

# LONG-TERM INTEGRATED ENERGY PLANNING FOR LOW-CARBON DISTRICT ENERGY

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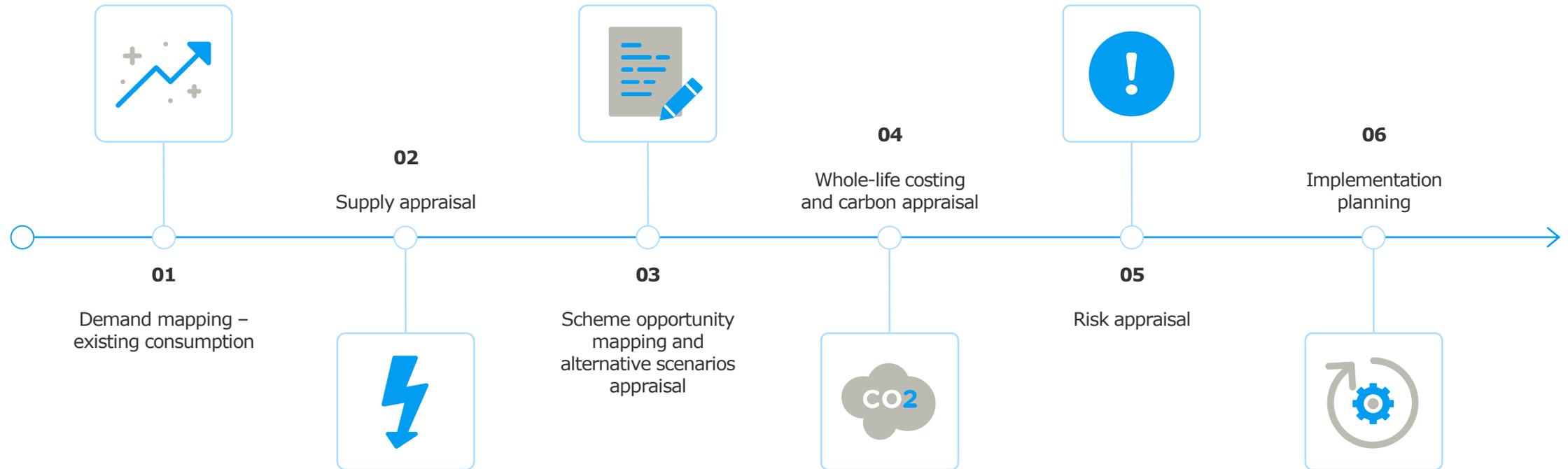
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# ENERGY MASTERPLANNING PROCESS



# OUR PROCESS

## APPROACH TO ENERGY PLANNING "WHERE IT STARTS"

### SCOPING ASSESSMENT

Height, density and orientation of buildings

Consumption of energy for electricity, heating and cooling

Daylight and degree day impacts

Understanding existing infrastructure and other influences



### DETAILED ENERGY MODELING

Using software tools running multiple scenarios



### ENERGY SUPPLY STRATEGIES

Geographic distribution of the heating, cooling and electricity loads of an urban area

Costs and benefits analysis of district energy (heating/cooling) against individual systems

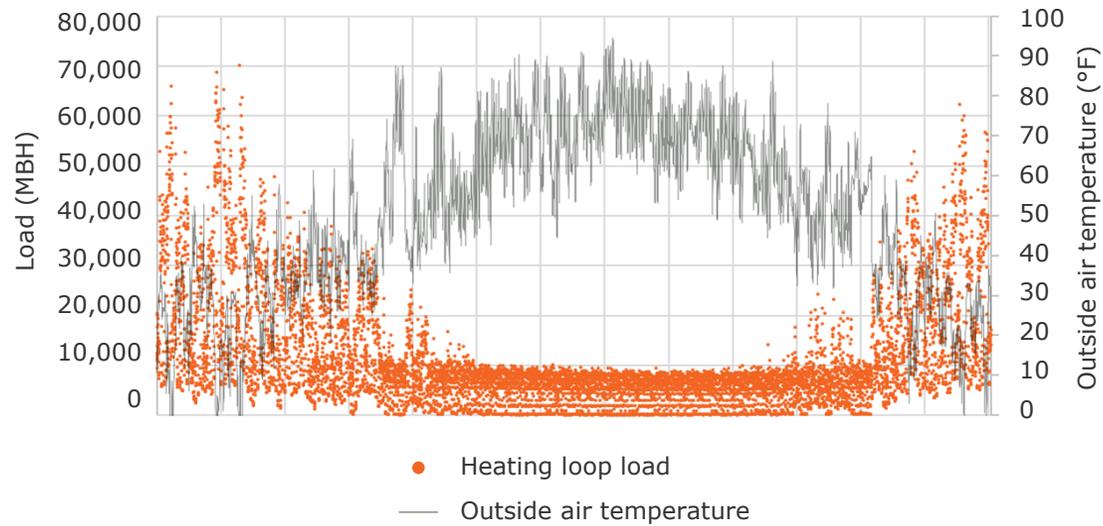
Assessment of alternative energy supply options, such as wind energy, solar, combined heat and power, heat pumps, thermal energy storage, geothermal, etc



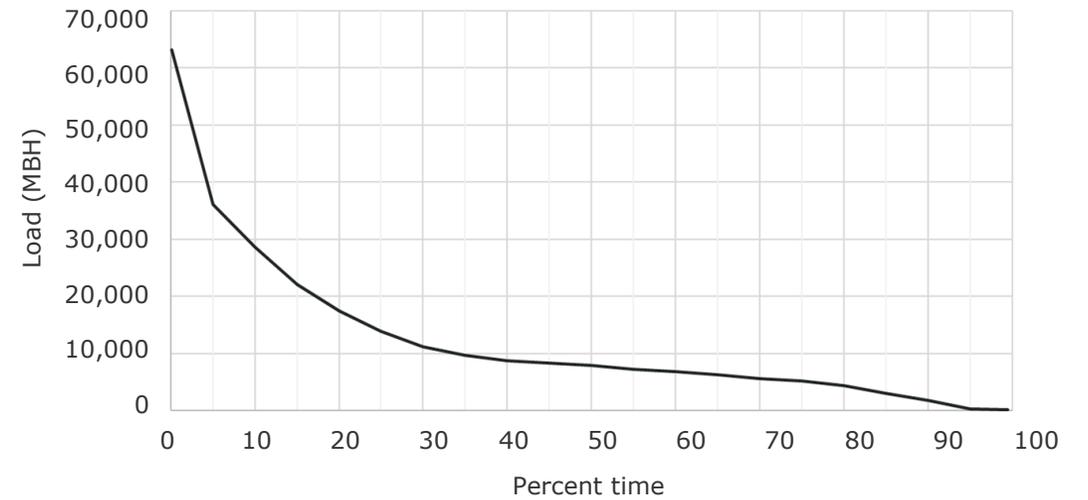
# UNDERSTANDING ENERGY USE - EXAMPLE HEATING DATA ANALYSIS

## INTERVAL DATA

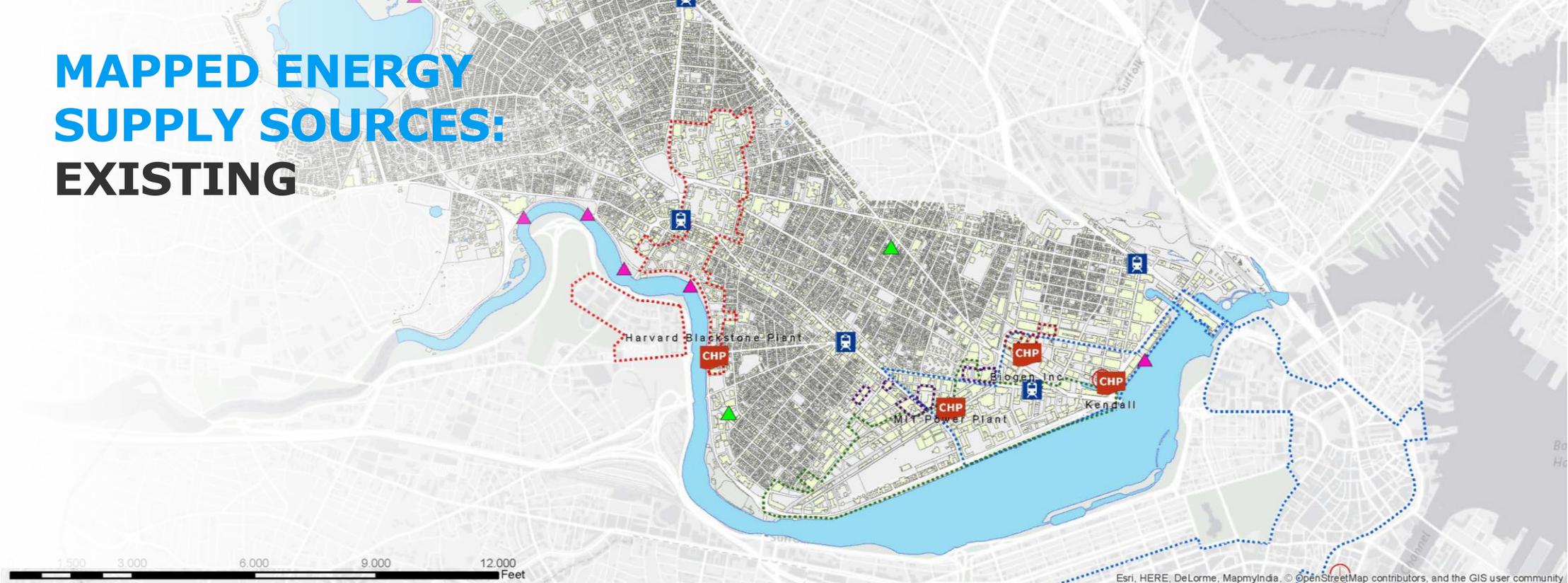
Heating loop load



Heating load duration curve



# MAPPED ENERGY SUPPLY SOURCES: EXISTING



Landuse parcels	Harvard Steam System Area	BIOGEN Steam System Area	Combined heat and power	MBTA Stations
Buildings	MIT	Novartis Steam System Area	Steam Generating Plant	Waste Water Storage Point
Water Bodies with cooling / heating potential	Veolia Service Territory	Transformer Station		

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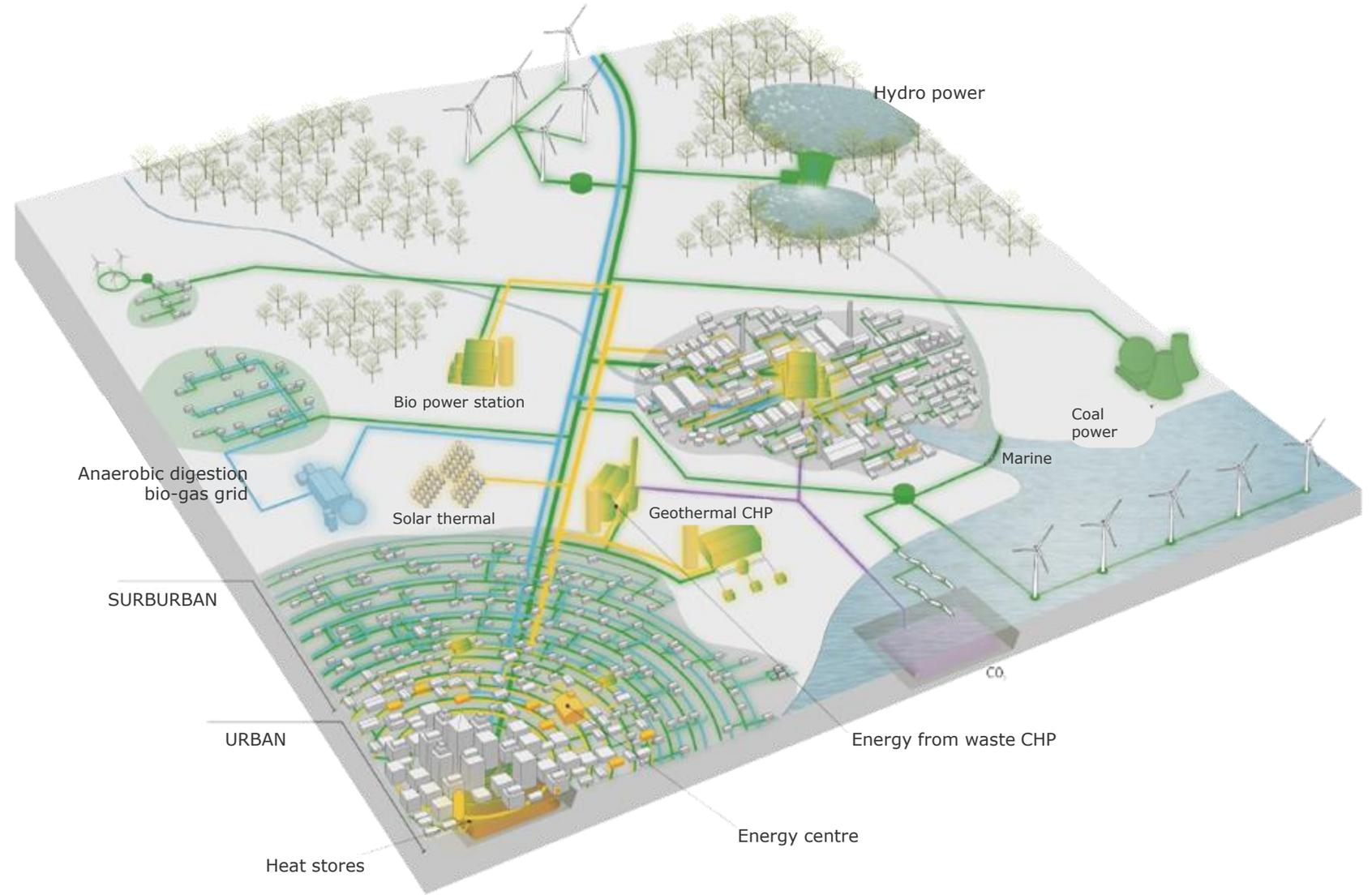
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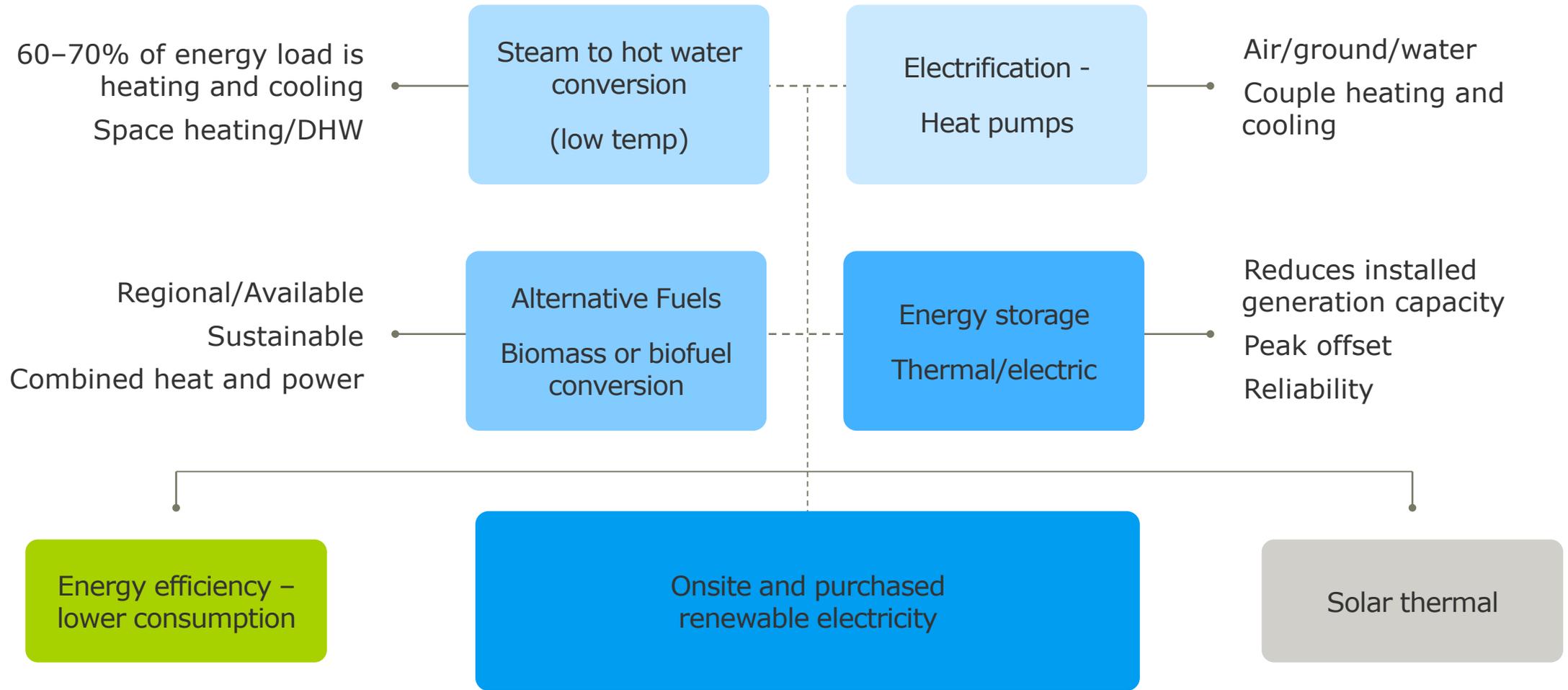
# SUPPLY APPRAISAL

District energy infrastructure allows communities to capture thermal energy from a wide range of sources

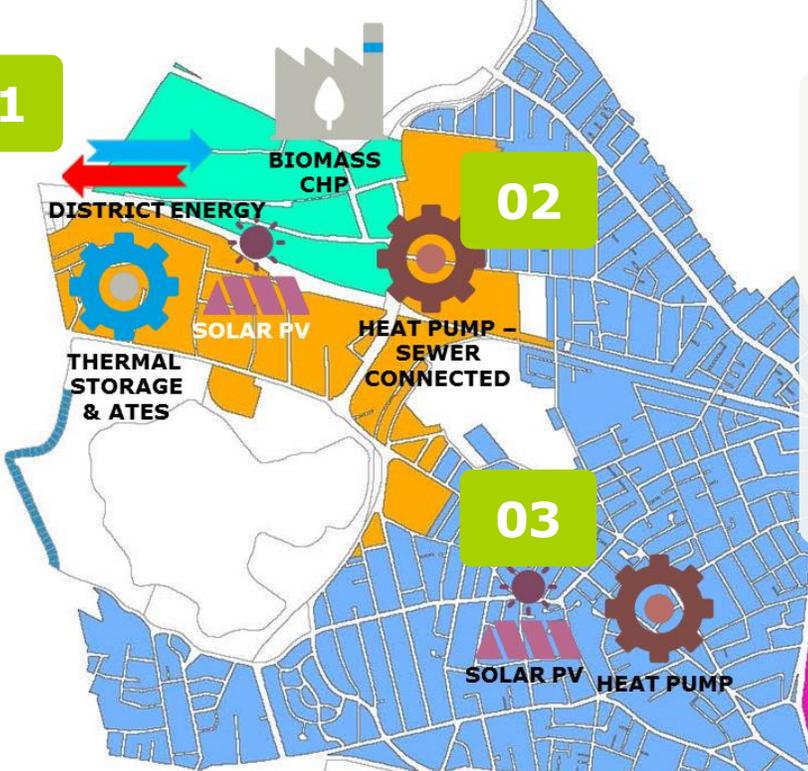
Identify alternative supply options



# POTENTIAL LOW-CARBON ENERGY SUPPLY OPTIONS



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### EXAMPLE DHC SCENARIO PER ZONE

01 District energy

02 Biomass CHP

03 Solar PV

04 External RES generation supply

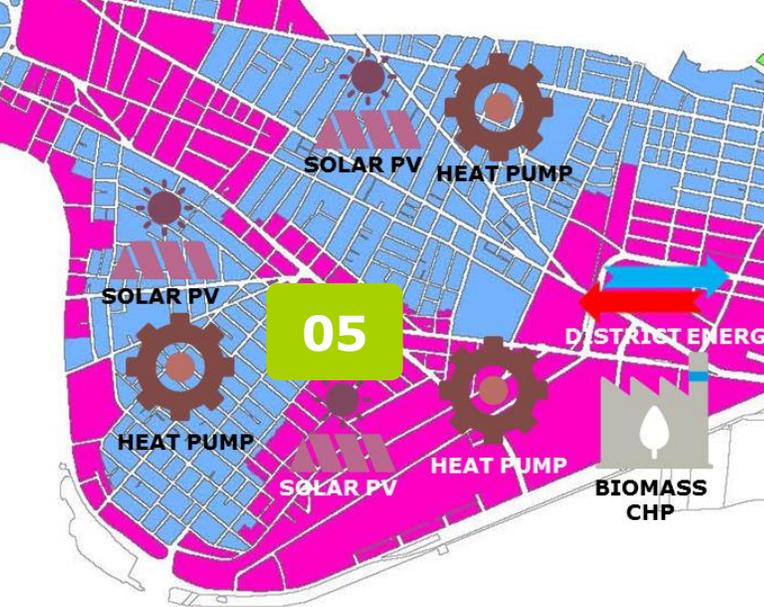
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06 Thermal energy storage

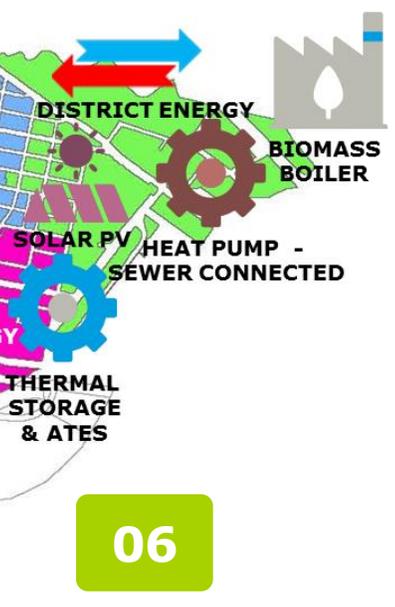
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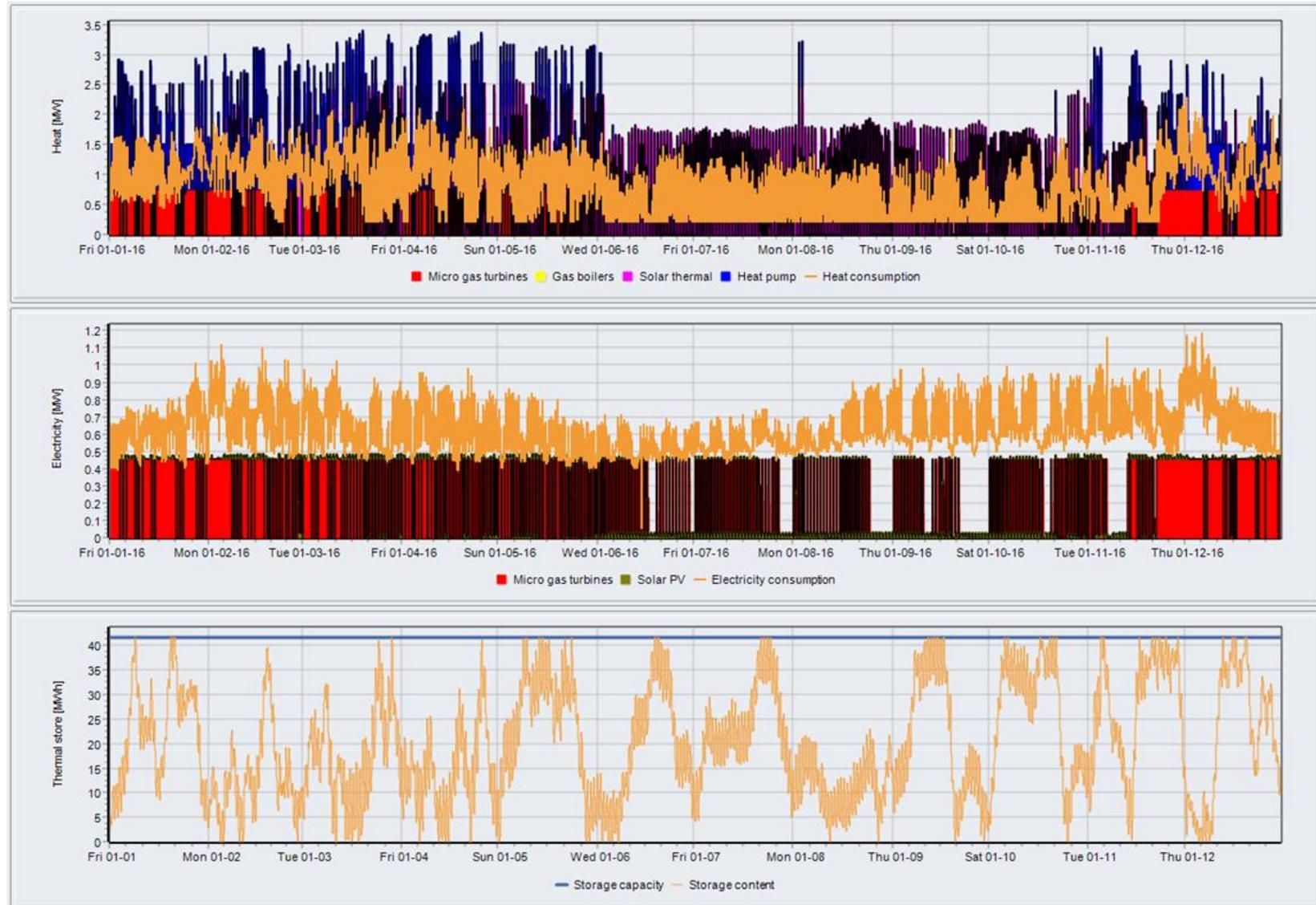
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# COMBINING TECHNOLOGIES AND SOURCES

## SIZING GENERATION OPTIONS



# EVALUATING & SCORING OPTIONS

# LONG-TERM MARGINAL ENERGY PRODUCTION COST COMPARISON



# EMISSION COMPARISON

■ CO2 ■ CH4 ■ N2O ● Marginal CO2



# SCORING MATRIX

## COMPARING OPTIONS

Project	Description	Carbon reduction	Lifecycle cost	CAPEX	OPEX	Innovative technology	Impact to infrastructure	Reduction to water consumption	Social/campus benefit
01	Steam to hot water conversion								
02	Connect campus distribution systems								
03	Biofuels conversion								
04	Geothermal + heat pumps								
05	Thermal storage								
06	Projects 1-3								
07	Projects 1-2 and 4								
08	Projects 1-4								
09	Projects 1-3 and 5								
10	Projects 1-2 and 4-5								
11	Projects 1-5								

Scoring matrix, 1 = Least impactful / benefit / or highest risk, 5 = Most important / benefit / or least risk

Operational cost comparison	Units	Total cost	Annual cost (per year)	Annual savings (per year)	Total savings over 20-year period	Marginal carbon emission (ton/MWh)
Continuous operation on Microturbine and steam system (Base case, both campuses) (A0 + B0)	Million \$	68.90	3.45	---	---	0.62
Continuous operation on Microturbine and conversion of steam system (A0 + B1)	Million \$	61.75	3.09	0.36	7.15	0.44
New DH network covering all of campus with central energy center (gas engine) (C1)	Million \$	58.04	2.90	0.54	10.86	0.46
New DH network covering all of campus with central energy center (gas engine + heat pump + TTES) (C5)	Million \$	55.10	2.75	0.69	13.80	0.43

# IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

- **Goal setting** – carbon neutrality by 2035, transparent, resilient
- **Campus growth / reductions**
- Leverage **existing infrastructure** and condition assessments
- **Long-term thinking** – multi-year and phased approach
- Planning **must be flexible** to account for technology, market and policy changes
- Ownership and engagement – supported by all

## Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance/Cambridge Energy Supply characteristics ambition:

- Clean
- Reliable
- Affordable
- Predictable
- Transparent
- Local control
- Wealth creating
- Innovative
- Just

 **CLIMATE ACTION** WR Reducing Emissions. Enriching Lives.

 **Second Nature**

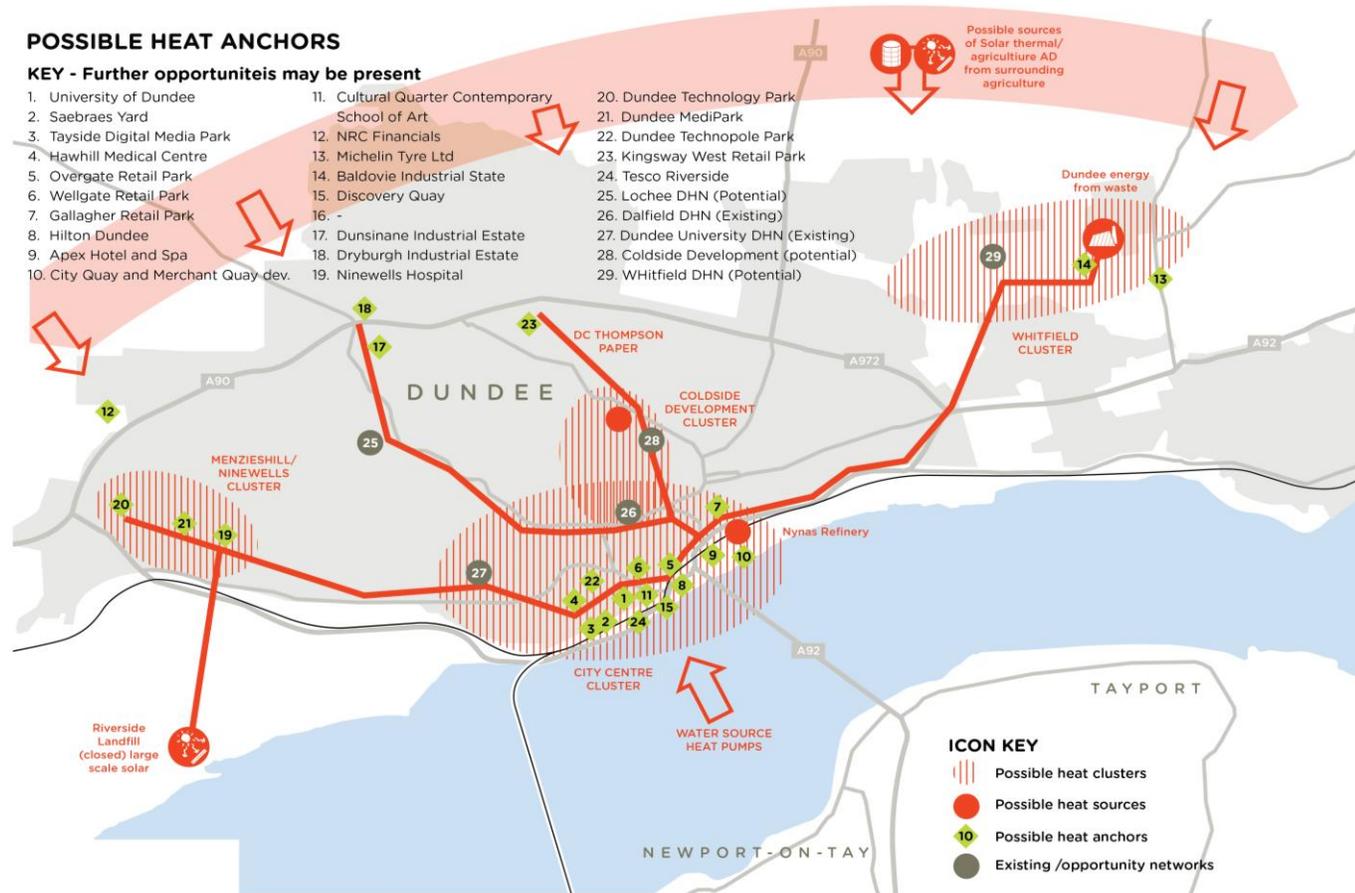
# PHASING & IMPLEMENTATION

# PLANNING & DELIVERING DE OVER TIME

## POSSIBLE HEAT ANCHORS

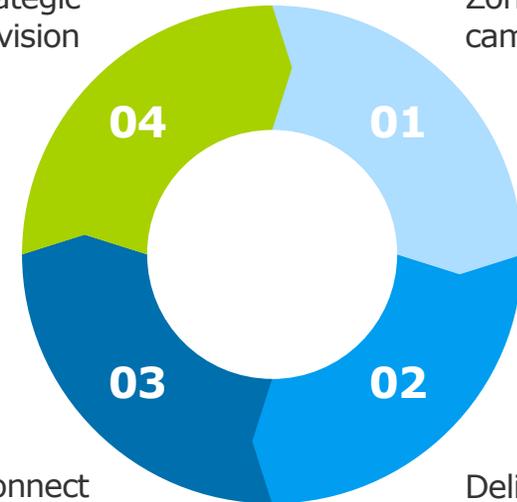
KEY - Further opportunities may be present

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|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. University of Dundee              | 11. Cultural Quarter Contemporary School of Art | 20. Dundee Technology Park           |
| 2. Saebraes Yard                     | 12. NRC Financials                              | 21. Dundee MediPark                  |
| 3. Tayside Digital Media Park        | 13. Michelin Tyre Ltd                           | 22. Dundee Technopole Park           |
| 4. Hawhill Medical Centre            | 14. Baldovie Industrial State                   | 23. Kingsway West Retail Park        |
| 5. Overgate Retail Park              | 15. Discovery Quay                              | 24. Tesco Riverside                  |
| 6. Wellgate Retail Park              | 16. -   | 25. Lochee DHN (Potential)           |
| 7. Gallagher Retail Park             | 17. Dunsinane Industrial Estate                 | 26. Dalfield DHN (Existing)          |
| 8. Hilton Dundee                     | 18. Dryburgh Industrial Estate                  | 27. Dundee University DHN (Existing) |
| 9. Apex Hotel and Spa                | 19. Ninewells Hospital                          | 28. Coldside Development (potential) |
| 10. City Quay and Merchant Quay dev. |   | 29. WHITfield DHN (Potential)        |



Strategic vision

Zone the campus

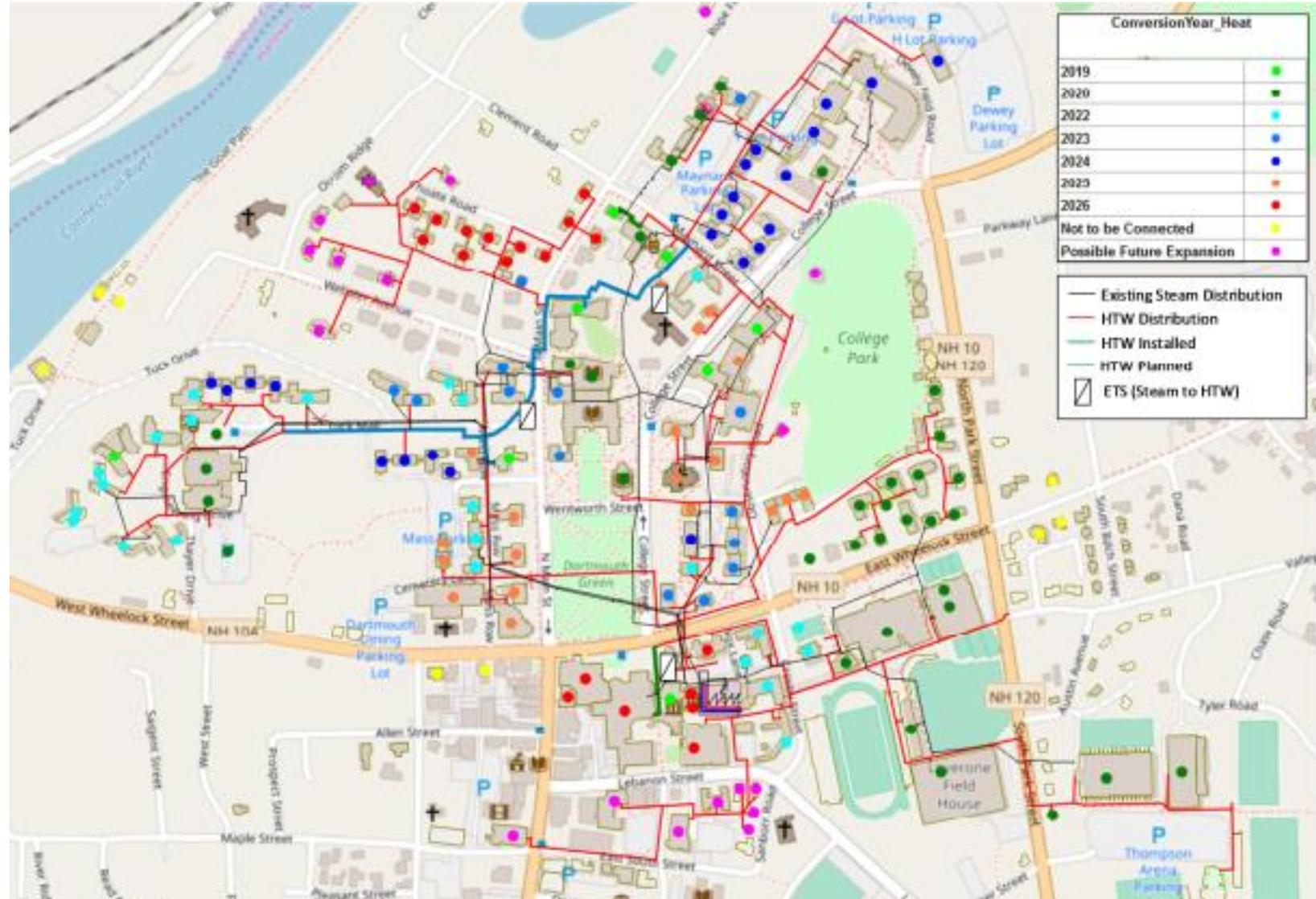


Inter-connect clusters and safeguard the vision

Deliver the clusters

# EXAMPLE PHASING PLAN BY YEAR

- Safety
- Minimize Impact to Campus Operations
- Maintain Supply
- Reliability
- Capacity of staff
- Achieve carbon / energy reduction milestones



# CHALLENGES TO BE ADDRESSED AS PART OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

## COMMERCIAL & FINANCIAL

High investment costs and long development timescales  
Complex stakeholder arrangements



## CAPACITY & APPETITE TO DELIVER

Internal resources, funds, relevant skills  
Access to finance



## TECHNICAL CHALLENGES

Retrofitting costs (building temperatures and heating systems)  
Energy demand density  
Existing utilities and grid connection



# PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS – WHAT ARE PEOPLE DOING

# LOW-CARBON ENERGY SUPPLY STUDY, CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Ramboll was appointed by the City of Cambridge to develop a low-carbon energy supply strategy to be used to help the city achieve their “net zero” target for 2040. Achieving the net zero objective will require a significant shift in the supply of energy to Cambridge buildings — away from fossil-fuel-based sources and toward low- or zero-carbon sources. Ramboll will study the existing energy use across the city and the sources of supply, look into the possibilities for the future low-carbon supply and create a road map for the city.

# CAMPUS DECARBONIZATION PLAN - BROWN UNIVERSITY

**75% Reduction by 2025 and Carbon Neutral by 2040**

**2020** – 40 MW Solar PV / 8 MW Wind / Thermal Efficiency Project – remove steam and lower hot water temperature 50% total carbon reduction

**2023** - Liquid Biofuel Conversion of Central Plant – 80-85% scope 1 carbon reduction

**2024-2035** – Building renovations / Lower hot water loop temperature to 185° F

\*Continue to evaluate low carbon technologies

**2035-2040** – Electrical upgrades and convert CEP to Air Source Heat Pumps (ASHP)

# CAMPUS CARBON NEUTRALITY AND ENERGY PLAN - TUFTS UNIVERSITY

## Carbon Neutral by 2050

Local ordinance must see carbon reduction every 5 years & New Combined heat and power plant – natural gas as transition fuel

**Years 1-5** – Liquid biofuels conversion of all boilers / 450 kW Solar PV / Geothermal GSHP on East Campus

**Years 6-10** – Steam to hot water conversion of DH system / Building renovations / 450 kW Solar PV over geothermal field / 1 MW Fuel Cells on Lower Campus / Expand Centralized District Cooling

**Years 10-20** – Re-evaluate CHP system and optimize hot water network

**Year 20 & Beyond** – Convert CHP to low carbon technology or carbon neutral fuel

# CAMPUS MASTER ENERGY PLAN - SMITH COLLEGE

**Committed to the ACUPCC and Carbon Neutral by 2030**

**Phase 1** – RFO Liquid Biofuel Conversion of CEP Boilers

**Phase 2** – Steam to hot water conversion of district heating network

**Phase 3** – Geothermal GSHP system

**Phase 4** – Conversion of existing CHP to biofuel or decommissioning

# GREEN ENERGY PROJECT - DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

**Improve transmission & distribution efficiency** by 20% by 2030

**Energy supply from renewable sources** – 50% by 2025 and 100% by 2050

**Reduce Scope 1 & 2 GHG Emissions** – 50% by 2025 , 80% by 2050, and carbon negative by 2051

## 2020-2025

**Buildings** – converting from steam to hot water / efficiency improvements

**District energy** – convert from steam to hot water and expand central cooling

Solar PV and renewable electricity procurement

## 2026-2030

**Generation** – Build new wood biomass central plant (CHP possible) with liquid biofuel backup / peaking boilers

Continued development of renewable electricity sources

# CAMPUS MASTER INTEGRATED ENERGY PLAN - HUMBER COLLEGE, TORONTO, ONTARIO

Reduce source **energy use** by 50% / SF by 2034

Reduce **water** use by 50% by 2034

Reduce total **GHG** emissions by 30% by 2034\*\*

**Phase 1** – Building renovation and efficiency improvements

**Phase 2** – Steam to hot water conversion

**Phase 3** – Convert CEP to low carbon or electrified source

- Geothermal GSHP
- Sewer based WSHP
- Natural gas fired CHP system (negative impact to GHG vs. Electric grid)

# CAMPUS ENERGY CONVERSION - PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

**Campus Integrated Master Plan** – addresses infrastructure, expansion, and sustainability

**Phase 1** – Building renovations / Eliminate steam / Construct low temperature hot water distribution network / Procure 100% renewable electricity

**Phase 2** – Construct new East Energy Center based on geothermal GSHP technology / Couple heating and cooling / Thermal storage systems

**Phase 3** – Decommission CHP & Convert existing West Energy Center to Geoexchange GSHP technology and connect to networks

# CORNELL UNIVERSITY, ITHACA, NEW YORK

**100% Carbon Neutral Energy Campus by 2035 using renewable energy**

**Greenest of the Ivy League Schools** – according to AASHE's STAR program

**Lake Source district cooling** – no refrigerants & reduces electrical consumption for cooling by 85%

## **What's next:**

North Campus Expansion Solar PV Project

Campus district heating steam to hot water conversion

Deep Geothermal GSHP system with thermal energy storage

Hybrid biofuels for backup and peaking

# THANK YOU

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