor availability
  - Long term maintenance questions + refrigerant uncertainty
  - Products aren't new, but change is slow
  - What do we have and where do we have it? Fully non-invasive retrofits aren't in the market as of yet



# Potential Market Opportunities

# New Technology Demonstrations + IDEA




Building Controls



Energy Storage

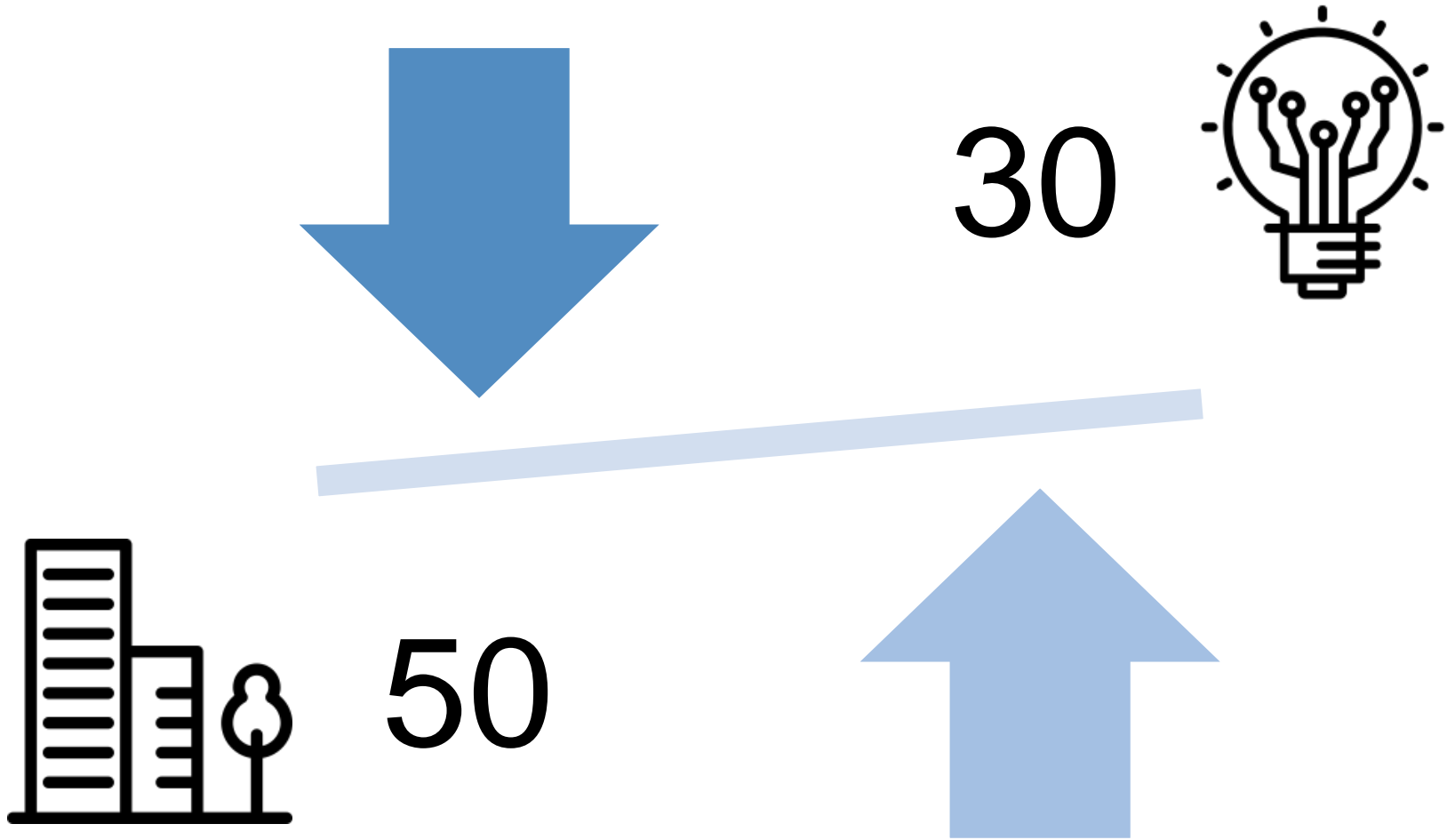


HVAC Optimization



Renewable Energy

# Facilities and Technologies



# Innovation across the City



# Innovation across the City



# Innovation across the City





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