2E: Symposium 5 District Energy from Sewage Heat Recovery

DESIGNING DENVER'S FIRST WASTEWATER DISTRICT ENERGY SYSTEM



THE NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER

The National Western Center represents a visionary transformation of the National Western Complex into a sustainable, year-round destination for agriculture, education and entertainment.













A LOW CARBON, RESILIENT CAMPUS

NWCO Program Goals



Prioritizing energy efficiency to achieve LEED Gold or above.

2. District Thermal using Wastewater Heat Recovery

Utilizing wastewater thermal energy to heat and cool campus buildings efficiently.

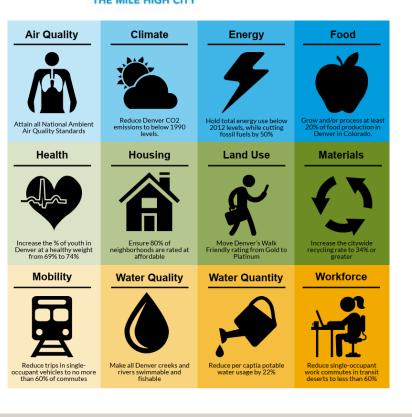
3. Renewable Energy

100% renewable electric using a combination of on- and off-site sources

4. Community Resiliency

Ensuring critical facilities have power, heating and cooling, even during extreme events.









THE PROJECT

4 Partners with Facilities on Campus









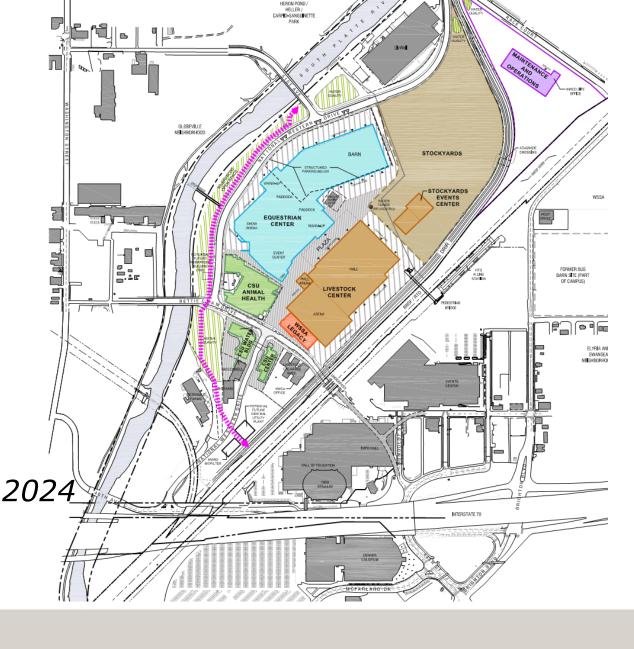
250 Acres at Full Build-Out

7 Facilities for District Energy

Stockyard Event Center Livestock Center Equestrian Center Spur Health Spur Water Spur Food WSSA Legacy Building

7 Yrs. of Campus Construction 2018 - 2024

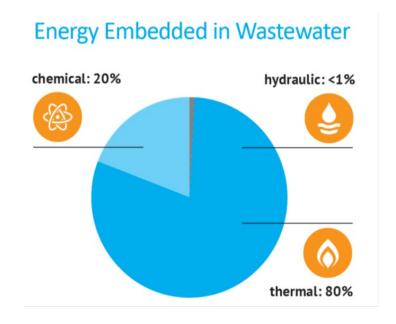
1 Enormous Wastewater Pipe



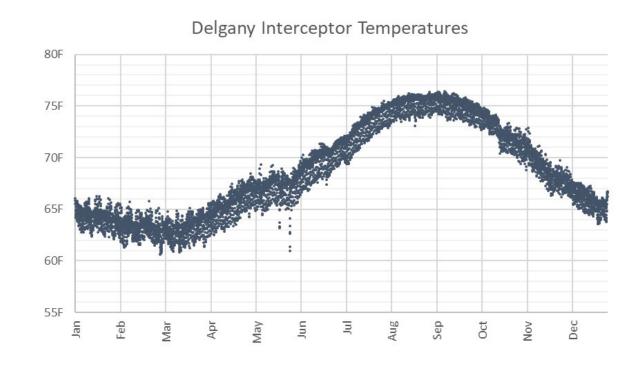




ENERGY FROM WASTEWATER







More than twice the energy to supply the campus

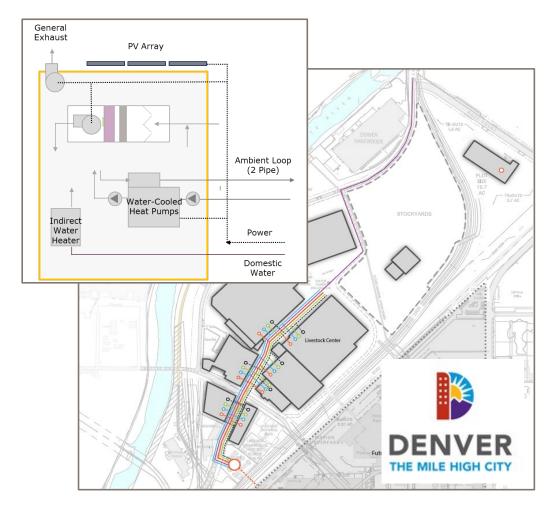




TECHNOLOGY VALIDATION

- Issued RFI to assess market interest
- Responses validated feasible technologies
- Developed concept design for procurement
- Selected EAS Energy Partners (Enwave, AECOM, Saunders)
- Intense use of partnerships throughout

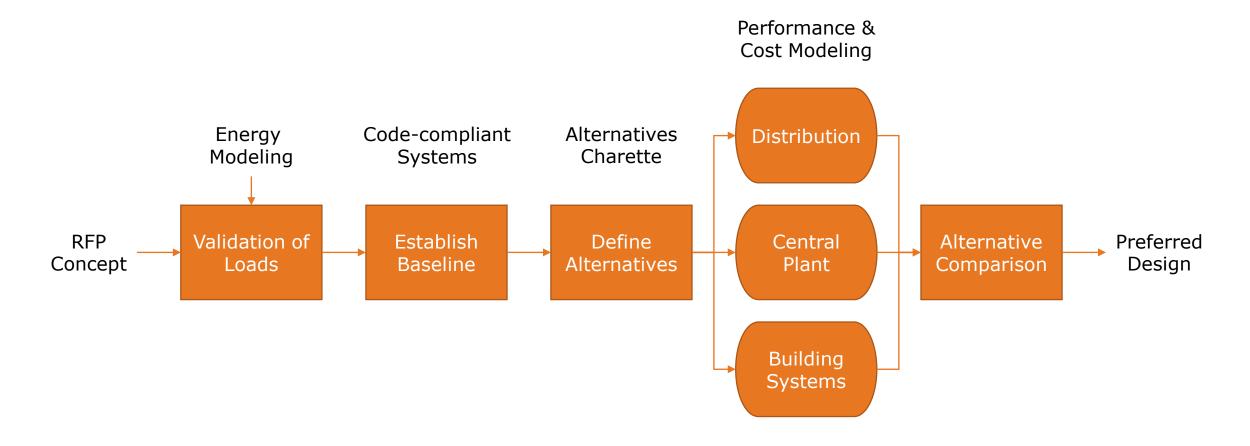








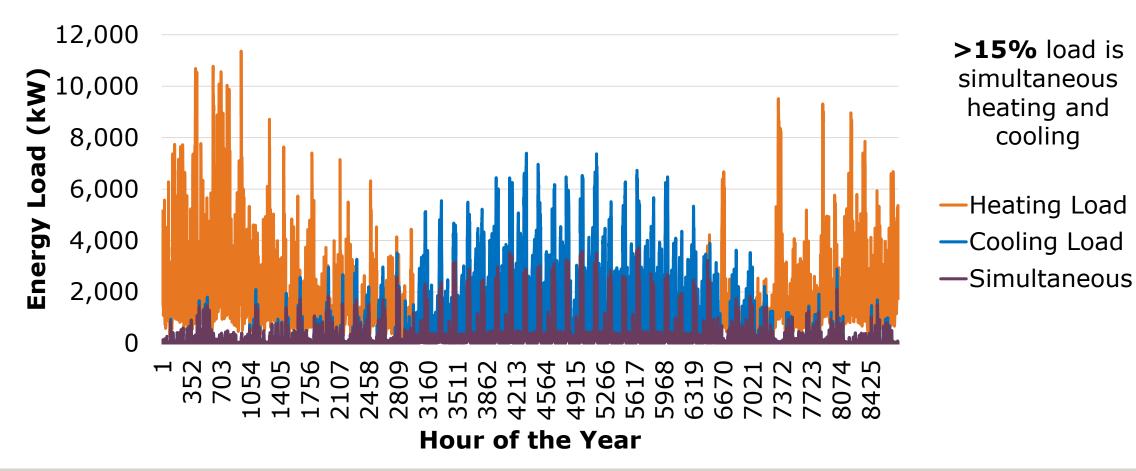
CONFIRM / OPTIMIZE APPROACH







DESIGN DEMAND PROFILE







ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

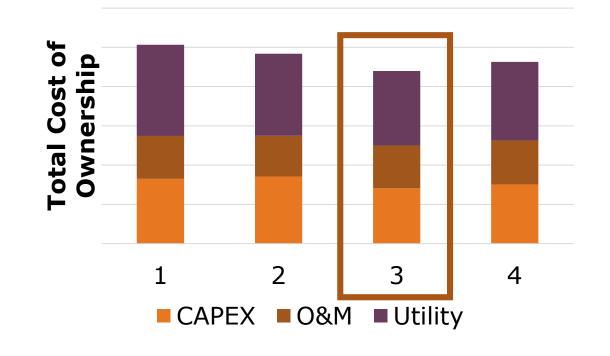
Alternatives

1) 2-pipe: Boilers + Cooling Towers

2) 4-pipe: Boilers + Chillers

 2-pipe: SHR (HEx) + Boilers + Cooling Towers

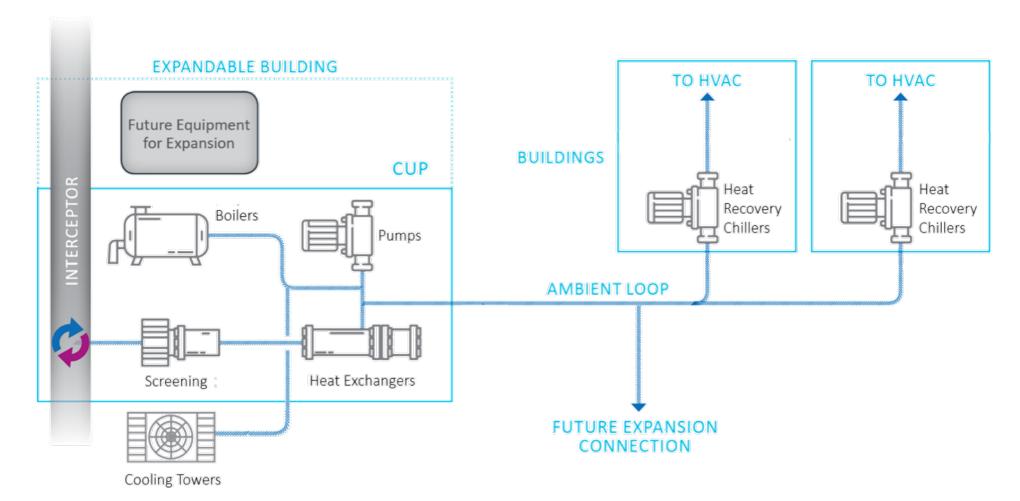
4) 4-pipe: SHR (Heat Pumps) + Boilers + Chillers







DESIGN SOLUTION







OPTIMIZING OPERATIONS: THE ENWAVE OPERATING SYSTEM

A systematic approach across North America

- Performance management
- Knowledge sharing
- Procurement
- Technology development
- National Operating Center
 - Remote monitoring and control
 - Real-time optimization software





LESSONS LEARNED

- 1. You need the right team at the table:
 - Project champions
 - Top decision-makers
 - Cross-disciplinary representation

2. Transparency in evaluation is key. Ensure everyone understands the key levers.









LESSONS LEARNED

3. Plan enough time to develop the baseline in detail, including input from all key stakeholders

4. Plan how to accommodate changes for buildings that are still early in the design process.

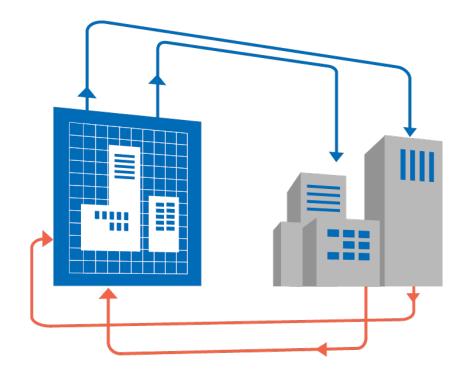




LESSONS LEARNED

5. Design coordination for ambient systems is more complex than for hot and chilled water systems

6. Be flexible in construction approach to gain efficiencies in systems for new developments

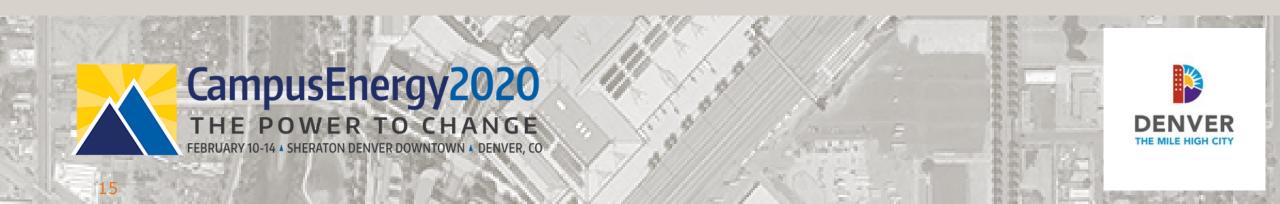






QUESTIONS?

www.nationalwesterncenter.com



THANK YOU

Laura Rip

Calum Thompson

Catherine Thorn

Jacobs









