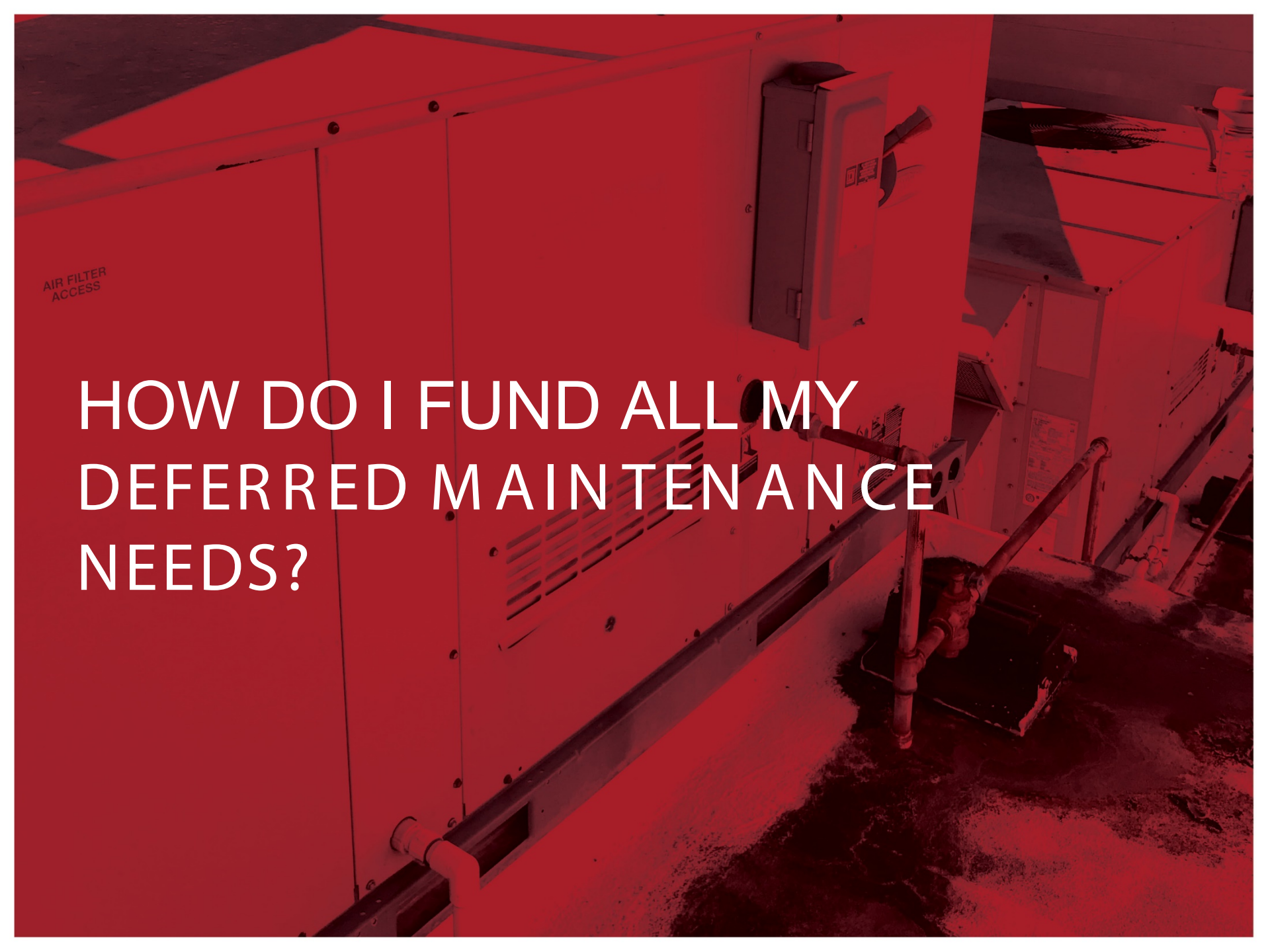


A photograph of industrial equipment, likely part of a central plant, featuring large black cylindrical units on green stands, connected by white pipes. The image is partially overlaid with a green semi-transparent rectangle.

BUTLER UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL PLANT EXPANSION & UPGRADE

A photograph of a rooftop HVAC unit with a red overlay. The unit is a large, light-colored metal box with various pipes and electrical components. A label on the left side of the unit reads "AIR FILTER ACCESS". The text "HOW DO I FUND ALL MY DEFERRED MAINTENANCE NEEDS?" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

AIR FILTER
ACCESS

HOW DO I FUND ALL MY
DEFERRED MAINTENANCE
NEEDS?

HOW DO WE SERVE NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS WITH EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES?



A photograph of a stone wall, likely part of a building, with a red overlay. The text is centered on the wall. The wall is made of large, rectangular stone blocks. A door is visible on the right side of the wall. The ground in the foreground is covered in snow.

HOW DO WE MAKE THE MOST OF
AVAILABLE FUNDS WHILE
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE?

THE PROJECT

BUTLER UNIVERSITY CHILLED WATER PLAN



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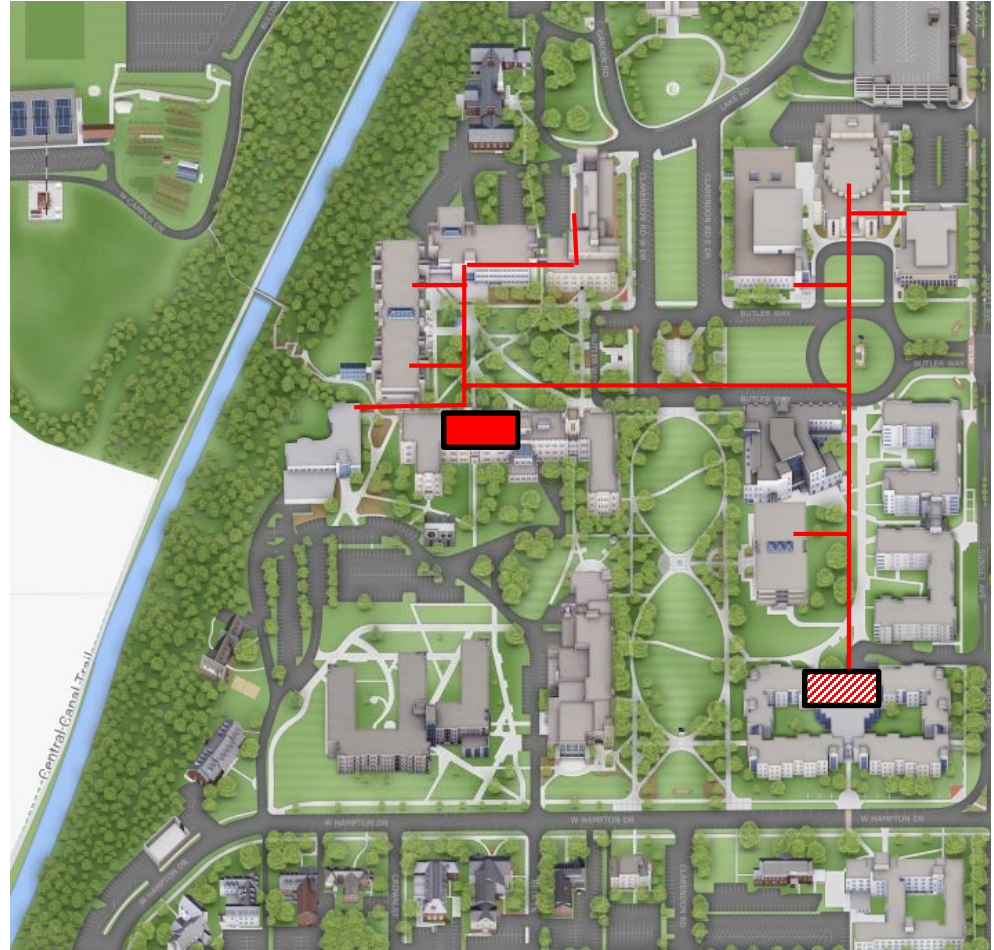
ABOUT BUTLER UNIVERSITY



- Private Institution – Indianapolis, IN
- Founded in 1855
- Current campus since 1928
- 6 colleges
- 300 acres
- 3.1M+ square feet

THE EXISTING PLANT

- Existing plant:
 - 1800 tons, 3 water cooled chillers in Jordan Hall
 - 700 tons, 2 air cooled chillers in ResCo
- 10 buildings, 1.045Msf served

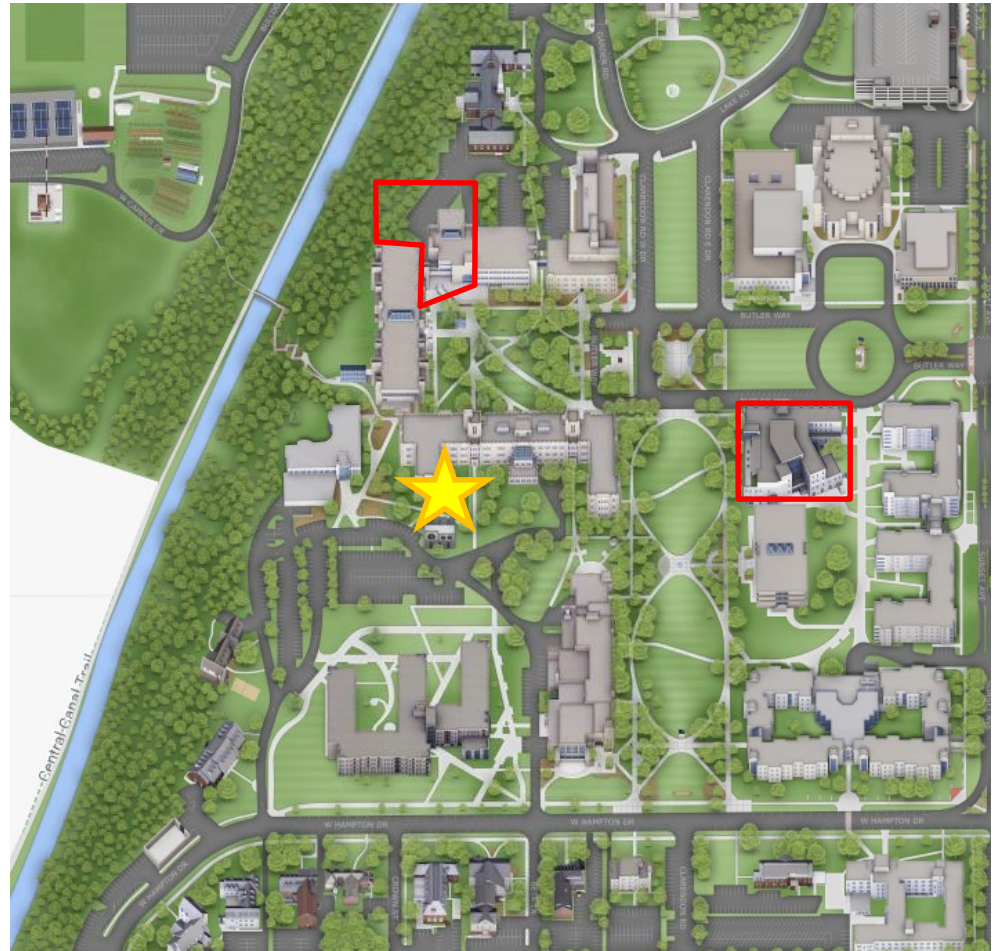


EXISTING CHALLENGES

- “Not enough capacity to cool buildings”
- Chilled water flow issues
- No year-round cooling capability
- Equipment past median expected service life

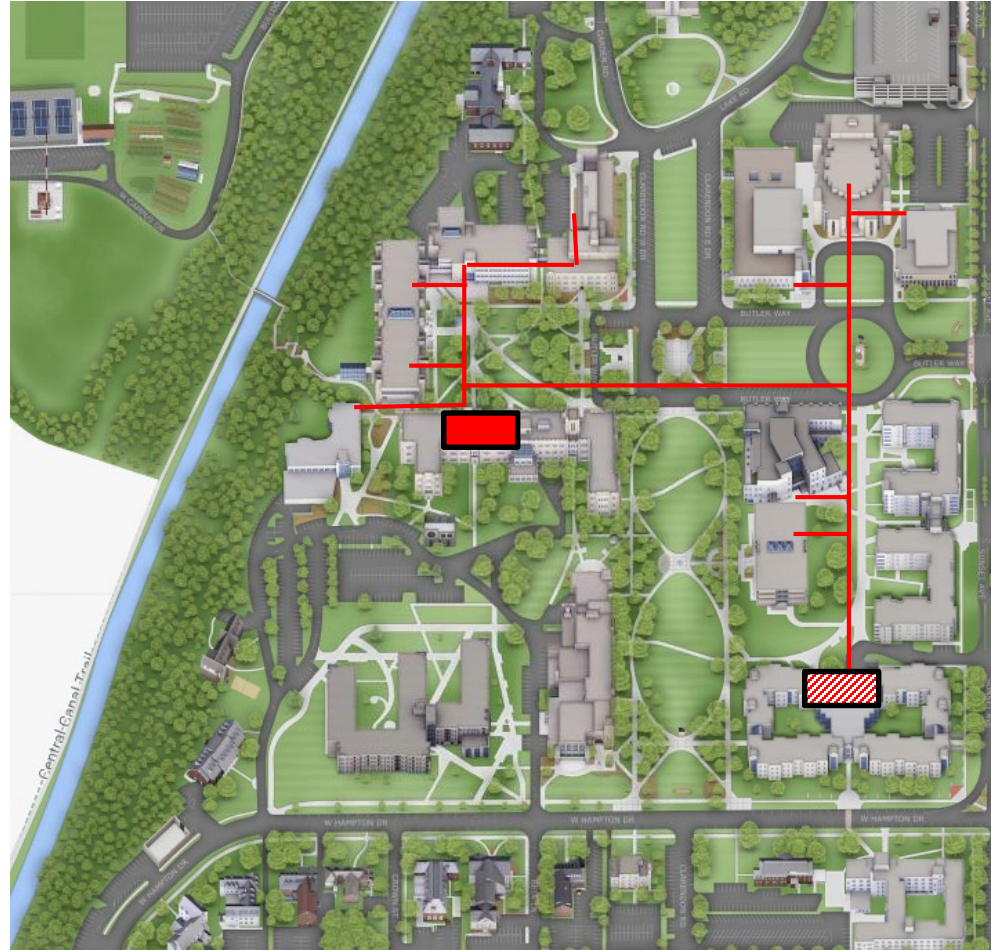
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- 2 new capital projects
- Existing cooling capacity
- Existing plant operational issues
- Challenges in hiring maintenance staff
- Pressure to reduce operational costs
- Campus cooling needs during construction
- Central plant location
 - Existing building
 - Heart of campus



PROJECT STUDY FINDINGS

- Central plant vs. stand alone
- Central plant more cost effective
- Project funding
 - Capital projects
 - Deferred maintenance



PROJECT DETAILS

Project Budget & Team

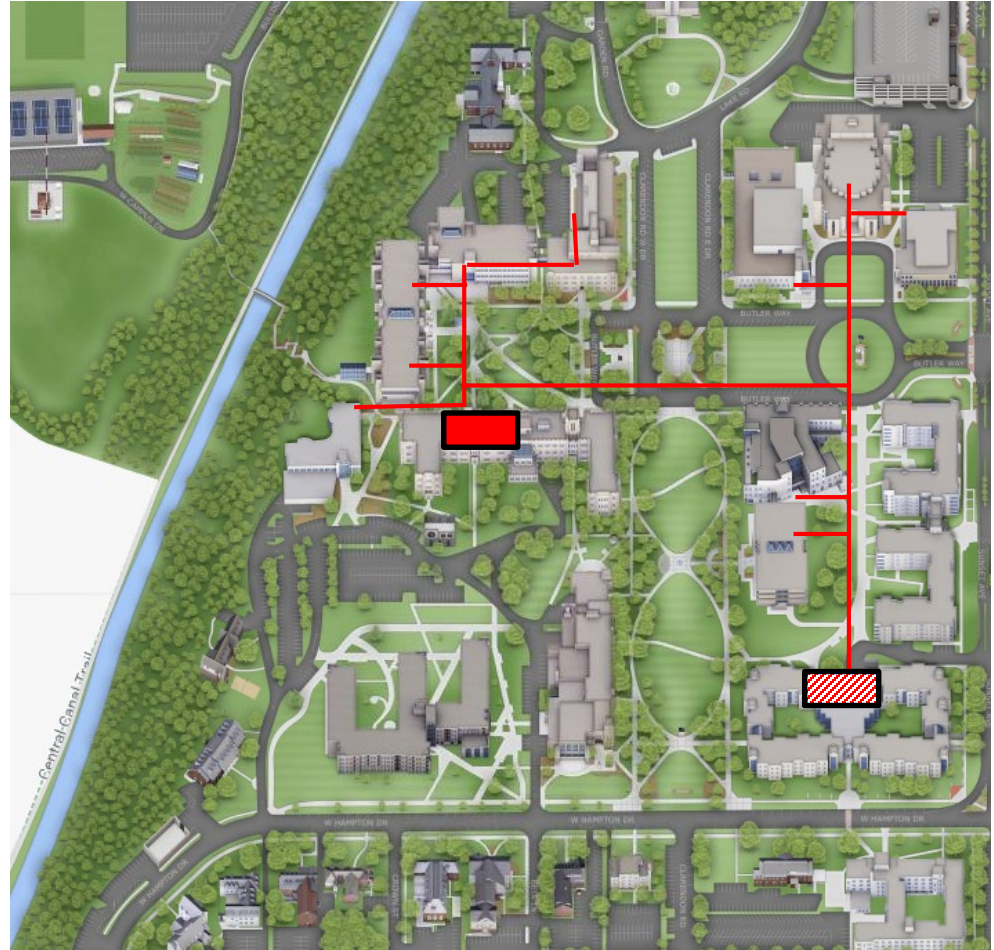
- \$6.6M total project cost
- Aggressive Construction Schedule
- Heapy Engineering – MEP Design
- Pepper Construction – CM
- Browning Day Mullins Dierdorf – Architecture
- CE Solutions – Structure

Unique Project Components

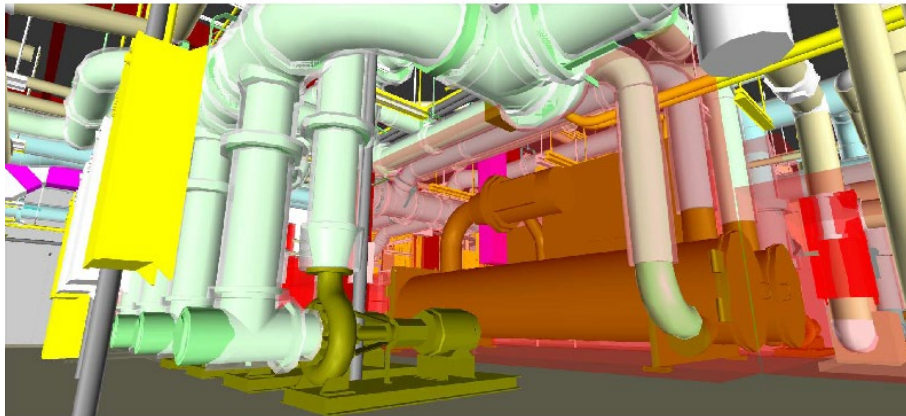
- Technology
 - 3D point cloud survey, Revit
 - BIM Modeling and Navisworks coordination
 - AR Construction Assistance
 - BIM/CMMS Integration
- Operational Considerations
 - Delta T control issues
 - Switch to open controls platform
 - Automated plant operation control
 - Schedule
 - Cooling tower wall
- Chiller selection
 - Pre purchase bid package

PROJECT DETAILS

- New plant:
 - 2700 tons, 3 water cooled chillers in Jordan Hall
 - 700 tons, 2 air cooled chillers in ResCo
- 11 buildings, 1.2Msf served



TECHNOLOGY - CONSTRUCTION

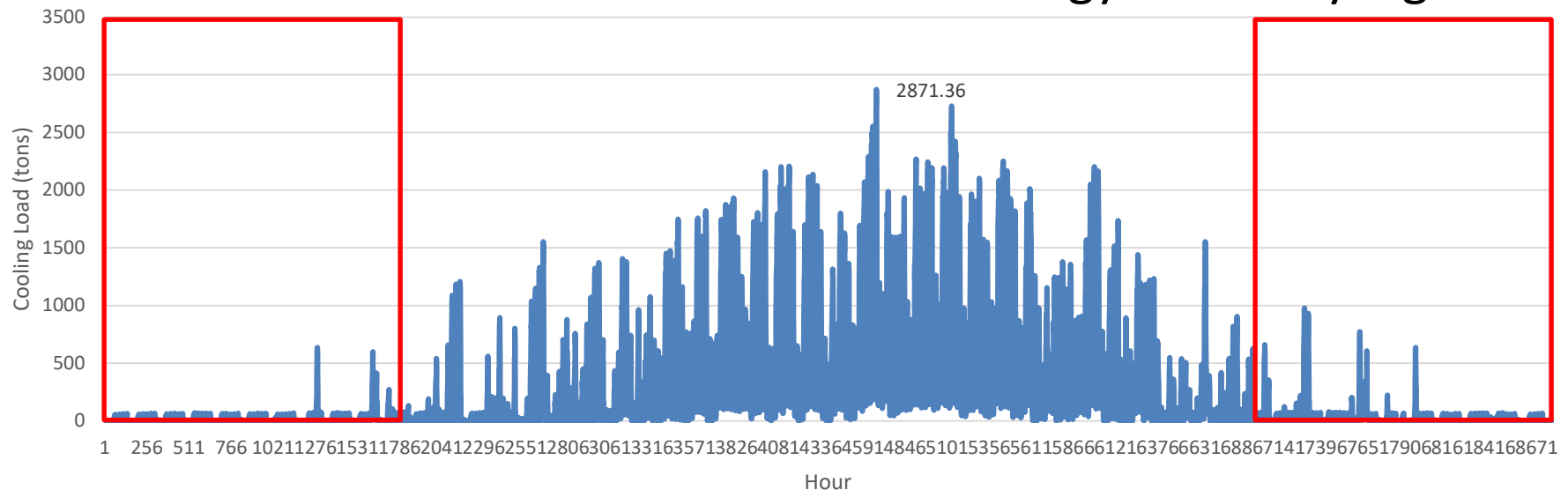


TECHNOLOGY - CONSTRUCTION



EXISTING PLANT ISSUES

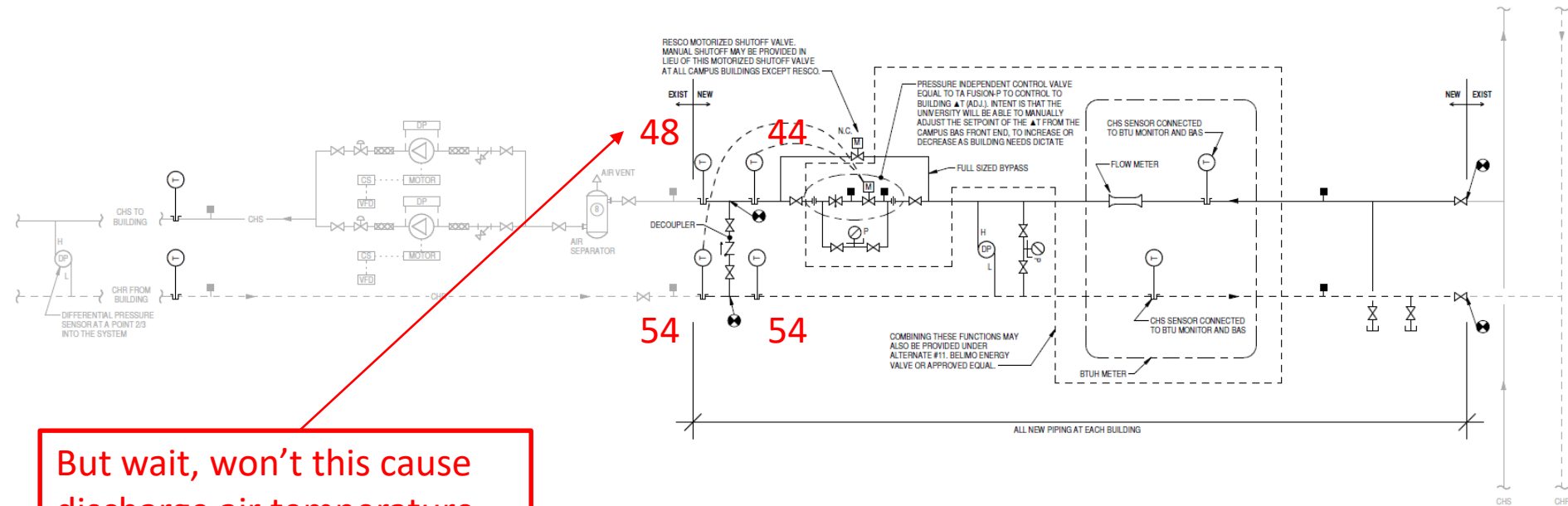
- Issues Identified:
 - Majority of plant controlled in hand
 - Low deltaT issues (often as low as 3-4°F)
 - No year-round operational capabilities
 - Noise concerns
 - Energy Efficiency a goal



DESIGN – ΔT FLOW CONTROL

- Low ΔT issues can be caused by numerous sources:
 - Aging cooling coils or improperly selected coils
 - Three-way valves (bypassing water)
 - Control valve issues (over-flowing coils)
- Low ΔT causes increased pump energy usage due to increased flow required
- ΔT degradation over time is inevitable in large CHW plants and must be addressed over time

DESIGN – ▲ T FLOW CONTROL



But wait, won't this cause discharge air temperature issues leading to space temp loss, humidity issues, etc.?

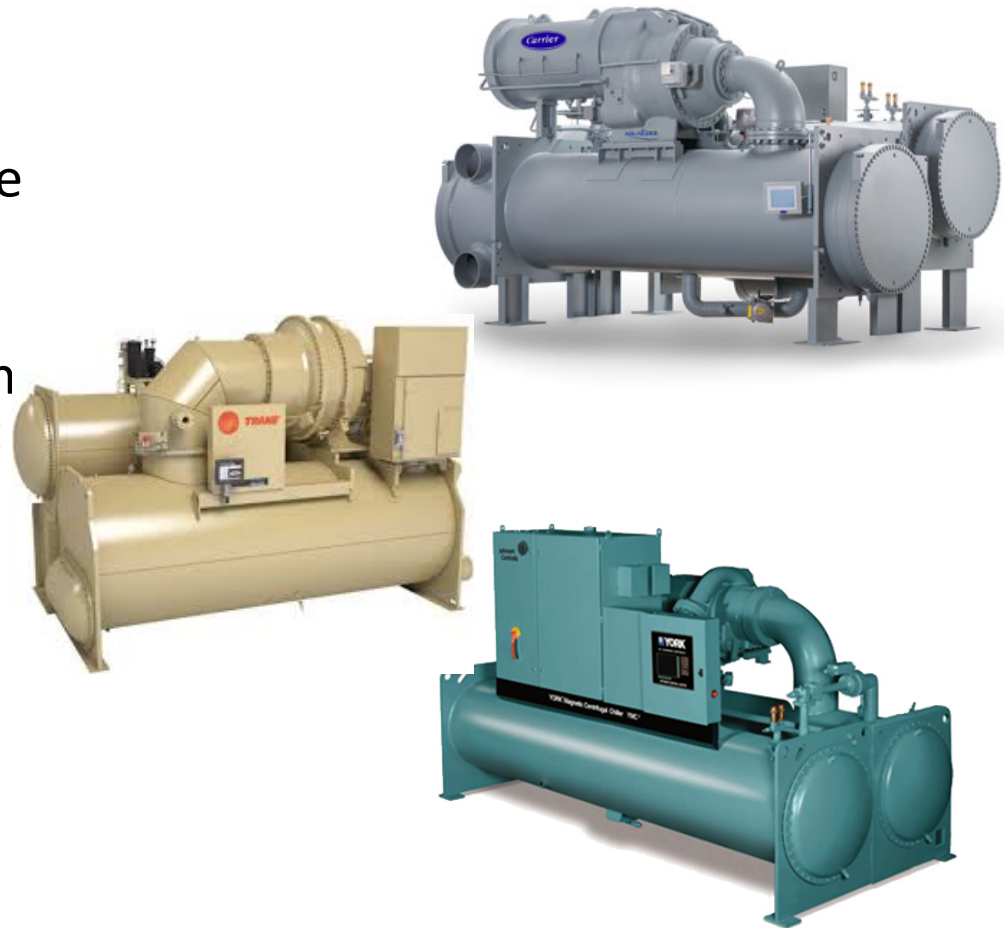
DESIGN – ▲ T FLOW CONTROL

▲ T Benefits:

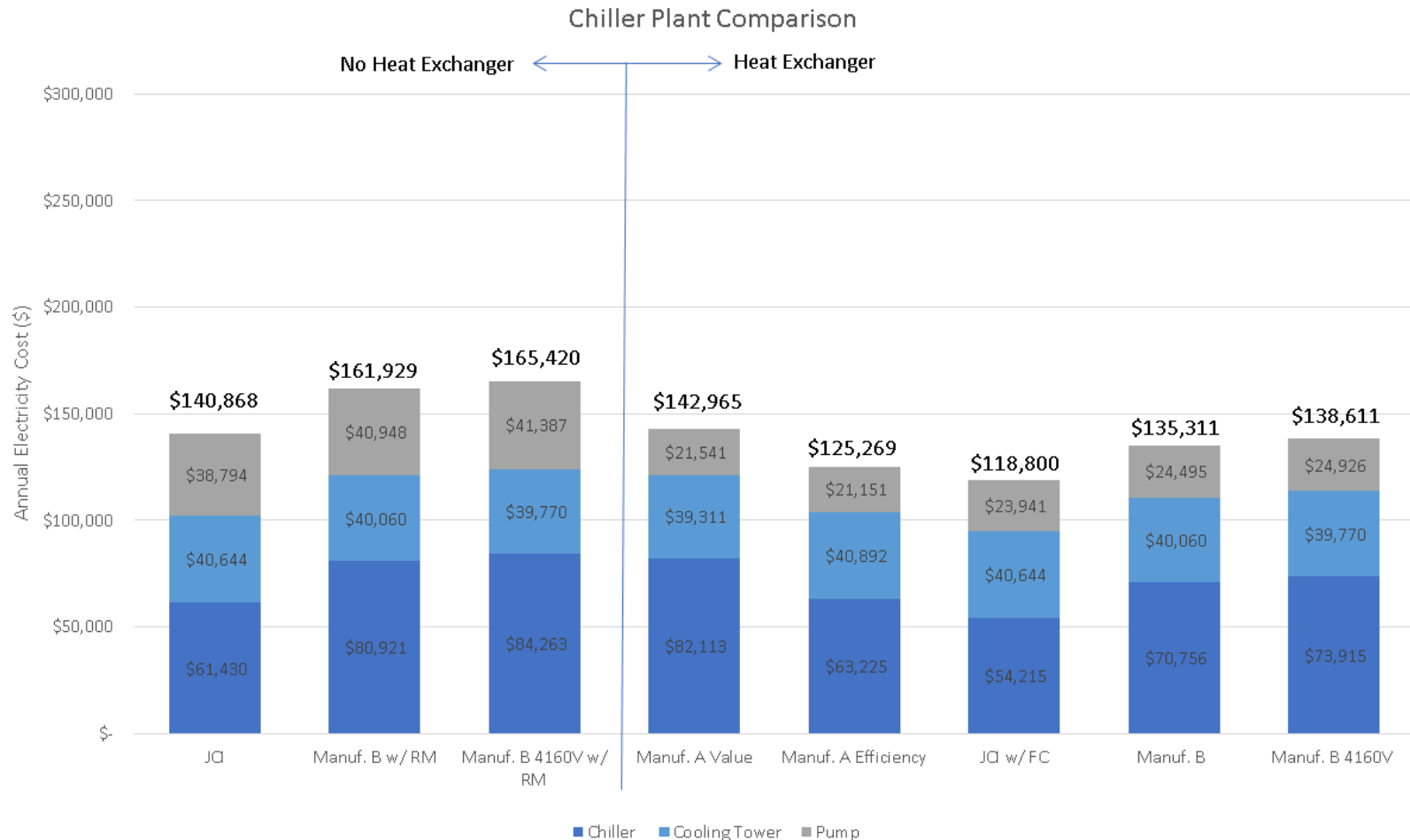
- Decouples buildings
 - Isolates issues
 - Gives operator control over “problem” buildings which negatively affect the plant, thus the whole campus
- Identifies “Problem” Buildings
 - Helps owner identify which buildings are good candidates for AHU replacements, pump/flow building studies, etc.

PREPURCHASE BID PACKAGE

- Chillers
 - Lead times for chillers impacted project schedule
 - Multiple manufacturers' selections evaluated
 - Manufacturers were given flexibility to bid their best options
- Controls
 - “Parts and Smarts”
 - Chiller Plant Optimizer “CPO10” by JCI was purchased



CHILLER BID EVALUATION



CHILLER BID EVALUATION

Alternatives by Electricity Cost

Option No.	Alternative Name	HX	Refrigerant Migration	Description	Plant Capacity (tons)	Total Electricity Cost (\$)
3	JCI			3 x 900 ton chillers	2700	\$ 140,868
4	JCI w/ FC	X		3 x 900 ton chillers	2700	\$ 118,800
2	Manuf. A Efficiency	X		5 x 520 ton chillers	2600	\$ 125,269
5	Manuf. B w/ RM		X	2 x 1000 ton chillers, 1 x 600 ton chiller	2600	\$ 161,929
6	Manuf. B	X		2 x 1000 ton chillers, 1 x 600 ton chiller	2600	\$ 135,311
1	Manuf. A Value	X		4 x 650 ton chillers	2600	\$ 142,965
8	Manuf. B 4160V	X		2 x 1000 ton chillers, 1 x 600 ton chiller	2600	\$ 138,611
7	Manuf. B 4160V w/ RM		X	2 x 1000 ton chillers, 1 x 600 ton chiller	2600	\$ 165,420

CHILLER BID EVALUATION

Alternatives by Electricity Cost

Option No.	HX	Alternative Name	First Cost Bid (\$)	Yearly Electricity Cost (\$)	Additional Electrical Cost From Baseline (\$/year)	30-year Lifetime Additional Cost (\$)	First Cost Savings vs. Baseline Bid (\$)	Simple Payback vs. Baseline (years)
3		JCI	\$ 822,024	\$ 140,868	\$ 22,068	\$ 662,039	\$ 179,000	8.1
4	X	JCI w/ FC	\$ 1,001,024	\$ 118,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
2	X	Manuf. A Efficiency	\$ 996,500	\$ 125,269	\$ 6,468	\$ 194,051	\$ 4,524	0.7
1	X	Manuf. A Value	\$ 866,500	\$ 142,965	\$ 24,165	\$ 724,938	\$ 134,524	5.6
5		Manuf. B w/ RM	\$ 824,000	\$ 161,929	\$ 43,129	\$ 1,293,859	\$ 177,024	4.1
6	X	Manuf. B	\$ 929,000	\$ 135,311	\$ 16,510	\$ 495,314	\$ 72,024	4.4
8	X	Manuf. B 4160V	\$ 919,000	\$ 138,611	\$ 19,811	\$ 594,339	\$ 82,024	4.1
7		Manuf. B 4160V w/ RM	\$ 814,000	\$ 165,420	\$ 46,620	\$ 1,398,608	\$ 187,024	4.0
		Baseline						
		Simple payback for installing waterside economizer HX						
		Lowest First Cost (Contractor selected option in competitive bid environment)						

CHILLER BID EVALUATION

- Worked with Heapy and Pepper
 - Up front cost
 - Energy savings
 - Noise
 - Maintenance
- Site visits with maintenance staff
- HX – unclear of available funds up early on. Added later

DESIGN – CONSIDERATIONS

- This was the best plant *for Butler*
- Use evaluation tools/considerations to design the best plant for you
 - Prioritize
- Work with your design/construction team to push the envelope – biggest bang for your buck

CONSTRUCTION

– OWNER'S PERSPECTIVE

- Engineer involvement throughout construction = critical
- What are your priorities?
 - Maintaining workforce
 - Pressures for operational budget reductions
 - Energy reduction goals
 - Addressing deferred maintenance/operational issues?
- PLAN PLAN PLAN!
 - Significant reduction in change orders
 - Schedule
 - Budget

QUESTIONS?



Providing High Performance Building Solutions

A photograph of industrial machinery, likely a water treatment or HVAC system. It features several large, black, cylindrical pumps mounted on green stands, connected by a network of white and grey pipes. The equipment is housed within a metal frame. A yellow label with the text 'ELECTRIC TRUCK' is visible on the left. A green semi-transparent overlay covers the right side of the image.

THANK YOU!