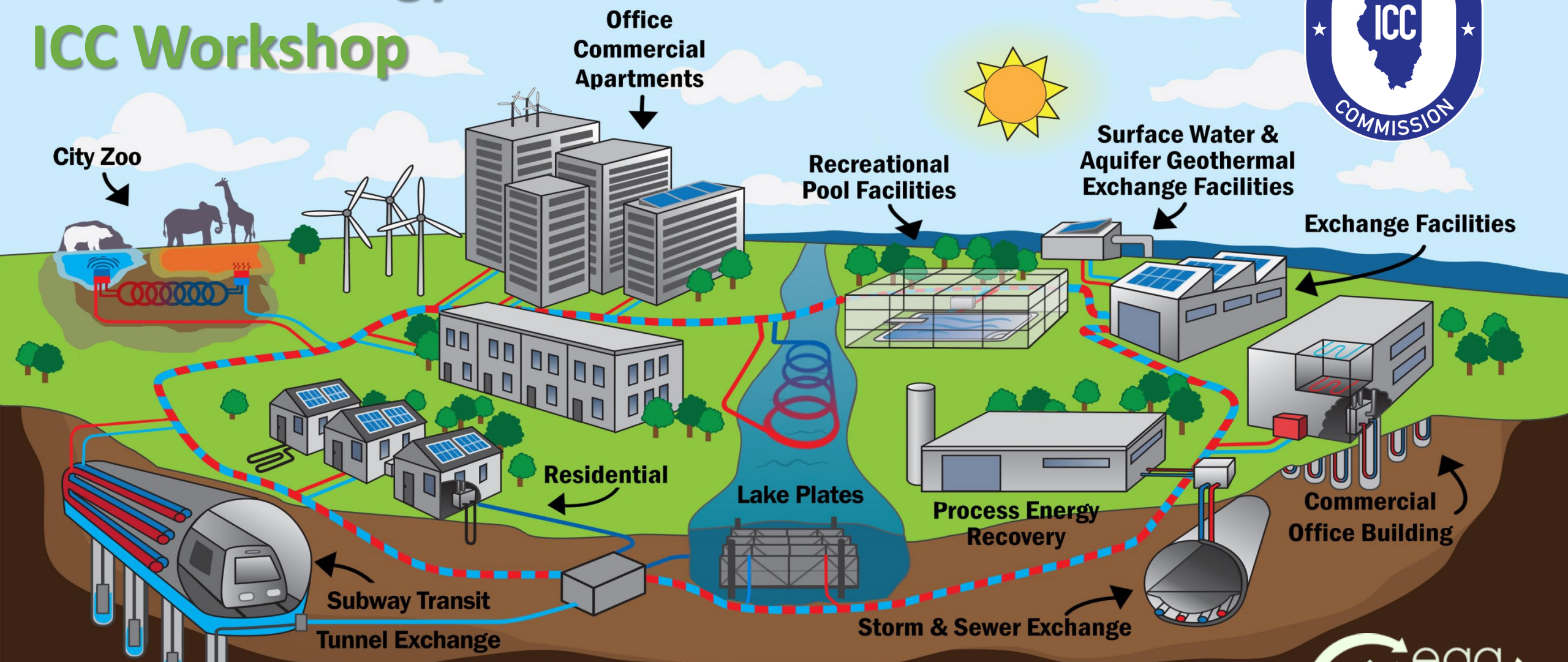


# Thermal Energy Network Infrastructure

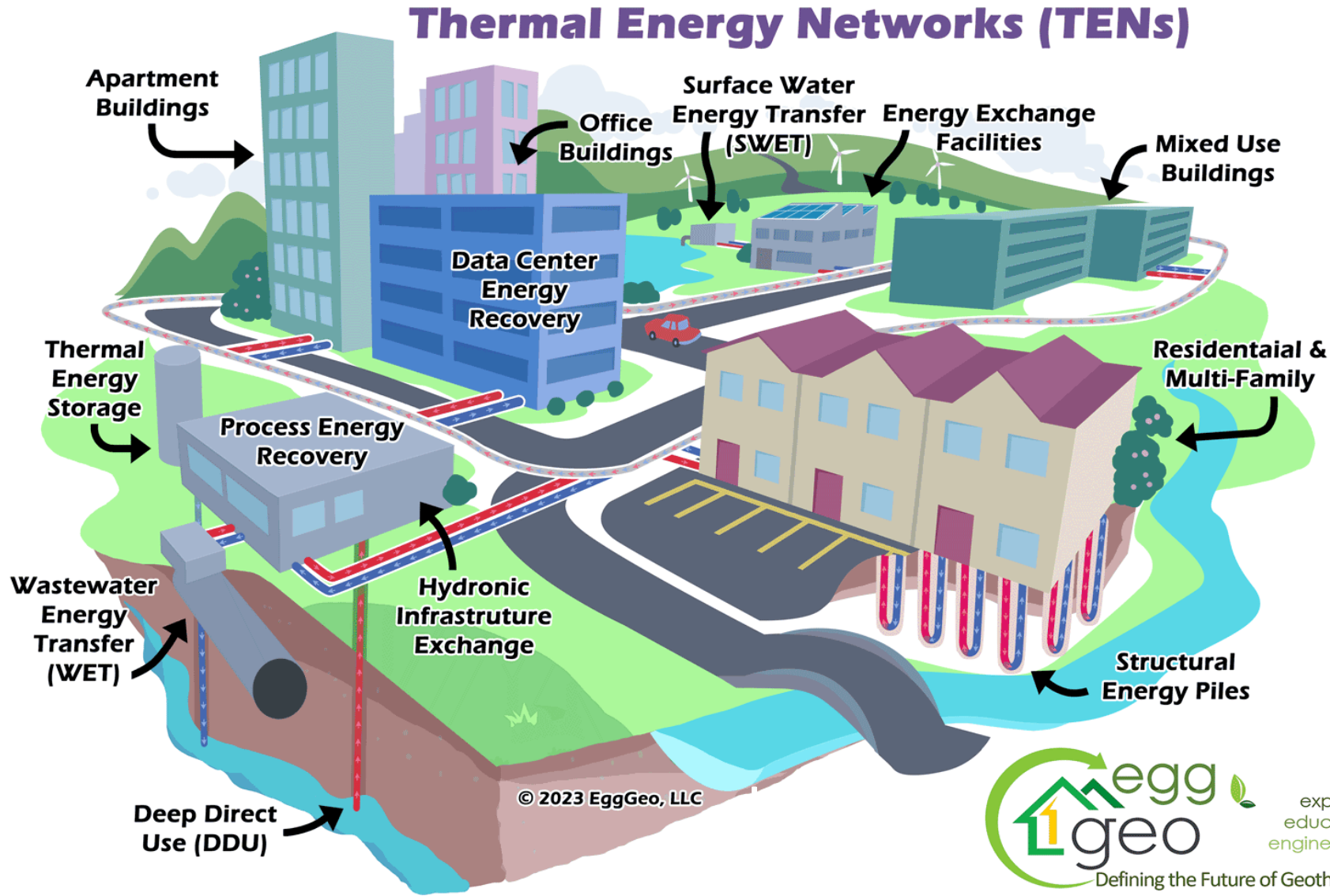
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# Engineering Master-Planned Thermal Energy Networks (TENs) to Reduce GHG Emissions and Create Jobs



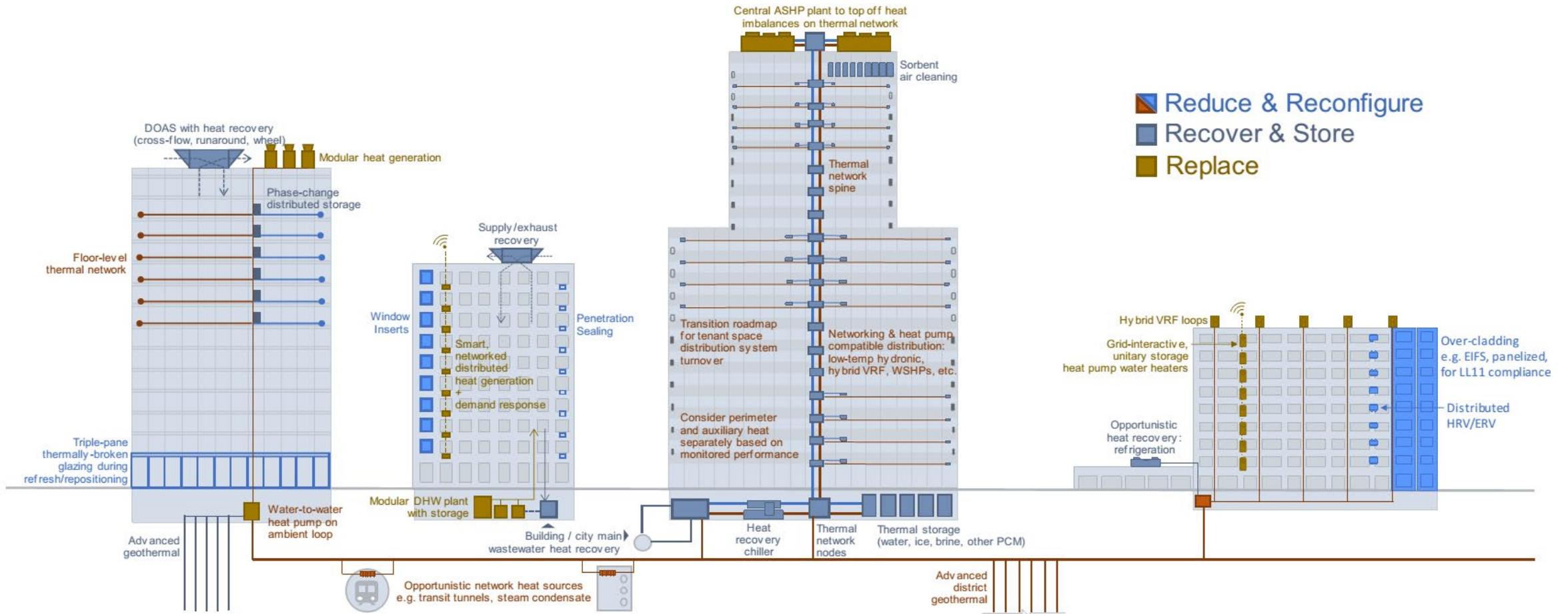
# District Thermal Energy Networks (TENs)

...making thermal network heat pumps a reality for all

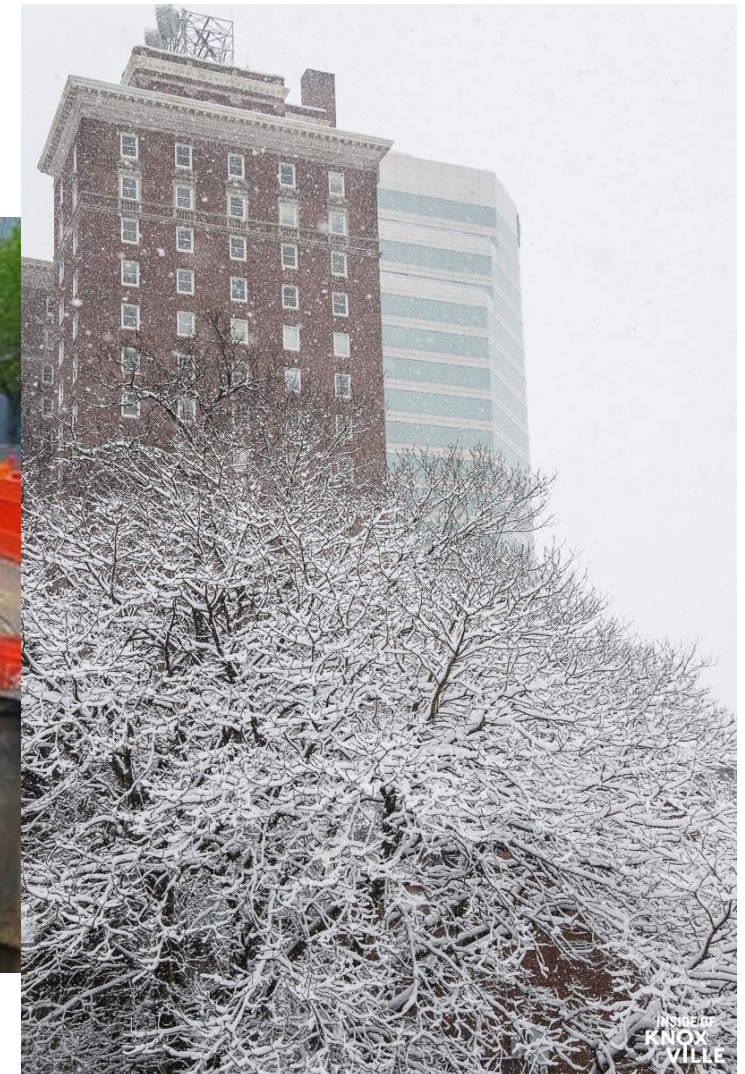


- No more outdoor equipment to replace
- More hurricane and storm resilient (no HVAC equipment outside)
- HVAC system longevity (a benefit of having equipment inside)
- No combustion boilers, cooling towers or furnaces (Decarbonization)
- Noticeably superior comfort in heating and cooling modes
- Remarkable system efficiency at standard equipment pricing
- Thermal Energy Network Wells /Piping are permanent infrastructure

# Thermal Energy Networks - Empire State; Developed for NYSERDA

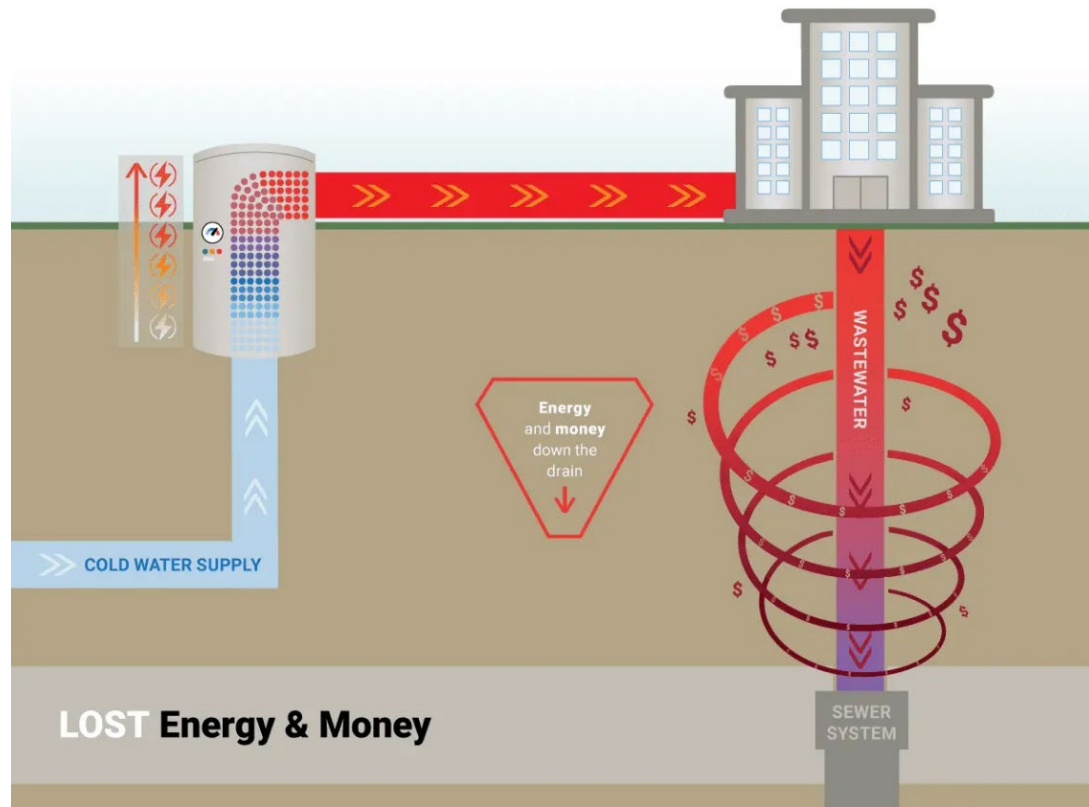


# Energy Exhausted from Commercial Buildings is piped to Residential Structures

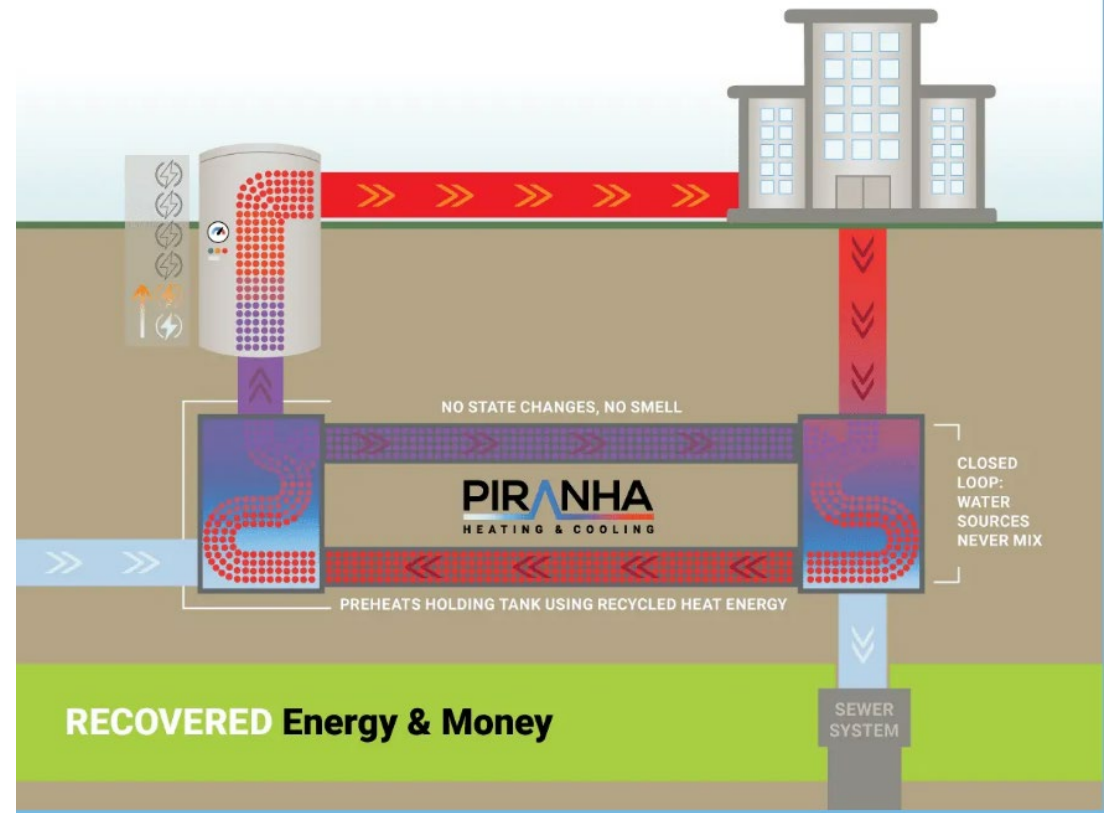


# Wastewater Energy Recover (WET); the first solution.

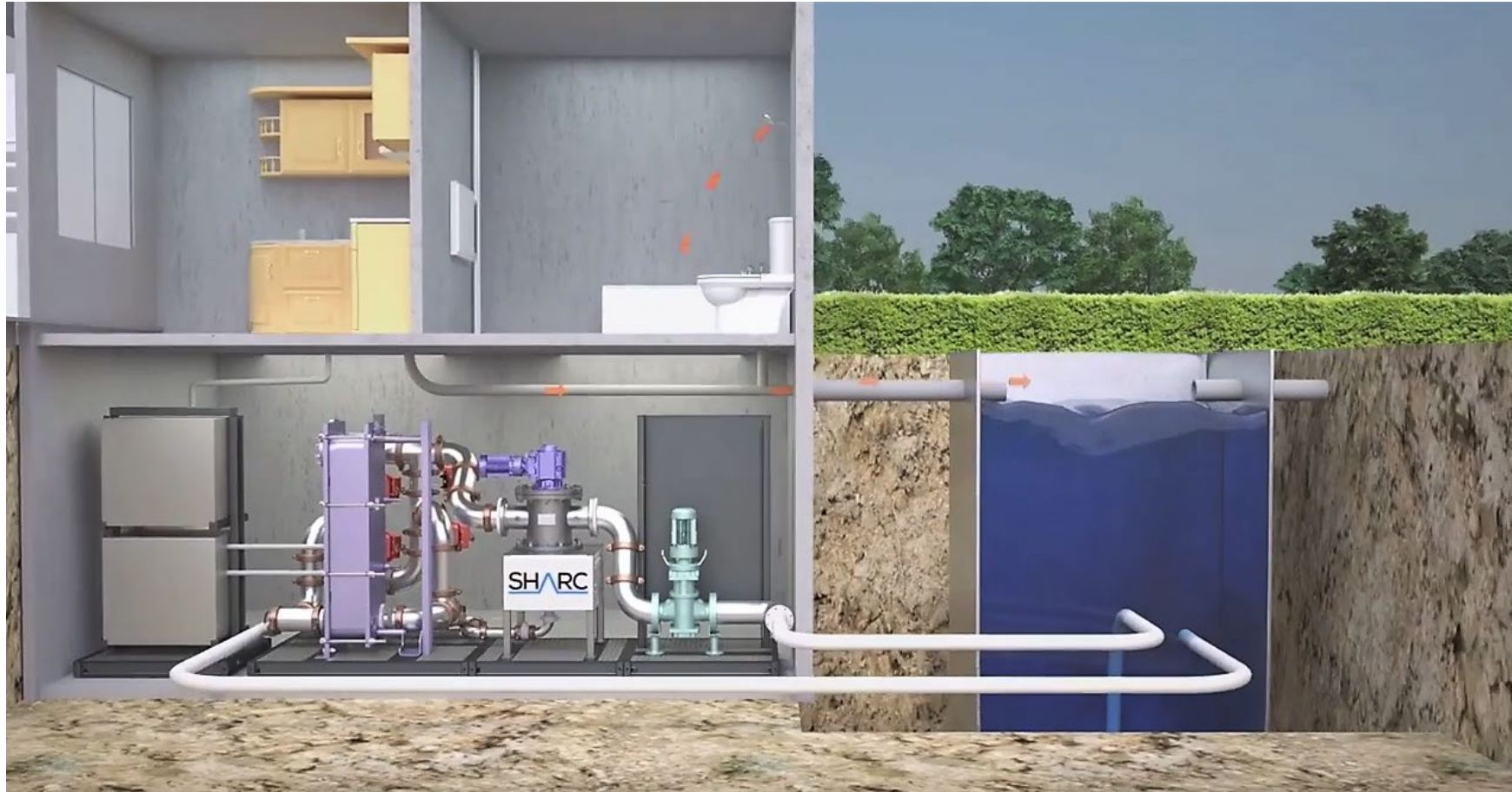
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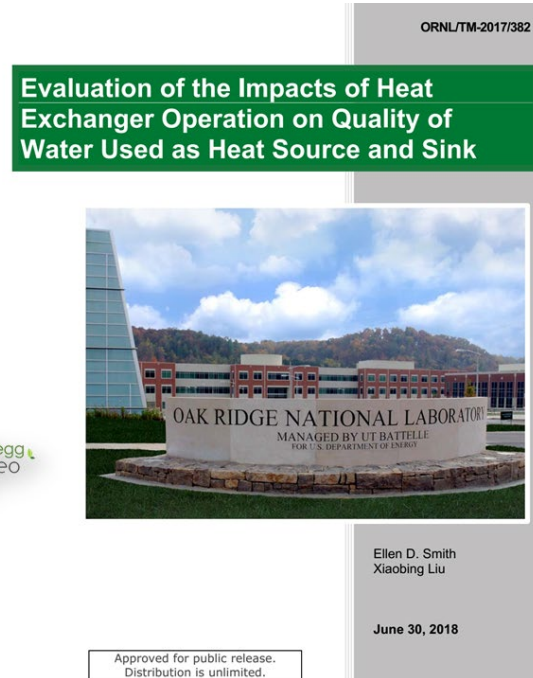
# Wastewater Energy Recovery - Basics



# Infrastructure Coupled Geothermal Energy Exchange (Toronto & Vancouver Examples)



Drinking Water  
Energy Exchange  
>Toronto<

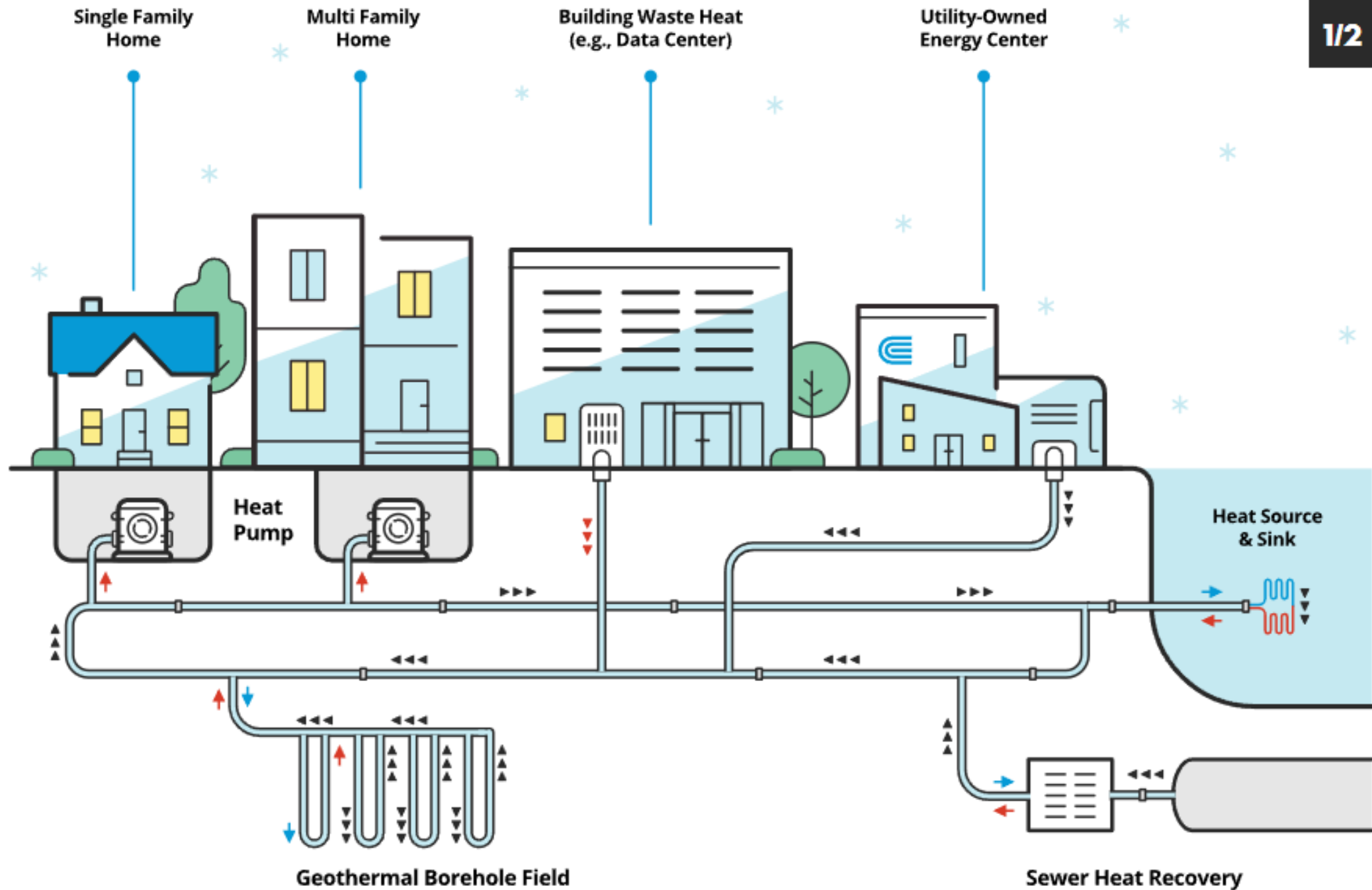


ORNL Report on  
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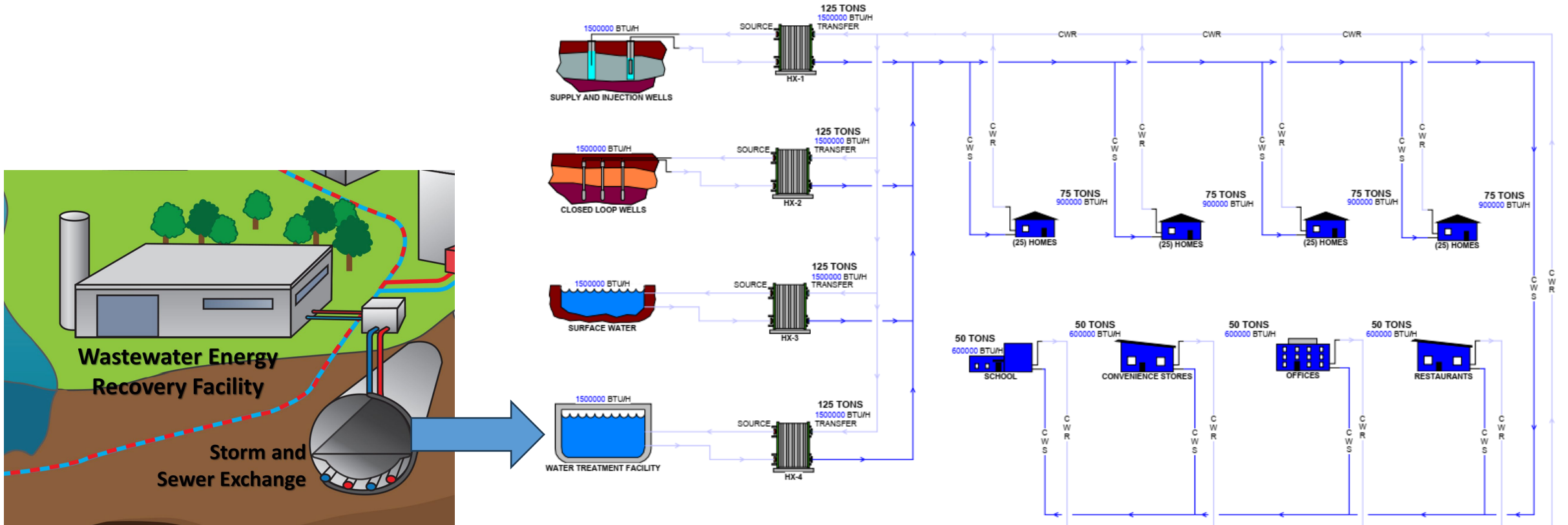


Wastewater Energy Exchange  
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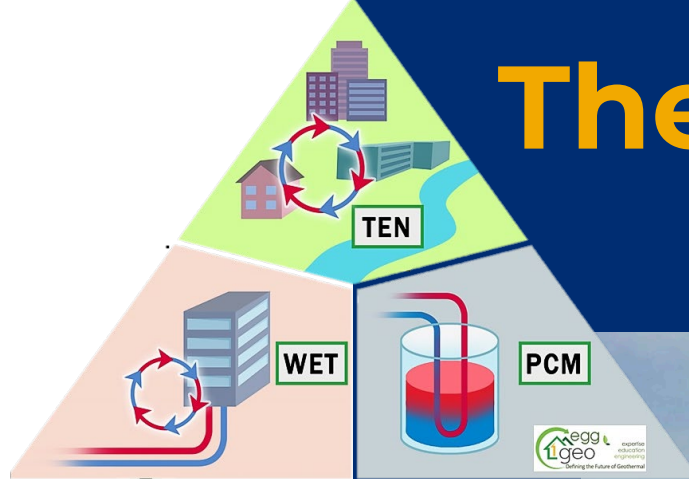


# Wastewater Energy Recovery Facility



# The Amalgamated Towers

3975 and 3965 Sedgwick Avenue



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



**AMALGAMATED HOUSING COOPERATIVE**

**Project Team:**

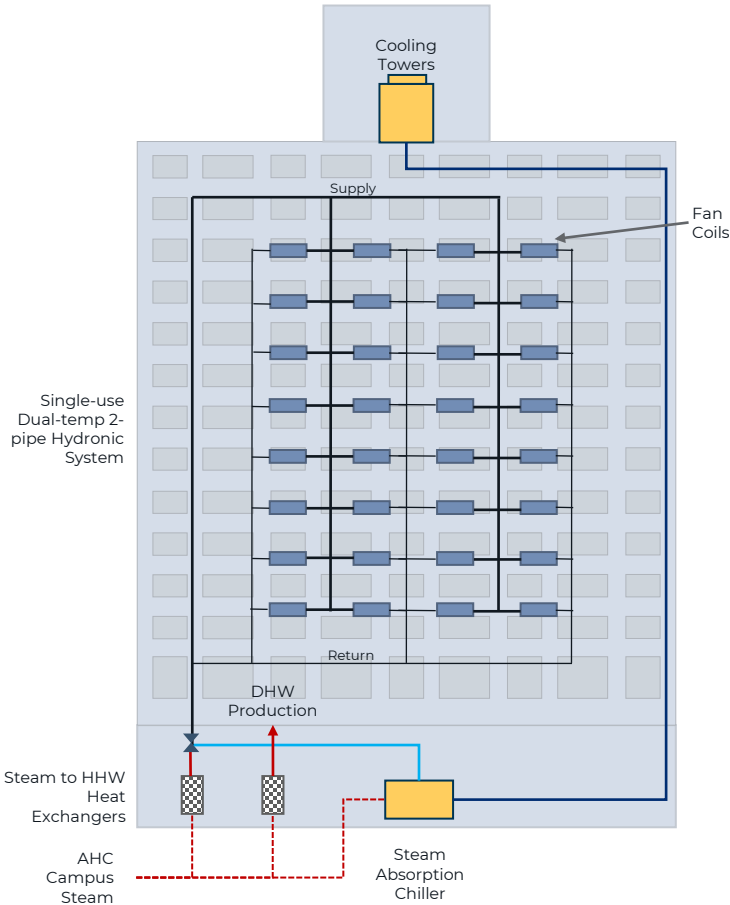
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# The Towers Decarbonization Plan

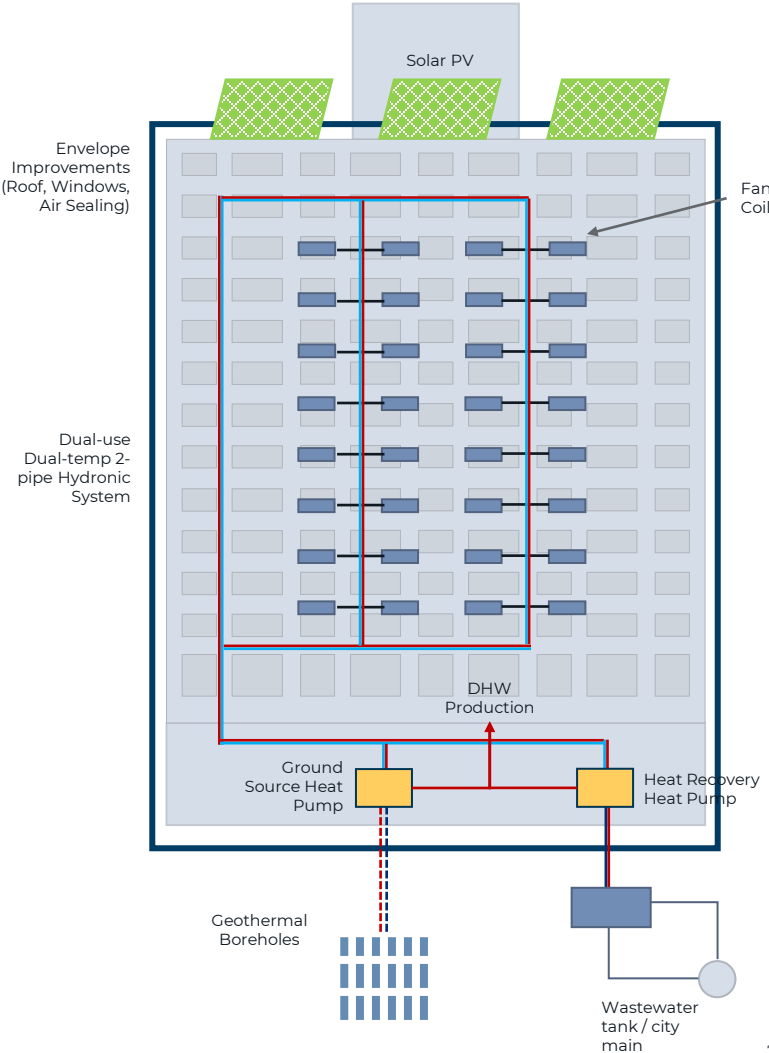
**Key Takeaways:** Affordable housing recapitalization, Tenant total cost reduction, Failing distribution infrastructures, Eliminate fossil fuel usage, Improve comfort, Resilient systems

## BEFORE



- 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**

## AFTER



# Making clean energy from dirty water to eliminate carbon emissions.



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**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
<b>\$3 Million</b>	<b>\$16.6 Million</b>	<b>\$27 Million</b>

Disclaimer: The project plan outlined in this presentation is in its early design stage and can be subject to potential changes in the future.

**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.

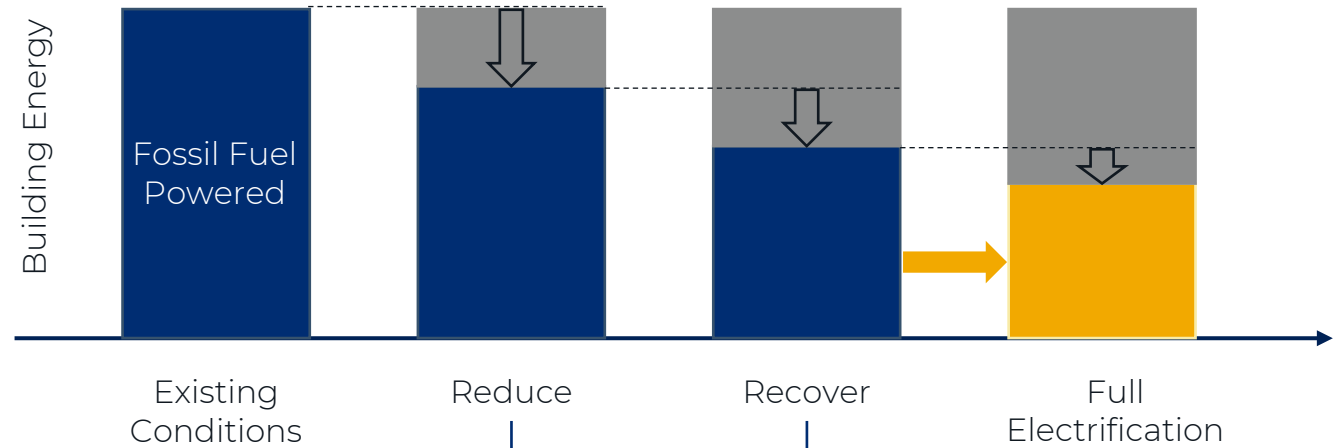
This system will use the wastewater and boreholes as heat sinks in cooling mode.

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%

# 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

- **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.

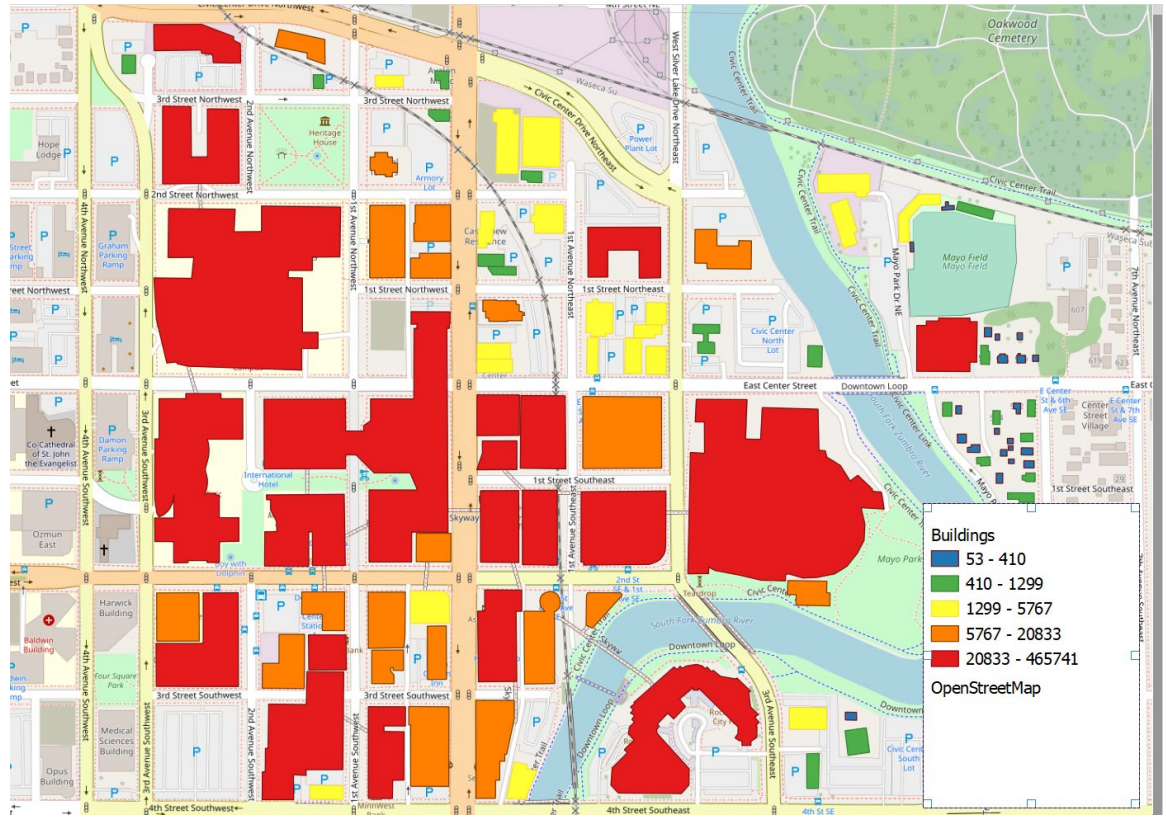
## Full Electrification

- **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



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# Drinking Water Energy Exchange



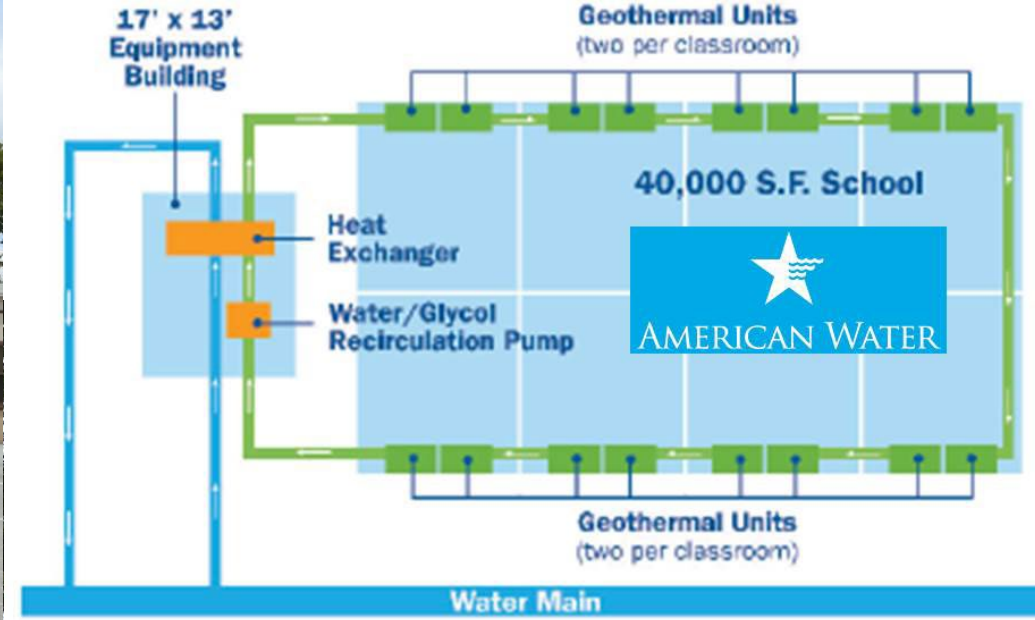
## Water Main Geothermal:

Could Existing Water Pipes Replace Dirty Energy Utilities?





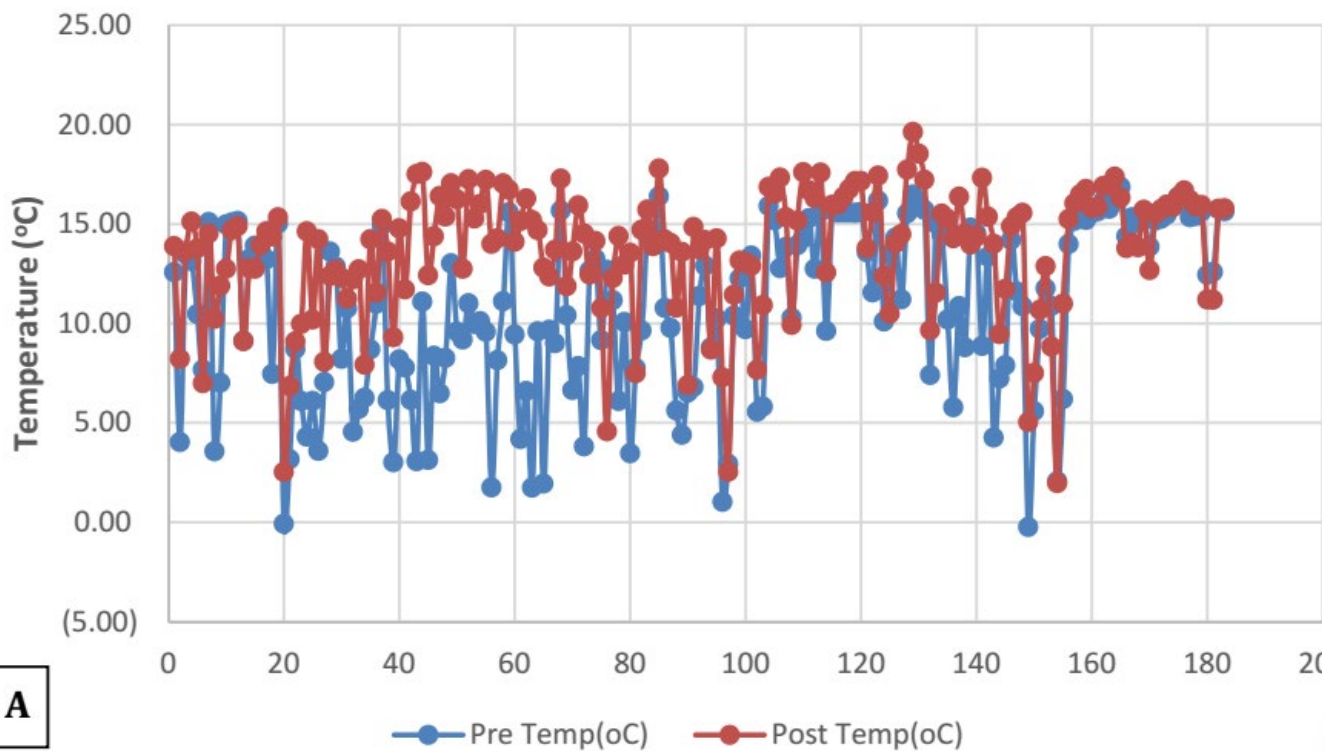
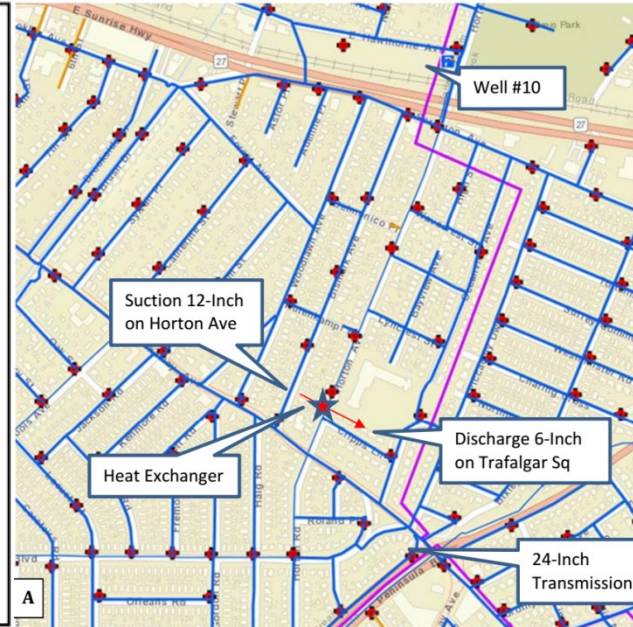
# Geothermal System: Final Configuration



# Evaluation of the Impacts of Heat Exchanger Operation on Quality of Water Used as Heat Source and Sink



Figure 2. Typical coupon-derived biofilm suspension used for ATP determination.



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# 6 Ways to use Existing Water for Energy

Effluent and Infrastructure >>>  
Dewatering >>>

=Thermal Exchange

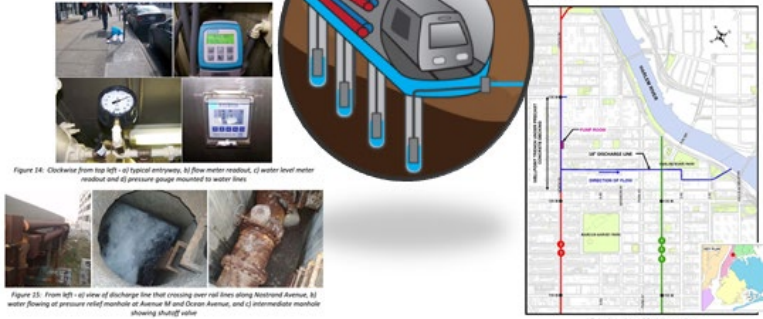


Figure 24. Clockwise from top left: a) flow meter method, b) water level meter method and c) pressure gauge mounted to water lines  
Figure 25. From left to right: a) view of discharge line that crossing over rail lines along Neilson Avenue, b) water flowing at pressure relief manhole at Avenue M and O'Brien Avenue, and c) intermediate manhole showing shutoff valve

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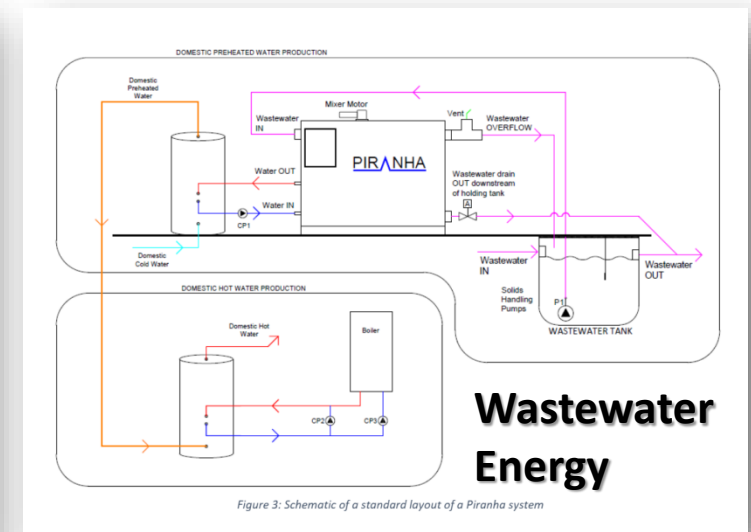
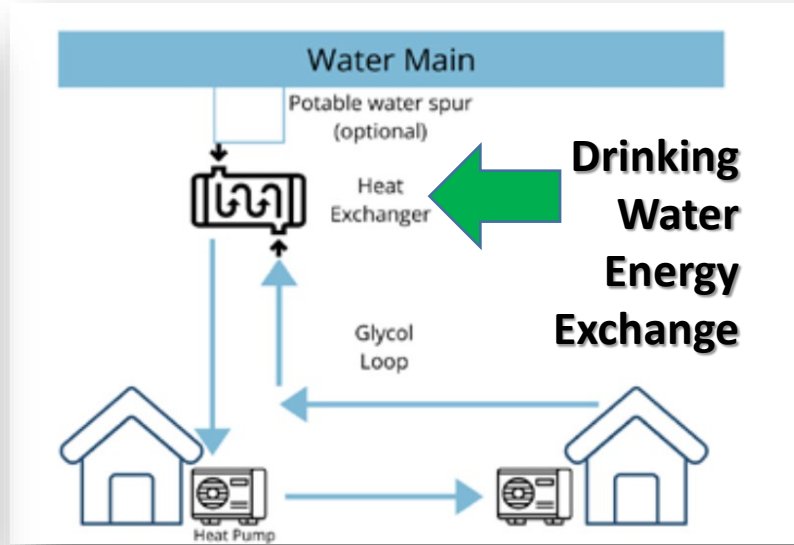


Figure 3: Schematic of a standard layout of a Piranha system

Conduit Hydropower:  
Sources of energy recovery

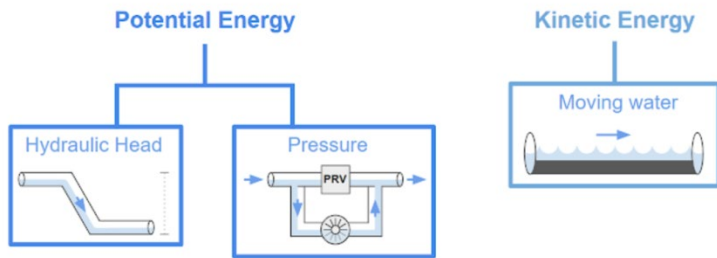
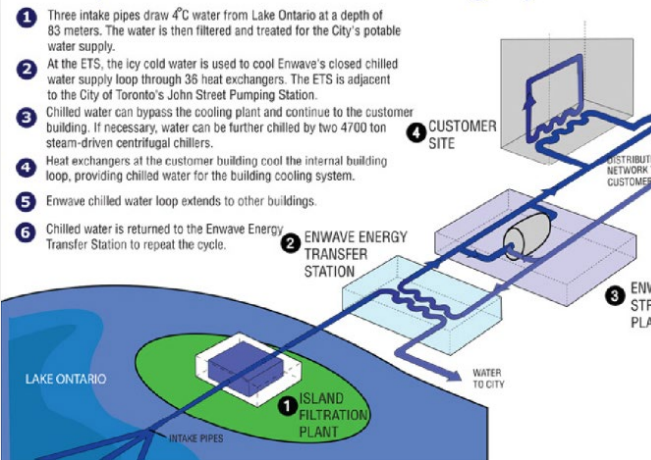
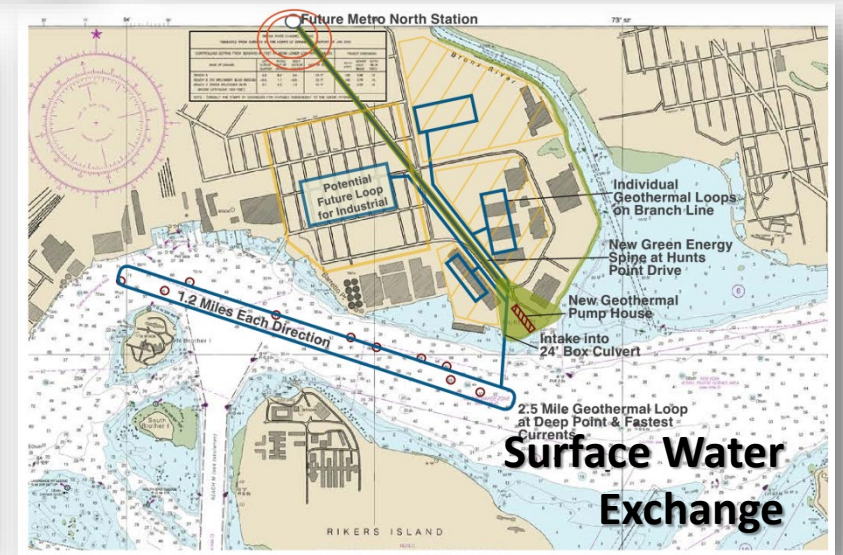


Figure 3. Sources of energy recover in water management infrastructure which can be harnessed by CH technologies (Source: Sebastian Grimm).

## Deep Lake Water Cooling System



- 1 Three intake pipes draw 4°C water from Lake Ontario at a depth of 83 meters. The water is then filtered and treated for the City's potable water supply.
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Hydroelectric facilities should also provide Thermal Exchange and take care of the Heating and Cooling needs of nearby communities



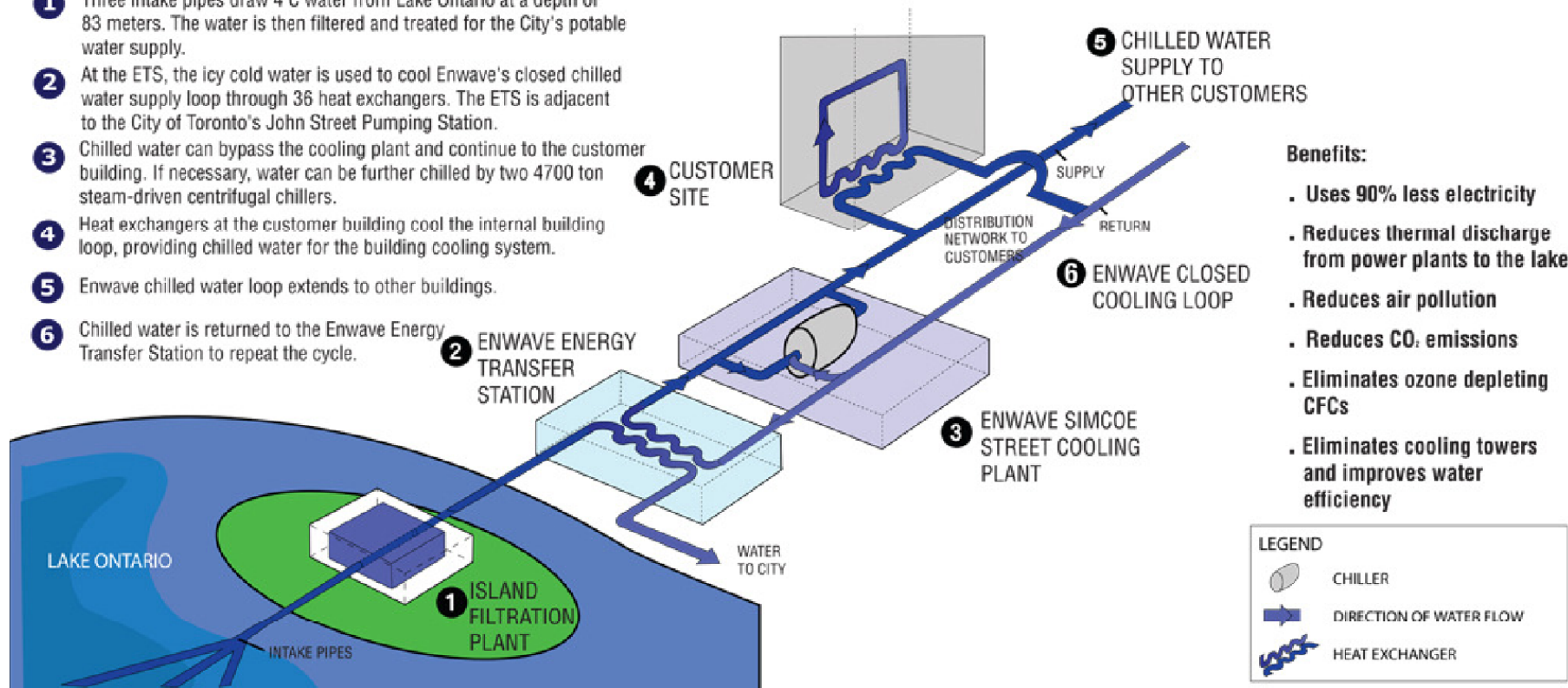
# Toronto's Drinking Water Energy System



# The Drinking water Exchange Design for the Toronto Deep Lake Cooling System

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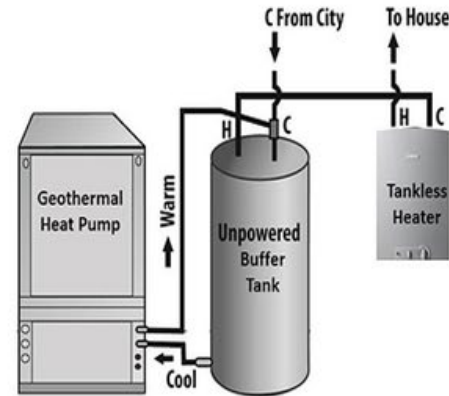
# Drinking Water Exchange with Refrigeration Systems



Dedicated Potable Water Cooler



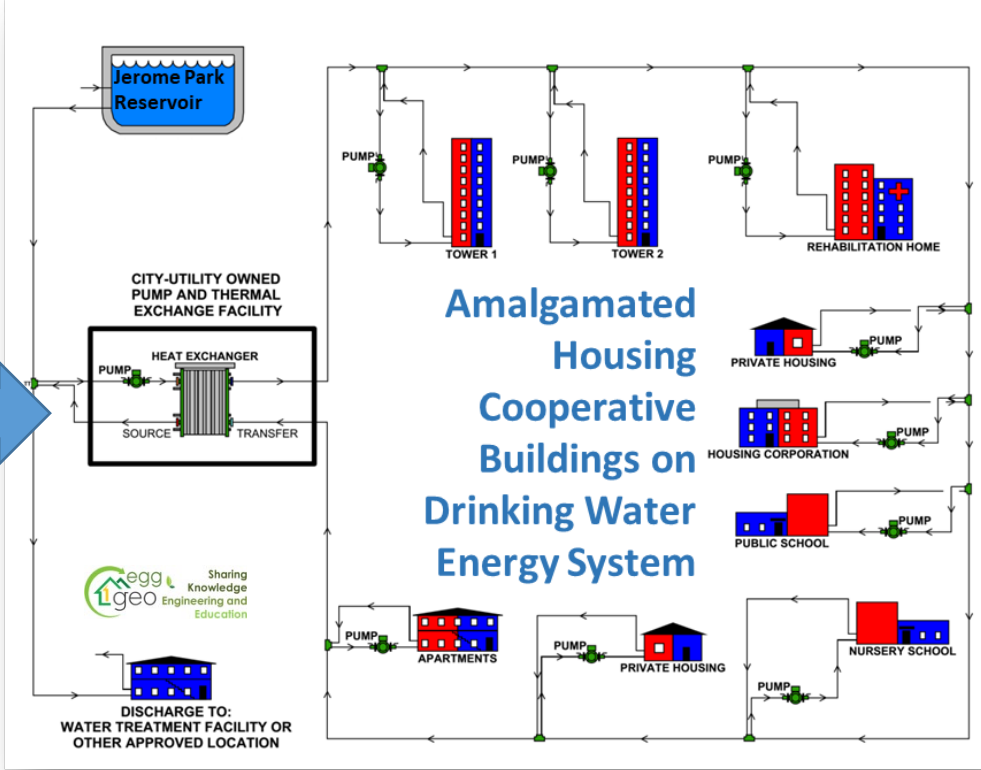
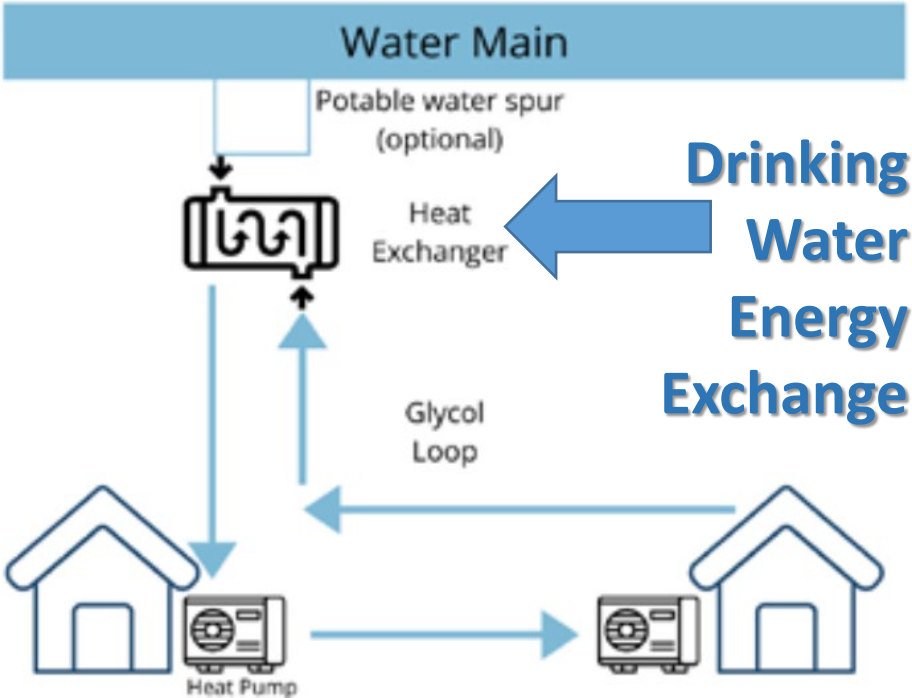
Dedicated and passive Domestic Hot Water Generators



Dedicated Hot Water GHP (water-to-water GHP)

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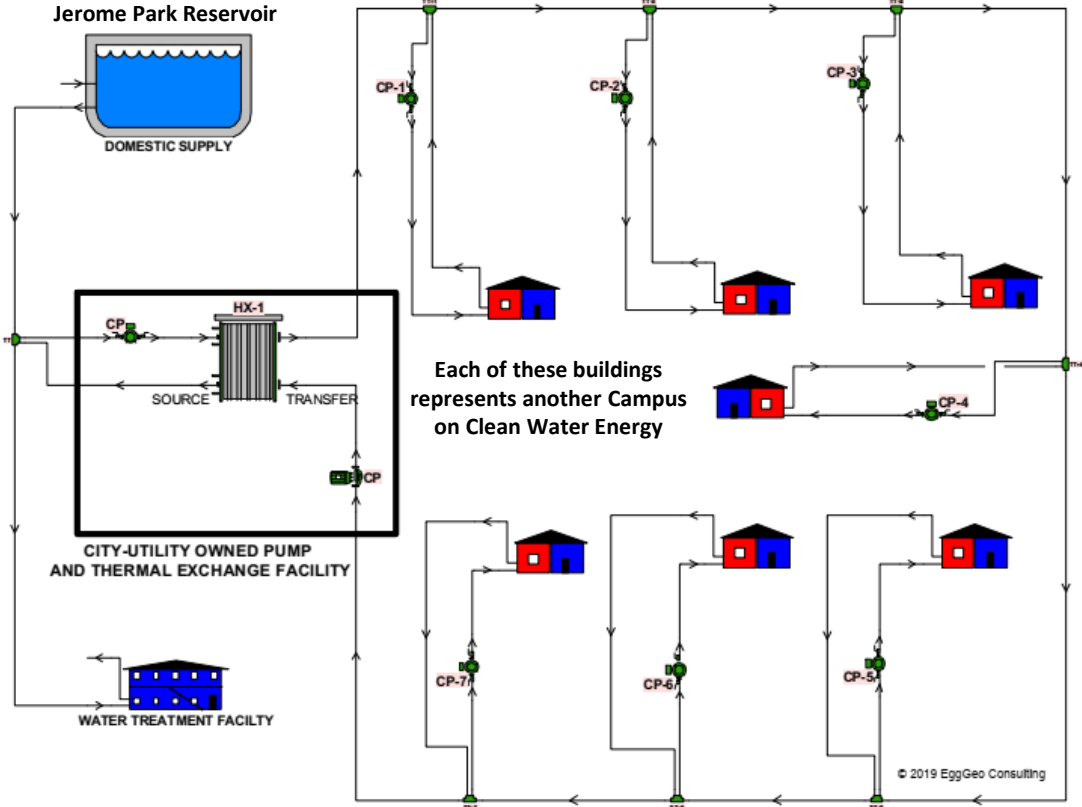
# One Drinking Water Energy Exchange Facility can provide comfort heating, cooling, and domestic hot water





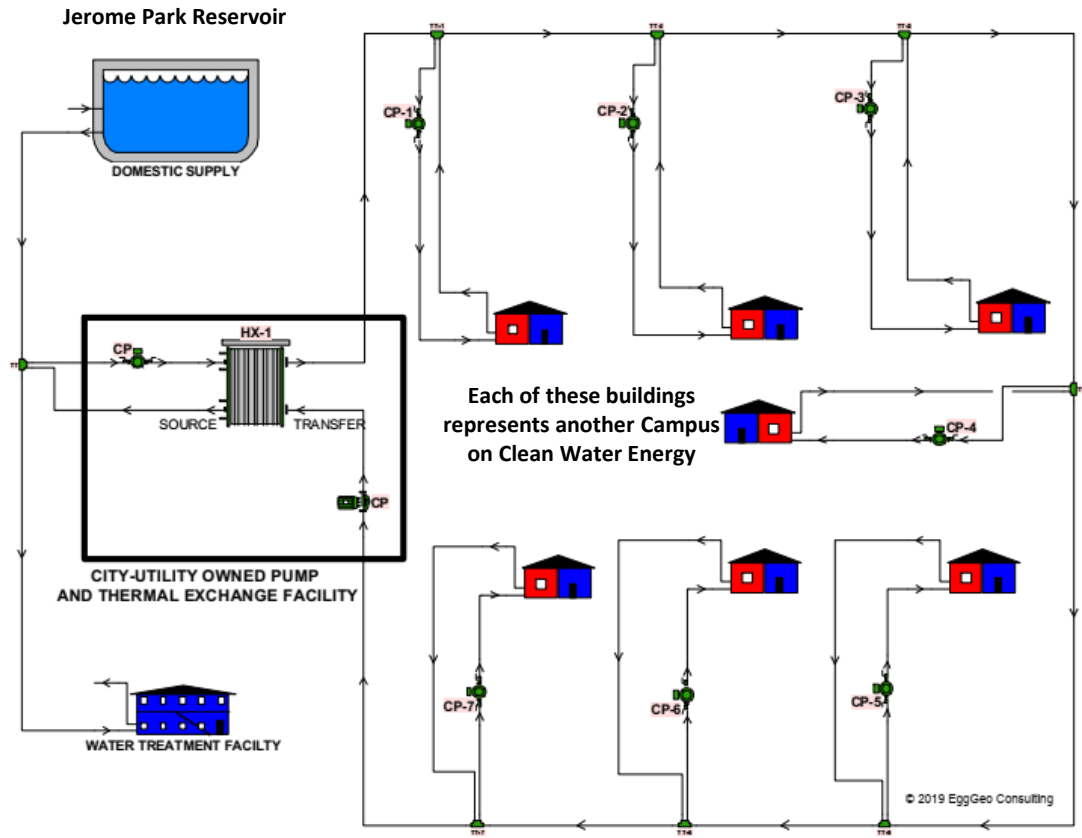
# Drinking Water Energy Exchange

Drinking Water Energy Exchange will have significant benefit to the Campuses around Jerome Park Reservoir.



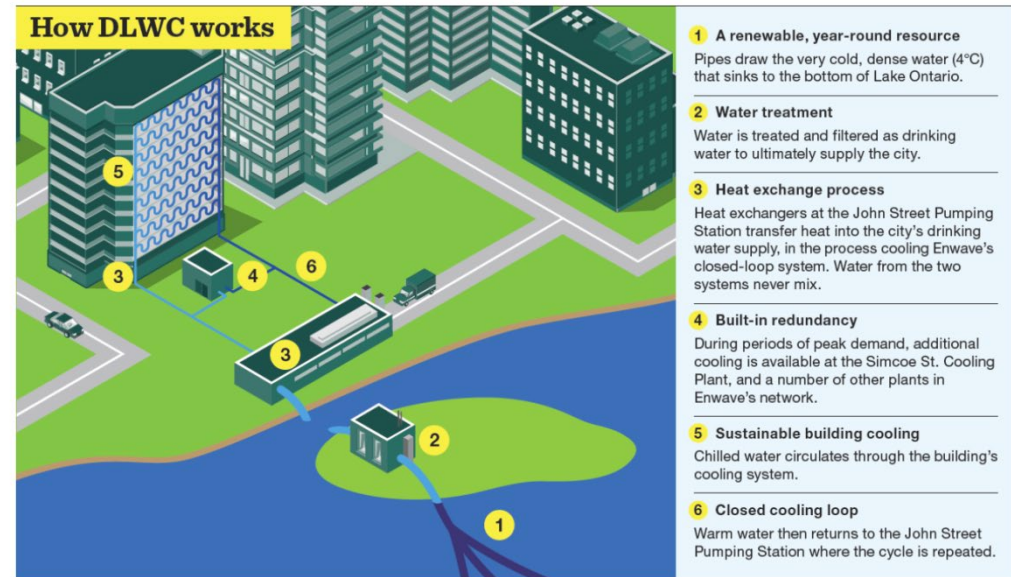
# Two Ways Rochester may use Drinking Water for Energy

## Drinking Water Thermal Exchange Rochester



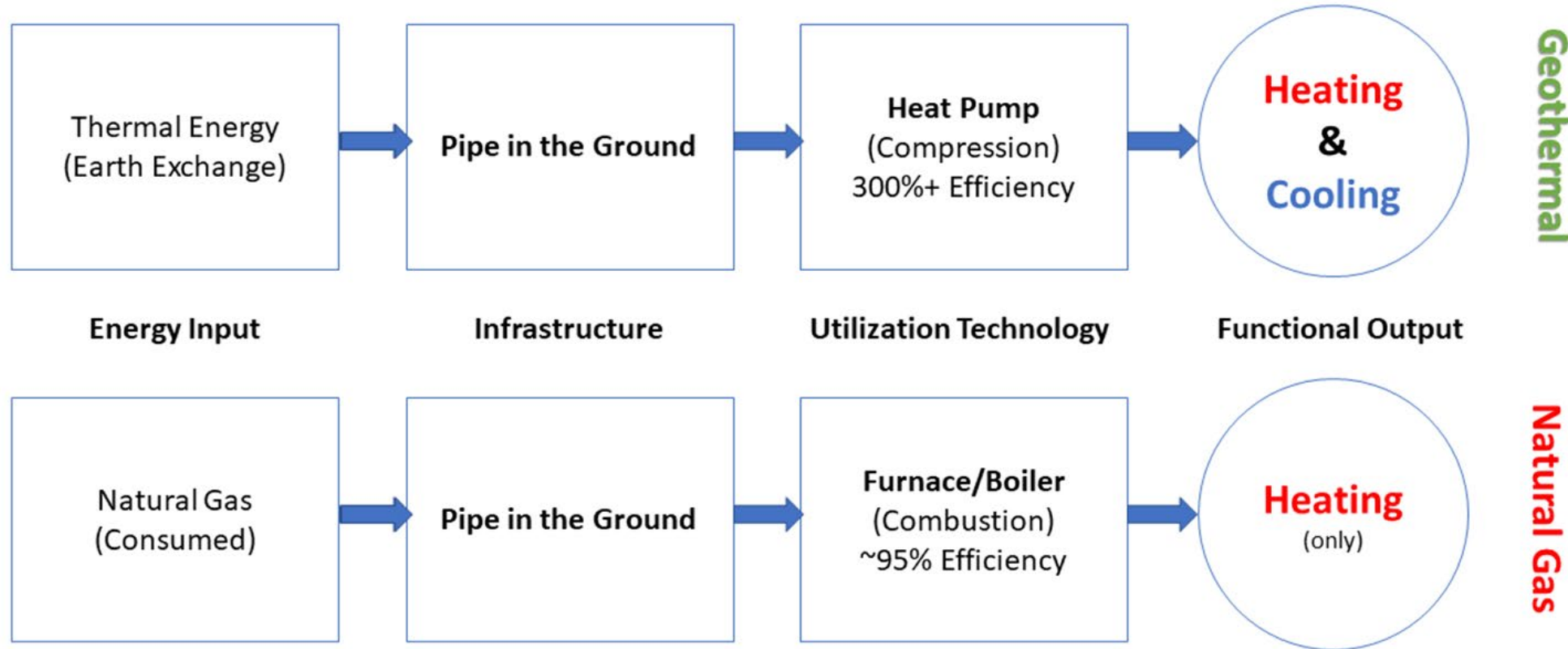
## Drinking Water Thermal Exchange in Toronto

Figure 1: DLWC Process (Source: Toronto Hydro)



The Next Evolution for DLWC

# Simplified Schematic View of **Thermal Energy** vs. **Natural Gas** for Heating and Cooling Systems



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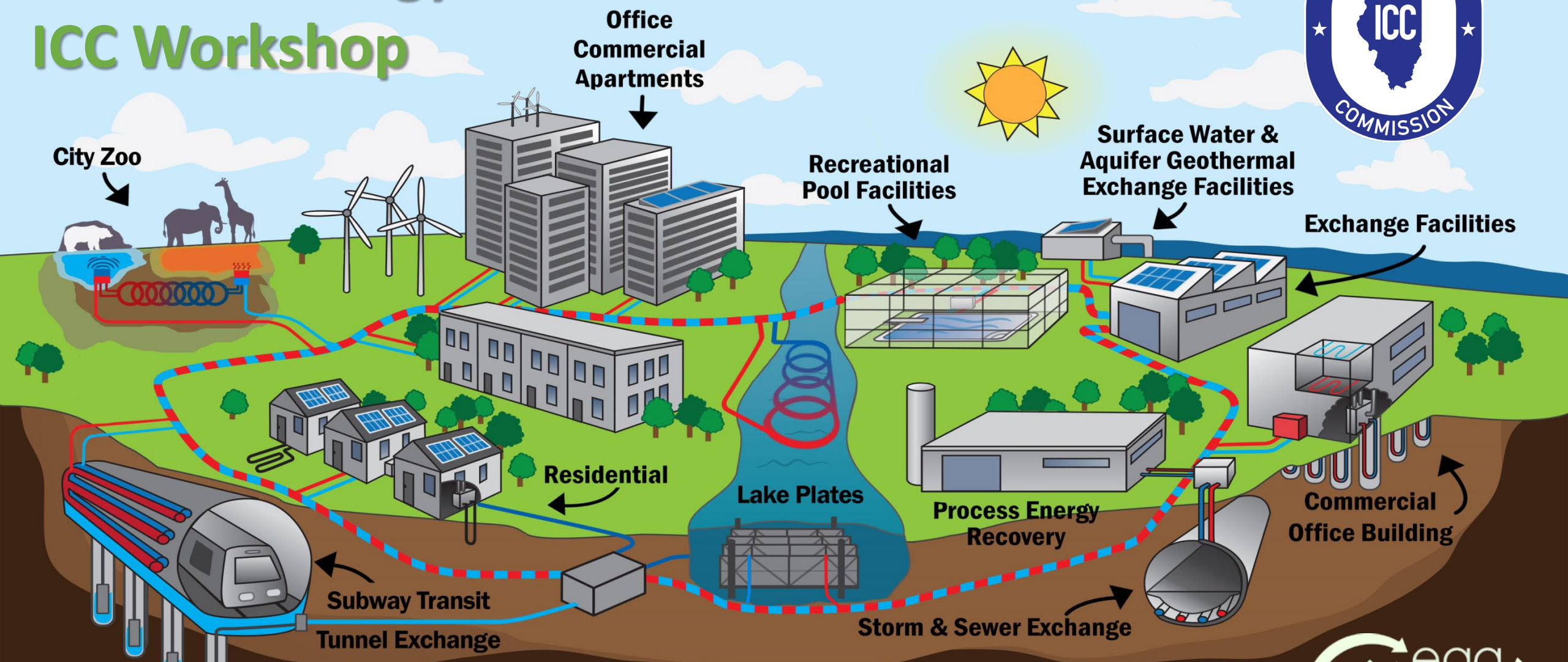
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