Integration of District Energy in Planned Mixed Use, High Density Development

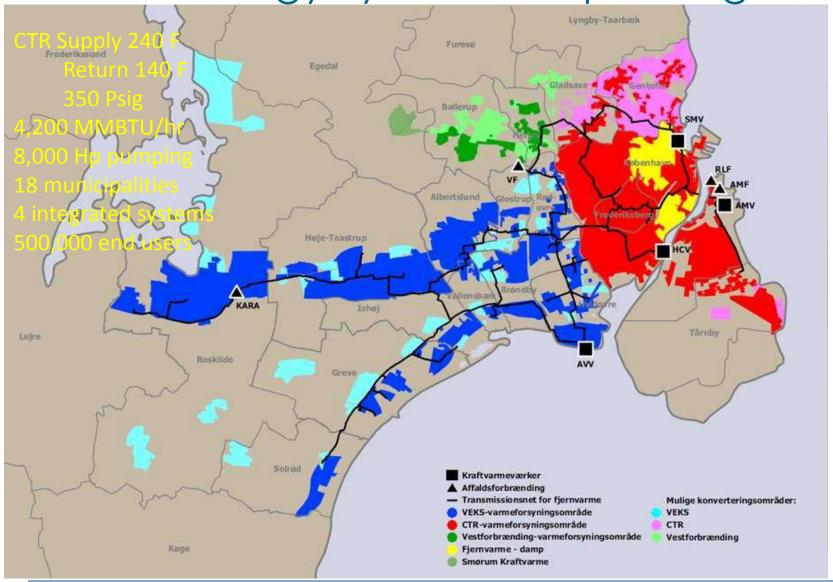
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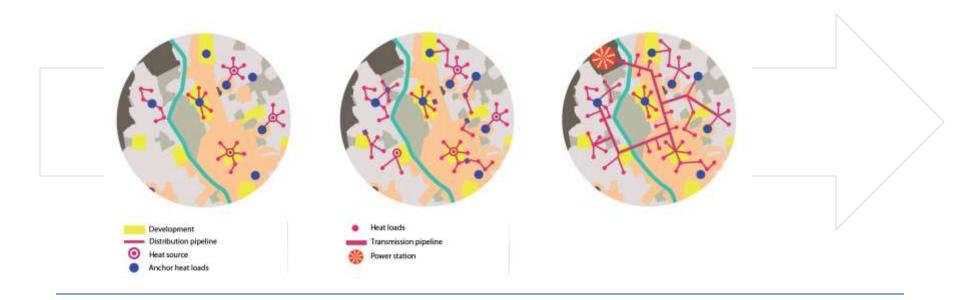


District Energy Systems: Copenhagen

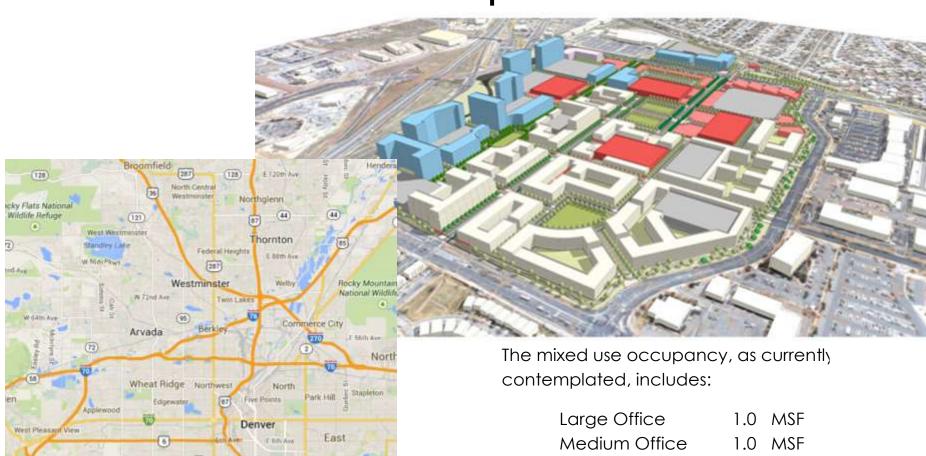


### Evolution of Clusters

- District Energy as a modular concept
- District ready building systems
- Energy Clusters/Anchor Loads
- Integrate energy density into urban planning



# Example



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Green Mountain Park

Lakewood

Retail

Total

Restaurant

Residential

Hotel/Conference

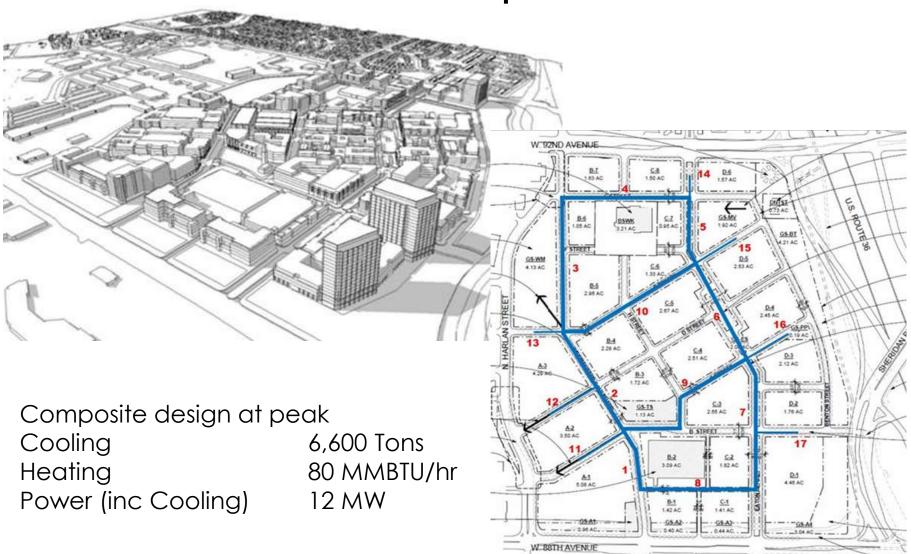
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# Example



## The Screening Tool

#### Inputs

- Location
- Building Types, Size, Age
- Utility Costs
- Finance Costs
- District Energy Alternative
- Conversion Efficiency
- Construction Costs
- Labor Costs
- Project Phasing

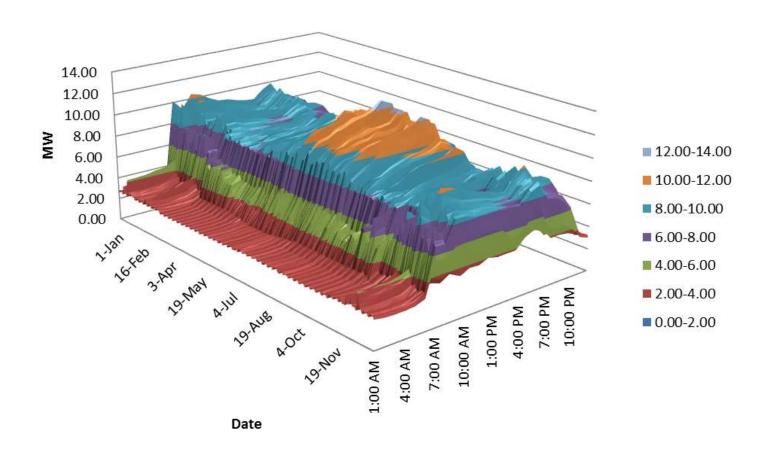
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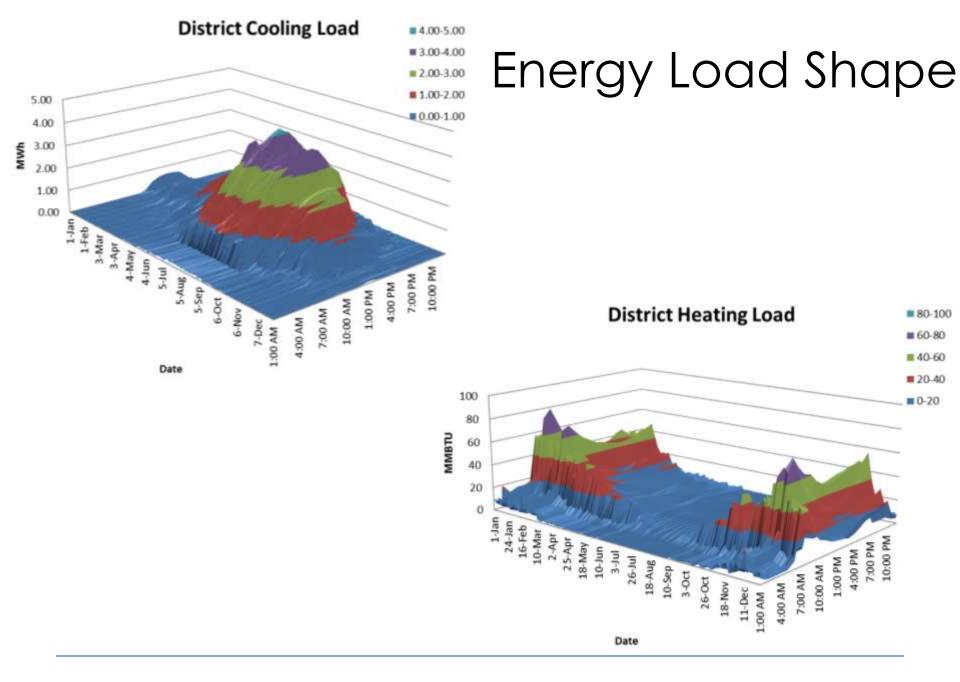
- Energy Load Profile
- 20 year Cash Flow Projection
  - Capital Expense
  - Operating Expense
- Simple Payback of Alternatives
- Return on Investment of Alternatives



# Energy Load Shape

#### **District Electric Demand**

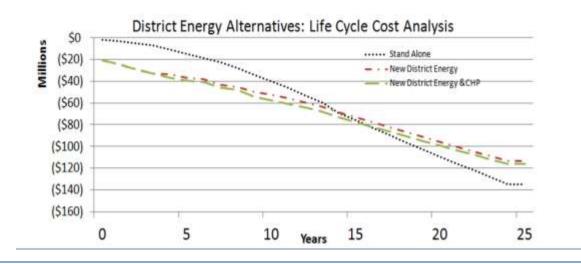




## Life Cycle Economic Evaluation

	Stand Alone	District Energy	District Energy + CHP
Project Capital Distribution	\$0	-\$14,086,917	-\$14,086,917
Project Capital Heating & Cooling Equiptment	-\$33,338,964	-\$25,677,946	-\$25,677,946
Project Capital CHP	\$0	\$0	-\$6,438,686
Total Project Capital	-\$33,338,964	-\$39,764,863	-\$46,203,549
-Operation Cost	-\$180,425,015	-\$126,648,767	-\$122,039,431
-Project Capital + Operation Cost	-\$213,763,979	-\$166,413,629	-\$168,242,981
Total Life Cycle Cost Net Present Value	-\$131,785,834	-\$109,615,316	-\$110,762,193
(Lower Number - More Attractive)			

\*\* Included Debt Service



## Challenges

 Return on investment and developer Interest

Energy load density and duration

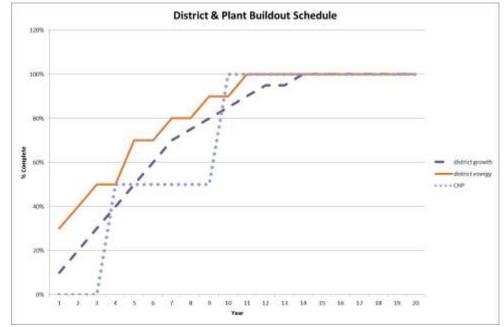
Utility roadblocks

## ROI and Developer Challenges

Slow projected build out

Marginal incentive to building developer

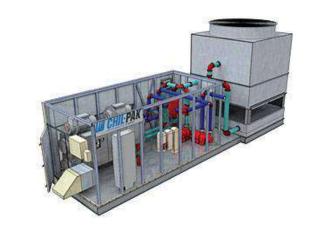
Questions of Risk



## ROI and Developer Opportunities

Slow projected build out

Begin with "district ready" modular heating, cooling



Marginal initial incentive to building developer

Remove energy plant from building costs

Questions of Risk

Solve Ownership, Operation and Governance

## Density and Duration Challenges

Low Rise Residential

ASHRAE 90.1, LEED,
 Net Zero, Deep Green

 Separated Sensible and Latent Cooling



#### Density and Duration Opportunities

- Low Rise Residential
- Encourage high density occupants and diversity to improve load shapes.
- Masterplan utility corridors for most cost effective piping methods, materials, alignments
- ASHRAE 90.1, LEED, Net Zero, Deep Green
- Diversity, diurnal and seasonal thermal energy storage
- Separated sensible and latent in building design
- Design chilled water loop to encourage cascading energy use

#### Utility Interconnect Challenges

- Franchise agreements and electrical interconnection
- Net metering requirements
- Time of Use, Demand Response
- Influence of increasing renewable generation

# Diurnal Thermal Energy Storage



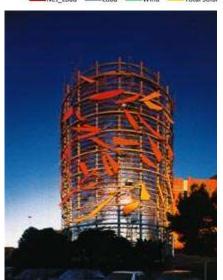
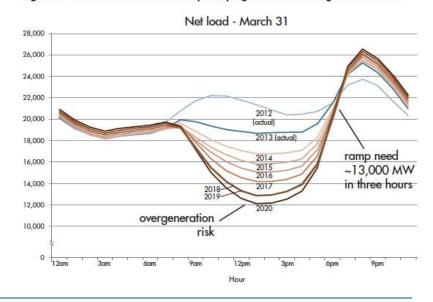
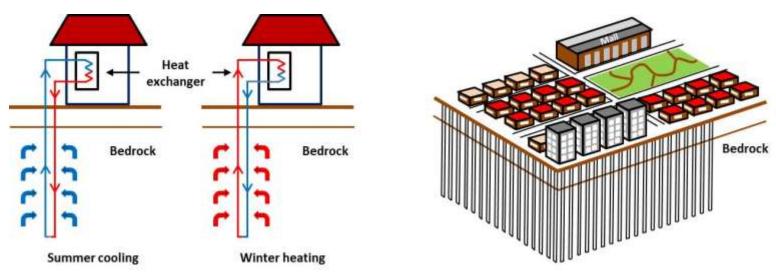




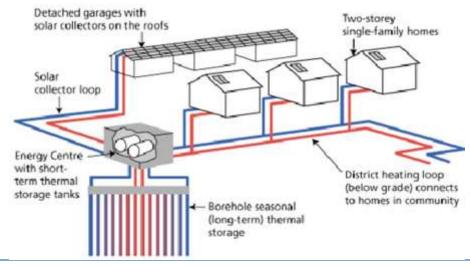
Figure 2: The duck curve shows steep ramping needs and overgeneration risk



## Seasonal Energy Storage



**Drake Landing** 



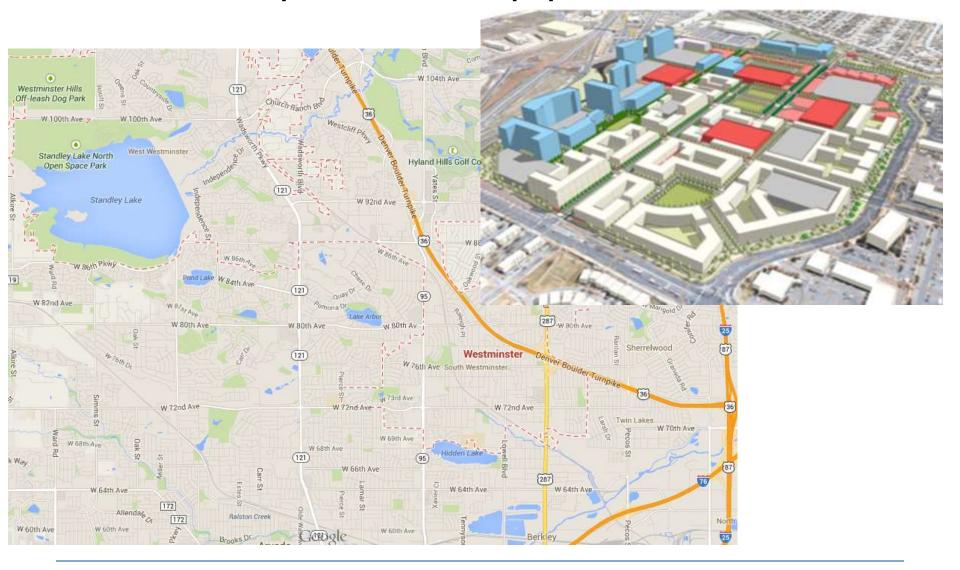
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#### HALIFAX HARBOUR TEMPERATURES



## Unexplored Opportunities



## Summary

Many challenges to integrating District Energy into planned mixed use communities.

Aggregated load density and shape planning a necessary early element of concept.

Near term Return on Investment using current energy, water, carbon costs may marginalize value of district energy

Resource economics and integrated cascading infrastructure