# Utility Ownership of Combined Heat & Power Plant At Duke University

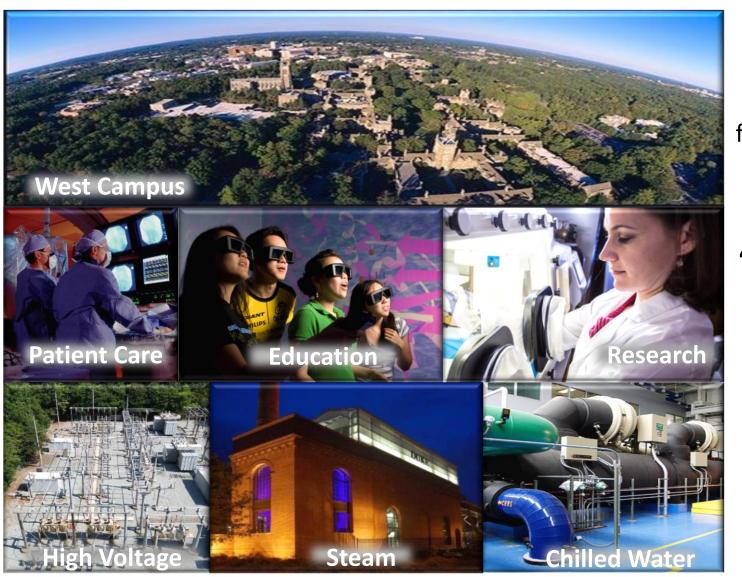
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# **Energy at Duke Overview**



#### 18 Million:

Gross square feet of over 300 buildings

#### 40,000-50,000:

People on campus each day

**\$80 Million**: annual utilities cost

#### Campus Utilities Overview

- Utility Systems serving both University & Medical Center facilities
- Utility Infrastructure Includes:
  - 2 Chilled water plants
  - 2 Steam plants
  - 1 Solar hot water plant
  - 1 District hot water plant
  - 5 High voltage electrical substations
  - 3 Central emergency generator plants
  - 2 Stormwater "plants"

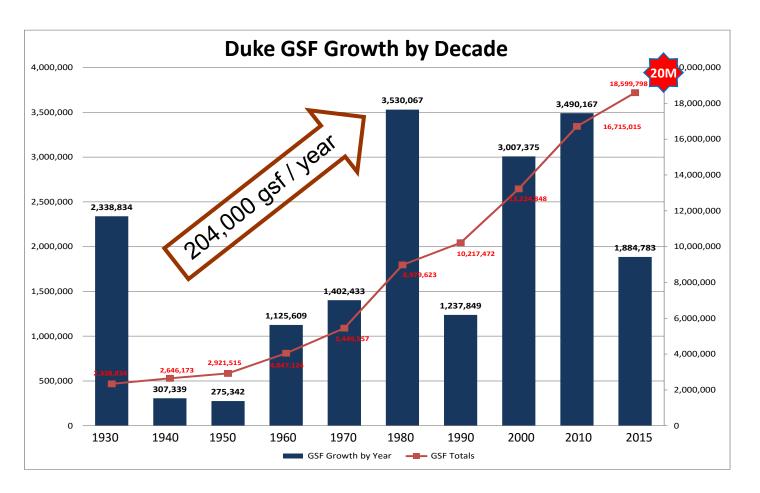


Utility System	Replacement Value (2016)	
Stormwater	\$	116,900,000
Sanitary Sewer	\$	29,600,000
Water	\$	90,100,000
High Voltage	\$	95,200,000
Chilled Water	\$	241,000,000
Steam	\$	214,900,000
Totals	\$	787,700,000





#### **Growing Campus Energy Needs**



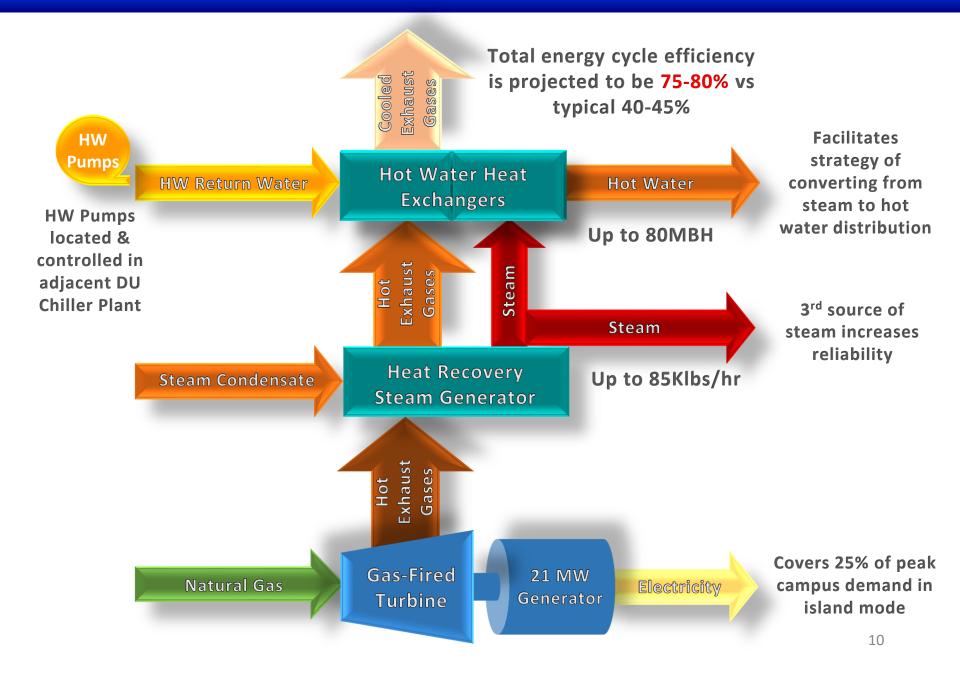
- ➤ Duke University uses annually about 1% of the electricity and about 3% of the natural gas sold to the NC commercial sector
- > Duke University is among the top 20 electrical consumers in the state of NC

# Proposed Duke Energy Combined Heat & Power Plant

- Duke Energy (DE) will build, own and operate a 21MW Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant on property leased from Duke University
- Duke Energy will send electricity back onto the their grid and the University would continue to purchase electricity as we always have
- ➤ The University will buy the "waste" heat generated in the process at a rate that is significantly less than it costs us to generate steam and hot water at our plants.
  - Total of 85Klbs/hr in a combination of steam and hot water that will vary over the year
- > The system will be constructed to allow Duke University to "island" in cases of a power grid outage.
- Duke University will pay to connect the plant to the university's utility systems

- > Duke Energy responsible for:
  - Building and Related Infrastructure
  - CHP Plant and Related Equipment
  - Natural Gas line and compressor
  - Power connection to Duke Energy grid
  - Black start electrical connection to Duke Uni. switchgear
  - Interconnection to Duke University utility systems (5-10ft outside of facility)
- > Duke University responsible for interconnection to CHP plant:
  - Steam including condensate
  - Hot Water Supply & Return
  - Domestic Water
  - Sewer
  - Storm
  - Connection path to Internet
  - Connection path to Duke University SCADA system

#### Combined Heat and Power Plant System Diagram



#### > Emissions

- On campus: ~10,000 47,000 MTCO2e depending on accounting
- Off campus: ~100,000 150,000 MTCO2e depending which coal plant is turned down based on Duke Energy's production model
- With future biogas, could reduce campus energy-related carbon footprint by 60%

#### Economics

- \$1.0M to \$4.0M savings per year depending on price of natural gas
- Requires Duke University investment of \$5.0M \$7.0M to connect plant
- Requires Duke Energy investment of ~\$55.0M
- Potential to be the lowest cost generator in DE's fleet thus helping to keep rates low
- Potential to defer or eliminate future Duke University capital investments

#### Energy Security

- 20MW CHP electricity production equivalent to 25% of University's peak demand
- Represents a 50% increase in on-campus electricity production
- Provides the ability to direct the power to whatever building we deem necessary unlike building-specific generators
- Able to power all critical Medical Center & University buildings on campus

#### Biogas Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality

- > \$65M in renovation & conversion of steam plants done with biogas as future fuel source
- > Duke continues to dedicate resources to developing a robust biogas market in NC
- We expect Duke Energy to assist in pursuing biogas to cover the CHP's CO2 output

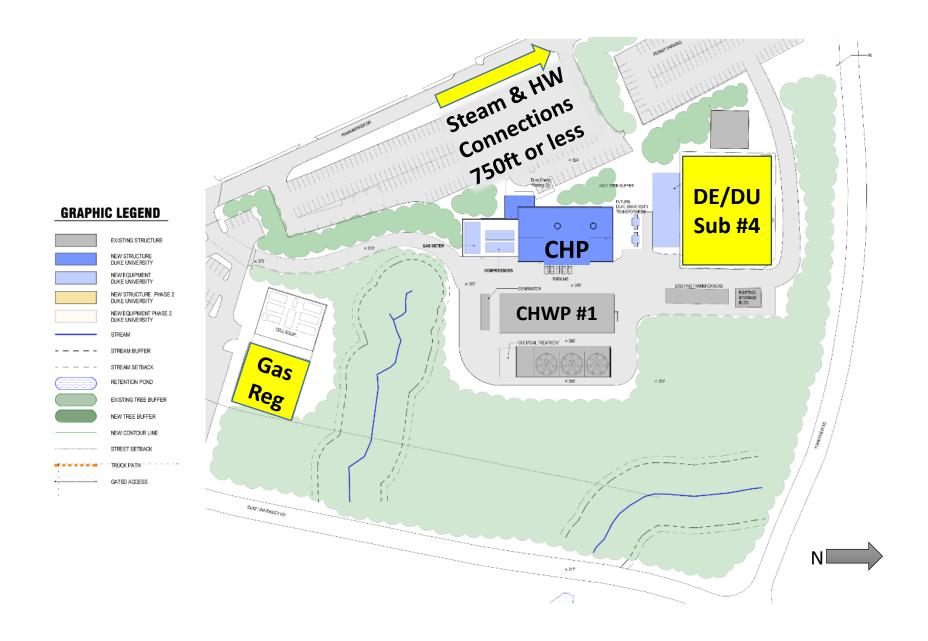
1928 2011 2019? 2024? Swine Waste-to-Energy Duke burned coal Conversion & renovation Proposed CHP provides campus Biogas used to fuel with steam & hot water from for 83 years of both steam plants to existing steam plant burn natural gas gas boilers and waste heat possibly Duke 12% Energy's CHP **Emission** Reduction 4%-18% **Emission** ??% Reduction **Emission** 

Reduction

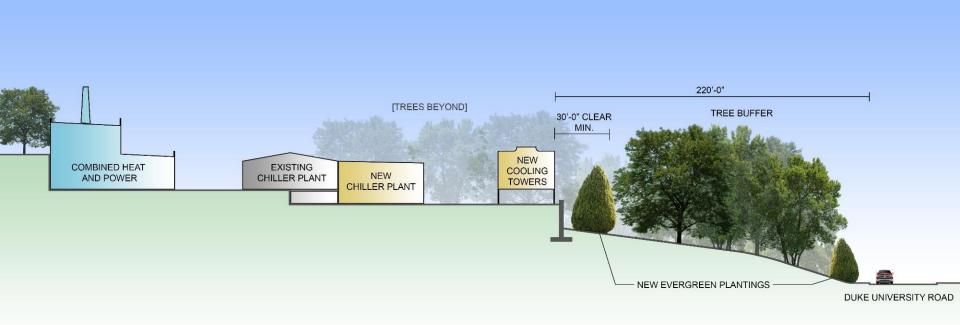
#### Combined Heat & Power Plant – Campus Context



#### Combined Heat & Power Plant - Site Plan



#### Sectional Diagram



# CHP – Front Elevation



# Regulatory Challenges

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- > Termination
- Option to purchase
- > Land lease
- > Force majeure must repair in 1st ten years
- > Steam tax
- > Transmission vs Generation
- > DE reluctance to discuss with commission

## **Terms & Conditions**

## **Contracts & Agreements**

- > Services Agreement
- > Lease Agreement
- > Easement Agreement
- > First Amendment to Substation Lease Agreement
- ➤ Construction Staging Area Agreement

#### **Terms & Conditions**

- Pricing floats with NYMEX
  - Flat fee for total output of heat with credits for excess downtime
- > DU provides make-up water at no cost, maximizes condensate flow to plant
- Architectural control DU has full approval
- > Island Mode DE would continue to provide this service as long as it operates the CHP Plant
- Operator assignment a third party operator would be subject to DU's prior written consent
- Changes in Law aggregate changes before DU pays
- > Termination
  - If another technology with lower (or zero) emissions factor becomes economically feasible, the University will have the ability to exit the CHP contract
  - Option to buy

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- > The new mantra: No new gas
- Some contend that natural gas leak rates can make gas as bad as coal
- > Four students with a website can create issues
- Environmental groups are willing to say anything, true or not, to stop the project
- Currently conducting a review of the CHP proposal with a committee of students, faculty, & staff

# Summary

#### **PROS**

- Leverage their capital
- Able to use their system for transport
- > Stable company
- Less staffing
- > Expertise
- Keeps utility's revenue stream

#### **CONS**

- > Less control
- Lots of lawyers
- Lots of time with lawyers
- > Long term contract
- Utility perception
- NDA's makes for less transparency