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#### A Path to Neutrality Part II : Princeton University TIGER – From Design to Construction

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# **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY OVERVIEW**

#### Utility System Key Attributes

- Chilled Water 20,000 Tons
- Steam 300,000 PPH
- Power Generation (CHP) 15 MW
- Power Generation (Solar) 4.5 MW (AC)
- Chilled Water TES 40,000 Ton-Hours
- Chilled Water and Steam Piping 70,000 LF/13.5 miles





## **FROM DESIGN TO CONSTRUCTION**

#### Princeton's Process

- Initial conceptual phase
- Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documents
- Many interim reviews and bid packages
- Budget reconciliations and VE items
- GMP at 85% Construction Documents



# **INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLANNING COMPLETE**

#### Primary Issues Addressed

- Existing Infrastructure Condition
- Reliability and Resiliency
- Projected Load Growth
- Heating Hot Water Conversion
- GHG Emissions Reduction
- Financial Stewardship





# FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS RE-CAP

#### **Project Basis**

- Conversion from steam to hot water heating
- New 7,000-ton heat pump chiller plant **TIGER**
- Designed for future expansion
  - No combustion/no cooling towers
- New heating hot water capacity at West Plant
- New heating hot water distribution network
- Installation of geoexchange bore fields
- Hot and cold TES

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# **ENERGY AND GHG SAVINGS**

Key Impacts of IMP by 2026:

- 380,000 MMBTU reduction in natural gas consumption
- 1.6 MW increase in peak electrical load
- 58.7 MGal annual reduction in domestic water consumption
- 20,000 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e annual reduction in GHG emissions





Annual GHG Emissions - Alternate Case



# **LESSONS LEARNED – DISTRIBUTION WORK**

- Optimize test pit locations
- Order EN253 spares
- Consider burial depth and geotechnical conditions
- Welding standards ASME vs EN Standards
- Consider a "mixed" piping system
- Get the team "on-board" early owner and contractor training



# **LESSONS LEARNED – TIGER (DESIGN PHASE)**

- Plan for community engagement
- Consider campus plan when locating bores
- Engage vendors and CM/GC early if possible
- Bring CxA and controls vendors in early
- Consider skid-mounted vs. field erected





# **LESSONS LEARNED – GEOEXCHANGE BORES**

- Consider local contractor capabilities and market
- Understand local regulatory requirements
- Have contingency plan to replace failed bores
- Ensure water chemistry/pipe material compatibility
- Bores can go under buildings
- Drilling can be disruptive!







## **OVERALL TAKEAWAYS**

- Assume outreach/education will be required
- Expect major coordination efforts across campus
- Phased conversion plans offer major benefits
- Impacts of changes may not be understood
  - Focus/educated on impactful changes vs. buzzword or "headline" technologies





### **PROGRESS UPDATE**

Issue for Construction drawings submitted January 2020

- 341 Geoexchange bores currently completed as of 2/8
- 3,000 LF of piping installed
- Currently working through NJ review process
- Building conversion progress 9 buildings currently under design
- Construction Complete 12/2022 (estimated)



#### **PROGRESS UPDATE - TIGER**





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#### **PROGRESS UPDATE – GEO BORINGS**







#### **PROGRESS UPDATE - DISTRIBUTION**





#### **PROGRESS UPDATE**





# **PROGRESS UPDATE – BUILDING CONVERSIONS**

- 9 buildings
- 1.1MM SF
- More soon









